

St. Joseph's Parish Family

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 5/6, 2020

Mass Schedule and Intentions December 7 – December 13, 2020

Monday	St. Ambrose
8:00 am	+ Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira
Tuesday	Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary
7:00 pm	+ Bob Frank – Tony & Anne Marie Gauvin
Thursday	Our Lady of Loreto
8:00 am	+ Fr. Chris Besigye – Antonia & Antonio Arruda
Friday	St. Damasus I
8:00 am	+ Fr. Denis Wilkinson – Antonia & Antonio Arruda
Saturday	Our Lady of Guadalupe
5:00 pm	+ Bert Dietrich – Ruth Ann & Family + Dec'd members of the De Francesco Family – Nina De Francesco + Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues
Sunday	St. Lucy
11:00 am	The Parishioners of St. Joseph + Johannes Monincx – Carlos & Edita Pereira + Tony Resendes – Vidal Family + Armando & Helena Rodrigues – Cathy Souto

1:30 pm Eritrean Community

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are now permitted by appointment only. Please contact the priest directly through the parish office.

PARISH SUPPORT

Next Pre-Authorized Giving withdrawal – December 15th.

A big "Thank you" to all who contribute generously to the regular Sunday Offering. May God reward your sacrifices.



WEEKEND OFFERING Nov. 28/29, 2020

Saturday/Sunday Offering	\$1659.00
PAG	\$629.00
Loose	\$130.00
Unsolicited	\$800.00
Missals	\$35.00



Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Monday	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Tuesday	Rev. Kevin D'Souza
Wednesday	Order of Preachers (Dominican) (O.P.)
Thursday	Rev. Peter Ciallella
Friday	Rev. Roshan Loy D'Souza, C.S.C.
Saturday	Rev. Francis Salasari, C.S.C.

PARISH LIVE-STREAMED MASS

This weekend, Mass will be live-streamed at 9:30 am at St. Anne Church; next weekend at 11:00 am at St. Joseph.



Next Week's Liturgical Readings

December 13, 2020 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 1) Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- 3) John 1:6-8, 19-28

FOCUS: Advent is a season of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord.

Gaudete Sunday affirms the value of rejoicing and gives reasons for our rejoicing: God has given hope to his people waiting for redemption. We wait with rejoicing for what God has already accomplished and will yet accomplish through Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Isaiah rejoices as he brings glad tidings of God's vindication for his people. In the second reading, Paul encourages rejoicing as God prepares his people for the return of the Lord. In the Gospel, John testifies to the light and cries out in the desert to make straight the way of the Lord.

Pray for our Deceased Loved Ones and the Sick

Let us remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in Christ - who are sick: Greg deGroot-Maggetti

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE & FLOWERS

Due to Covid-19 concerns we will be modifying our memorial tree tradition this Christmas. Always in our hearts, forever with the Angels... this year for our memorial tree, names will be written on a card and placed on or under the memorial trees. Please write your name, phone #, and the name of your deceased loved one along with your Christmas Flower Donation in an envelope. Christmas Masses will be celebrated in their memory.

THE BOOK OF YOUTH

- Our Chapter in the Acts of the Apostles -
Young people in grades 5-11 are invited to join us Fridays for our online Youth nights at 7 pm on Zoom. These social nights are a great time to relax together and play games. If interested, email Mary at stjosephkitcheneryouth@gmail.com for permission forms and a link.

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

If your child(ren) are not attending a Catholic School, those in Kindergarten through grade 12 are invited to join the Catechetical Correspondence Courses to replace their Religion and Family Life curriculum. More info: stannekitcheneryouth@gmail.com.

Parish E-mail – stjosephkitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Website – www.stjosephkitchener.org

Diocese Website – www.hamiltondiocese.com

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

If anyone hasn't submitted their pre-authorized giving contribution schedule for 2021 please do so.

2020-2021 SUNDAY MISSALS

... are available for purchase at the back of the Church. Inserted is an envelope labeled "MISSALS \$5.00". Please do not leave loose cash in the collection basket. Take a Missal and return the envelope with payment, putting it in the collection basket.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES 2021

... are available for pick up after all the Masses this weekend. Simply present your self at the table at the back of the Church and your box of envelopes will be handed to you. Please note: There are no envelopes for those who have signed up for the Pre-authorized Giving Plan. Further information about the pre-authorized giving, and its benefits to you and to the Church, can be found at the back of the Church.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Thur., Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Fri., Christmas Day, Dec. 25: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Registration is required to attend any one of these Christmas Masses because of possible increased Mass attendance and limited capacity due to COVID-19.

To register, please phone the parish office (519-745-9302) and leave a message, or send an email to: stannekitchener@hamiltondiocese.com or drop by the parish office and pick up a form. Give your family name and the names of those of your household attending with you. Family members not living with you should register separately.

Thur., New Year's Vigil, Dec. 31: 5:00 pm

Fri., New Year, Jan. 1: 11:00 am

NOVENA OF MASSES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, our Diocese's Shrine to the Blessed Mother will be hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Novena Masses will be held at 7:00 pm until December 7 inclusive. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 8, the Solemnity. Please note that all Diocesan Covid-19 protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. Even if you cannot come to the Basilica of Our Lady in person please join this Novena in prayer from your home.

THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

The CCCB announces an online weekly video series created to help Canadian Catholics prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Entitled Journey through Advent, the series

that introduces us to the liturgical Season in Advent, was developed as a way to offer faith formation during a time of joyful anticipation for the coming of the Saviour into the world. The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and the Most Reverend Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of Saint-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, provide spiritual guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. This series will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration (December 7 and December 14). To follow the series:

[Click here to access the video series in English.](#)

APPOINTMENT OF NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP

His Grace, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, has announced that Reverend Father Wayne Lawrence Lobsinger has been appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton by His Holiness, Pope Francis. Auxiliary Bishop-elect Wayne Lobsinger was born in Kitchener. After studies at St. Jerome's University and St. Peter's Seminary, he was ordained to the priesthood on May 7, 1994, at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton. The episcopal ordination is expected to take place at the Cathedral of Christ the King, in early February 2021. We offer prayers and congratulations to Bishop-elect Lobsinger.

NOVENA TO INFANT JESUS

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, Dec. 6 – 25. You can participate in the Novena. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R.R. #1, St. Agatha ON N0B 2L0.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

...celebrated on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The 2020 Message in English and French written by the CCCB Indigenous Council can be found on the website of the Diocese: www.hamiltondiocese.com

LITTLE BOOKS OF THE DIOCESE OF SAGINAW

Little Books can be ordered directly from the website at littlebooks.org. They are available in paper and ebook formats. You can also get all the seasonal books on the Little Books app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to littlebooks.org/app

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If God is calling you to the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation by phone 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or by e-mail mking@hamiltondiocese.com