

ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH  
Dec. 8, 2019 A.D.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon., Dec. 9	St. J. Cuauhtlatotzin
8:00 am	† Neil Shantz req. Tony & Anne Marie Gauvin
Tues., Dec. 10	
7:00 pm	† Maria Afonso req. Catarina Souto † Florence Farwell req. Annette Farwell
Thurs., Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of the Americas
8:00 am	† Neil Shantz req. Andy & Julie Wybenga
Fri., Dec. 13	St. Lucy
8:00 am	† Brian Thomson req. Ruth Ann & Bert Dietrich
Sat., Dec. 14	St. John of the Cross
5:30 pm	† Augusto & Rosa Martins req. Valdemar Martins † Victor Alves req. Julia Domingues † Ildebrando Silveira req. Maria Silveira † Souls in Purgatory req. Fernanda Lameira
Sun., Dec. 15	
11:00 am	Intention of Parishioners † Americo & Maria Julia da Silva req. Family † Fernanda & Manuel Novo req. Antonia & Antonio Arruda † Jan Venclik req. Maria Venclik † Neil Shantz req. Renata Kochanowska
1:30 pm	Eritrean Community Mass



ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
Tuesday after 7 pm Mass  
in the Rectory Chapel

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Average weekly contribution needed to cover budgeted expenses:	\$	3500.00
Dec. 1, 2019 envelopes (77)	\$	2604.00
Dec. 1, 2019 loose change	\$	119.75
Building Fund	\$	574.25
Refugee Fund	\$	1125.00
Thank you for your generous support!		
Parish Bequests: Keep your love for your parish alive!		
Please Remember St. Joseph’s in your Will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.		

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray for:

Mon., Dec. 9	Very Rev. Con O’Mahony
Tues., Dec. 10	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wed., Dec. 11	Sisters of St. John the Baptist
Thurs., Dec. 12	Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa, S.A.C.
Fri., Dec. 13	Rev. Ranjan D’Sa, O.C.D.
Sat., Dec. 14	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of Dec. 9, 2019:  
Main Church – Mr & Mrs Zdzislaw Sowa  
Chapel – Annette Farwell  
Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the intention and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.



REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

The St. Joseph Refugee group is helping to sponsor a young man, Henok and his family. Our goal is \$17,400. Envelopes, available at the church doors, can be put in the collection basket or brought to the church office. Consider asking your family or friends to donate to the Refugee Fund for Christmas. So far donations total to \$6,180.00 - Thank You.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

Mark Your Calendar

- PPC meeting – Dec. 9, 7 pm
- Advent Penitential Service – Dec. 11, 7 pm
- Christmas Around the World Potluck jointly hosted by St. Joseph and St. Charles Lwanga Communities – Dec. 14, 6:30 pm

SUNDAY MISSALS

Available at church doors, cost \$5.00 each. The missals began with the New Church Year on the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 1, 2019.

ST. JOSEPH’S SVDP

Items needed for the month of December: canned stew and soup, Mac & Cheese, cookies and hot cereal.



THE ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is up! Please take an Angel and help provide gifts for the needy families in our area. Each Angel has the age and gender of a child. Return the unwrapped gift or a gift certificate for youth 13 years old and up by Mon., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> to the church. There will be a box by the tree for your gifts. Thank you for your continuing support and prayers. Sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD POTLUCK

Our Christmas Around the World potluck is happening soon – Sat., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30 mass! This promises to be a fun evening with a talent show, a mixer activity, Christmas carol sing-along and as usual, delicious food. Be sure to sign up on the sheet at the church entrances.



BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

All children of our parish, aged 5-11 years old, are invited to a Birthday Party for Jesus. The party will be held on Sat., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to noon in the church hall. Please see the poster at the side entrance of the church, for more info, and registration forms. Forms must be returned to the box at the side door of the church by Sun., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 519-749-2579. Volunteers are needed to help with games, crafts, and snacks. A planning meeting will take place on Mon., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the church hall. Please call Lisa if you have any question.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL ORNAMENTS

Anyone wishing to remember deceased loved ones this Christmas in a special way may do so by making a donation for altar flowers. Please enclose your donation and the name of your loved ones in any envelope marked “flower donation.” Write your name, phone number and envelope # on it, and place it in the collection basket. Donations (by cheque payable to St. Joseph Church) are receipted for tax purposes. A memorial ornament with your loved one’s names will be placed on the trees at the side altars beginning the first week of Advent. These beautiful ornaments are yours to take home after the Christmas Mass.



Advent Penitential Services

Mon., Dec. 9 – St. Louis Church, 7:30 pm  
Tues., Dec. 10 – St. Agnes Church, 7:30 pm  
Wed., Dec. 11 – St. Aloysius Church, 6:30 pm  
**Wed., Dec. 11 – St. Joseph Church, 7 pm**  
Thurs., Dec. 12 – Our Lady of Lourdes, 7:30 pm  
Wed., Dec. 18 – St. Anne Church, 7 pm

**VOCATION:** If you think God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, please contact Fr. Michael King. Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS’ MASS SCHEDULE**

Tues. Dec. 24	5:00 pm	Family Mass
Tues. Dec. 24	10:00 pm	Mass During The Night
Wed. Dec. 25	11:00 am	Christmas Day: Nativity of the Lord
Tues. Dec. 31	5:00 pm	New Year’s Vigil: Mary, Mother of God
Wed. Jan. 1	11:00 am	New Year’s Day: Mary, Mother of God



**OFFERRING ENVELOPES** – Envelopes for 2020 are ready for pick up at the back of the church. Please make sure to pick up the one with your NAME on it and please do not use them this year because we changed the envelope numbers. If there is no envelope for you, please call the church office and we gladly prepare one for you.

**9-DAY ADVENT NOVENA** – St. Agnes Church, Waterloo, at 6:30 am until Sat., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy coffee and fellowship after Mass. Mass on Sun., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at your own parish or St. Agnes at 9 and 11 am. Each day there will be a different celebrant for Mass and musicians from across the twin cities. They come together in joyful praise and worship to prepare for Christmas and give thanks to the Lord! Plan to join us!



**MARRIAGE TIP** – At Christmas we gather with love ones to share gifts, eat great food and build joyful memories. Sometimes we get caught up on the glitter and glam of the season and forget to take time as a couple to decide how much money, time and energy we can expend during the season. This year why not sit down in advance and decide how much you can do as a couple/family. Weave into your plans time for the two of you to take a quiet moment with each other. During Advent and Christmas, take time to pray and share important faith moments with each other. Trying these initiatives could make this Christmas your best yet!

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**Mission Statement**

St. Joseph Parish is a faith-based community - founded on Baptism, nurtured by prayer and centred on the Eucharist - that welcomes and serves all with compassion, united under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, while sharing our talents and growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.



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