

## St. Joseph's Parish Family

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 12/13, 2020



#### Mass Schedule and Intentions December 14 – December 20, 2020

**Monday** St. John of the Cross

**8:00 am** + Jose de Sousa – Alda de Sousa  
+ Souls in Purgatory – Cooney Family

**Tuesday**

**7:00 pm** Intention of Margaret Mary John – Sijmil Jose

**Thursday**

**8:00 am** + Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira

**Friday**

**8:00 am** + Pat Hayes – Antonia & Antonio Arruda

**Saturday**

**5:00 pm** + Carl Runstedler – Irene Runstedler  
+ Jose Esteves – Maria Esteves  
+ Souls in Purgatory – Fernanda Lameira

**Sunday**

**11:00 am The Parishioners of St. Joseph**

+ Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira  
+ Donna & Vera McGlynn – Zennie R. Sunga  
+ Manuel Da Costa – Maria Da Costa  
+ Luis Miguel – Maria Machado

**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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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



**WEEKEND OFFERING** Dec. 5/6, 2020 – next weekend

#### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

<b>Monday</b>	Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rev. Ronald Hodara
<b>Wednesday</b>	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer
<b>Thursday</b>	Rev. Edward Henhoeffter
<b>Friday</b>	Rev. John Schnurr
<b>Saturday</b>	Rev. Jacek Kryn, S.A.C.

#### PARISH LIVE-STREAMED MASS

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

#### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

If anyone hasn't submitted their contribution schedule for 2021 please do so. This for is to be renewed each year.

#### Next Liturgical Readings

##### December 20, 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

- 1) 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
- 2) Romans 16:25-27
- 3) Luke 1:26-38

**FOCUS:** The Lord dwells among us.

David worries that the ark of God dwells in a tent; Mary doesn't hesitate to allow the ark to dwell within her. God is not bound by human constraint, and yet he asks us to participate with him, to cooperate with his grace, that the ark of the covenant – and the arc of salvation history – may be made available to all.

##### LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord reminds David that he, the Lord, chose David. He tells David that a kingdom will be established in David's name and endure forever. Saint Paul gives *glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ*. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will conceive and bear a son. Hearing that the Holy Spirit and the power of the Most High will be with her – she responds, *may it be done to me according to your word*.

#### Pray for our Deceased Loved Ones and the Sick

Let us remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in Christ who are sick and those who have died.

#### A Word of Gratitude

Thank you, friends, for your many prayers for my healing. I'm glad to say that I am well on the road to recovery. Your prayers and messages of support sustained me through the hardest times of my illness as well as on the path of healing. Many thanks, 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.

#### 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

available for pick up after all the Masses this weekend. Simply present yourself at the table your box of envelopes will be handed to you. This is the final weekend they will be available in the Church. We kindly ask you to pickup boxes of envelopes for relatives and neighbours who may not yet regularly attend Sunday Mass

**Please note:** There are no envelopes for those who contribute through 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: [stjosephkitchener@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stjosephkitchener@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**

## APPOINTMENT OF NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP

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. 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 in early February 2021. We offer prayers and congratulations.

## Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church (8 December 2020), Pope Francis wrote an Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde* ("With A Father's Heart": that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph"). Pope Francis dedicated the year from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021, to St. Joseph. "The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his virtues and his zeal."

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? 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](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com)

## THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

An online weekly video series created to help us prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Entitled Journey through Advent, The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, and the Most Reverend Pierre Goudreault, will provide spiritual guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. This is available on the CCCB website each Monday

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

## PARISH ADVENT NOVENA

From Thursday, December 17 to Christmas Day Fr. Brian will lead a daily 5-minute reflection on the Gospel of Matthew Chapters 1 and 2, the Infancy Narrative. Join us at [youtube.com/stastj](https://youtube.com/stastj)

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

was celebrated yesterday, December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The 2020 Message in written by the CCCB Indigenous Council can be found on the website of the Diocese: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

## Christmas Midnight Mass – Hamilton Cathedral

Bishop Crosby will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, preceded by a Carol Service, beginning at 11:30 p.m. Both the Carol Service and the Midnight Mass will be broadcast on Salt+Light Media and shared with CHCH-TV. The Mass will be repeated on CHCH-TV at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning.

## ADORATION and CONFESSION

The Church will be open for extra days and times for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity.

### St. Joseph

- Wednesday, Dec. 16: 8:30 – 10:30 am

- Friday, Dec. 18: 8:30 – 10:30 am

- Tuesday, Dec. 22: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

### St. Anne

- Tuesday, Dec. 15: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- Thursday, Dec. 17: 8:30 – 10:30 am

- Wednesday, Dec. 23: 8:30 – 10:30 am

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Families with children in grade 2 and 7 or higher who are planning to celebrate First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation in 2021, please mark your calendars for our online information sessions in January: First Reconciliation & First Eucharist: Sun Jan 10 6:30 pm OR Wed, Jan 13, 6:30 pm Confirmation: Sun Jan 17, 6:30 pm OR Wed Jan 20, 6:30 pm

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