## **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - NOV. 26, 2023**

## Christmas/ New Year Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass, December 23, 5:00pm

4th Sunday of Advent Mass, December 24, 10:00am

Christmas Eve Mass, December 24

4:00pm (Children), 7:00pm and 10:00pm

Christmas Day Mass, December 25, 10:00am

### Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday Mass, December 30, 5:00pm Sunday December 31, 9:00am, 11:30am

## 2024 New Year's Mass - Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Eve Mass, December 31, 5:00pm New Year's Day Mass, January 1, 2024, 10:00am

# WEDNESDAY - November 29th Fellowship Coffee will be following the 8am Mass. Everyone is Welcome!







## <u>Light up for Christ</u> Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 6:30pm

Please join the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Community in preparation for the Advent season by coming to the **Lighting of the Nativity Crèche** followed by Christmas caroling and refreshments.

All are welcome to join this joyous event!!

## **Advent Confession Schedule**

Saturday December 9, 16 & 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:45 – 4:30pm

Thursday, December 21st 6:00 – 7:00pm

...and by appointment anytime.

## Mass for those who are Grieving & find Christmas Difficult

When it does not feel like "Peace on Earth" Know that you are not alone.

Thursday, December 21st 7:00pm

### **Annual Coats for Kids Program**

Knights in Ontario have raised tens of thousands of dollars to provide some 100,000 winter coats to children in need. Funds collected here by the Knights for bulk orders are distributed through the Hamilton Catholic school board. Knights will collect donations after masses.

Three ways to give tax deductible donations:

By cheque to:

Knights of Columbus Council 10091

E-transfer to:

treasurer.knights.waterdown@gmail.com

On-line via *Canada Helps.org*, search for <u>Knights Waterdown</u>

## **Christmas Flower Offering**

We invite you to help support our decorating initiative by offering a contribution in the Flower Donation Envelope found in the Narthex. If you're making this donation in memory of a loved one, please write their name on the back of the envelope, or please write the Family name in which













## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 3, 2023 - YEAR B



8:00am Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Intentions of Sr. Ann Marshall Intentions of Bill Macaulay

8:00am Wed, November 29, 2023

† Francisco Cabral & Maria Agusta Silva

8:00am Thursday, November 30, 2023

† Joann Wojcicki

8:00am Friday, December 1, 2023

Birthday Intentions of Bishop Lobsinger

5:00pm Saturday, December 2, 2023

† Antonio Cabral Melo & Margarida Silva

† Gail Fabiani

Intentions of Bishop Lobsinger

9:00am Sunday, December 3, 2023

Birthday Intentions of Lynn Lester

† Annamaria Ching

11:30am Sunday, December 3, 2023

† Joseph Chua

8:00am Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Intentions of Bill Macaulay

8:00am Wed, December 6, 2023

† Luiza Nazara & parents

#### 8:00am Thursday, December 7, 2023

† Antonia Solon Modina

† Lucy Macaulay

## 8:00am Friday, December 8, 2023

† Kenneth Hill

#### 5:00pm Saturday, December 9, 2023

† Flizabeth Jez

† Muriel Sherwood

#### 9:00am Sunday, December 10, 2023

† Jane Tam

† Gerald Lam

† Francisca & Miecislav Basta

11:30am Sunday, December 10, 2023



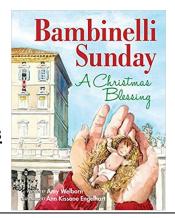
## Bambinelli Sunday – December 17, 2023

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Saturday or Sunday Mass to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas.

Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas!

## Bring your Baby Jesus to Mass on December 16/17



**MASS INTENTIONS** are available for 2024. Masses can be offered for various reasons such as in loving memory of someone who has passed, for the personal intentions of people, for healing, for special occasions and for many others. Intentions remain \$10, and Mass Intention cards are \$2.00.

SUPPORTING ST. THOMAS, THE APOSTLE PARISH Thank you very much for your generosity towards our Parish. We invite you to **consider pre-authorized withdrawal**. It is an easy and convenient for you to donate and allows us to operate with less volunteers (which we are struggling to get). You can also sign up for online giving through our website. If you wish to make any donations that you want to be included in 2023 income tax receipt, please do so before the 31st of December. **Thank you and God bless your generosity.** 

There will be **NO MORNING MASS on Thursday, December 21**st. Mass will be celebrated in the evening, at 7:00pm. All are welcome.