

# St Joseph Church



# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday of the Word of God January 21 - 22, 2023



	Mass Intentions Jan	Prayer Calendar	
	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	Int of the Parishioners	Rev. Francisco Sordo
Tuesday 7:00 pm	† Mary Richardson – Wendy & Rosemary	Int of the Parishioners	Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D
Wednesday 8:00 am	Int of Mary Lou - family	No Mass	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)
Thursday 8:00 am	† Borbala Iski Hasulyo – B. Morrison	† Borbala Iski Hasulyo – B. Morrison	Rev. Paul Mathew Vellimoozhayil
Friday 8:00 am	Int of Steve Erb – Hayek Family Int of Judy Lam – Tom, Liz & Angel-Marie	St. Clements CWL Sick & Shut-ins – CWL St. Clements	Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
Saturday St. Anne 4 pm St.Joseph 5 pm	† Ron Martin & Int. of Betty – Munz family	† Wolfgang & Mary Dienst – Frank Kossuth Int of Norina Morris & Family – Tony Finoro † Manuel Lameira – Fernanda Lameira † Teresa Viveiros - family	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	† Luigi Sgarbossa – Sgarbossa family	† Ildebrando Silveira – Maria S † Henry Sunga – Zennie & family † Orlanda Amorim - husband	

#### **SUNDAY MASS**

Our Churches are open, and we follow public health measures. Masks are encouraged. Our weekend and weekday Masses are celebrated at the usual times.

**Church Offering Report:** once a month. Offertory envelopes can be dropped off in the parish mailbox. Please call the office to pick up your Church envelopes.

**Pre-Authorized Giving**: next withdrawal – *February 15th* More information is available on our websites.

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

St. Anne: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday 8:30–11:30am St. Joseph: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday 12:30-3:30pm

## **DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER**

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or a consecrated virgin? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: <u>vocations@hamiltondiocese.com</u>
Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

# This Week's Liturgical Readings

# January 22 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Isaiah 9:1-4
- 2) 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18
- 3) Matthew 4:12-23

## FOCUS: Our salvation is at hand.

In today's Liturgy of the Word, we read about God's power to fulfill promises. Acknowledging the darkness of life prior to the Messiah, the prophets assure us that there has always been the promise of our salvation. The Gospel proclaims this direct fulfillment of the words in Isaiah, and we know that it is only the beginning of what Jesus sets out to do. Our salvation is at hand.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah proclaims a new time, where once there was darkness and despair there will now be light and joy. In the second reading, Paul urges unity among the community in Corinth, reminding them that the Church is one Church in Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee, preaching that the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

## **EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY**

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites you to join him for an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith, based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month 7:00–8:30 pm at St. Ann (Ancaster). Also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Our elementary school youth group (grades 6-8) meets **Friday**, **January 27** (7-8:30 pm) at St. Anne.

Our high school youth group (grades 9-12) meets **Friday**, **February 3** (7-8:30 pm) at St. Joseph.

## **2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, April 16** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30pm. Registration at <a href="https://www.hamiltondiocese.com">www.hamiltondiocese.com</a>.

## YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT - GUELPH

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s & early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship & Praise Music. Arrival & Holy Hour (6:30–7:30pm), Social with food (7:30-8:30pm), Praise Night & Vocation Testimony (8:00–9:00 pm) & Compline (9:00 pm) on **February 4** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk St, Guelph). For more information: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

# **HEALING STRESS & TRAUMA**

We all experience stress from world, regional and possibly family or personal issues. This is normal. The body tells the truth about hidden stress. The body keeps the score as we discover, sometimes painfully, the impact of intergenerational and collective trauma within us. We invite you to join Barbara Paleczny, School Sister of Notre Dame PhD, on **Saturdays**, **February 4 and 11**, 9:30 – 11:30 am to learn ways to relieve and heal some of your stress and to help others. We will not ask your personal stories. Come, ready to participate without judging. Sister Barbara will explain why this method of popular education is essential, at least to accompany talk therapy. Location: Waterloo Catholic District School Board office, 35 Weber St. W, behind St. Mary's Church. To register, email St. Mary's Parish office <a href="mailto:stmarys@rogers.com">stmarys@rogers.com</a>.

## ST. JOSEPH - SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Joseph St. Vincent de Paul group will be having their first meeting of 2023 on **Tuesday**, **January 24** at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - RECONCILIATION**

Families preparing for reconciliation are reminded of our upcoming retreat for children <u>and</u> parents or caregivers. If you missed the retreat on January 14, please plan to attend on **Saturday, January 21** from 1-3:30 pm at St Joseph.

## **CELEBRATE OUR LADY OF LOURDES!**

The message of Our Lady to St. Bernadette is just as relevant



today as it was in 1858. Come and be reminded of the healing power of prayer and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday, February 11** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (Waterloo), with His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lobsinger.

6:00 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession

7:00 pm - Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick and veneration of St. Bernadette's relics.

The first 24 families will be asked to join in a procession of roses to Our Lady followed by a reception in the parish hall.

## ST. JOSEPH - C.W.L.

CWL and ladies of St. Joseph parish are invited to a luncheon on **Sunday**, **February 12** from 12-2:00 pm, in the Church Hall for a discussion of St. Joseph's CWL future and the difficulties we have faced over the past few years. Please sign up on the sheets at the church entrances or contact Denise Simpson (denisesimpson@teksavvy.com or 519-576-4099) to RSVP. CWL members know faith is important to women; members are called to grow in faith and to witness the love of God through ministry and service. Come grow with us!

# "Beyond The Pew" SPEAKER SERIES

Come join us as insightful speakers with "boots on the ground" experience, share stories on Homelessness, Addictions, Mental Health, & Youth in our community. A wonderful opportunity to learn what is going on, followed by discussion. All sessions run from 7:00–8:30 pm. Free will offering. See the bulletin boards for speaker information. Sessions will take place on: January 24, February 21, and March 21. Register at the parish office of St. Clements: 519-653-6123; stclements@rogers.com or at 745 Duke Street, Cambridge.

## **2022 TAX RECEIPTS**

Receipts for 2022 will be mailed out **February 15.** Please note: any donations received (in 2022 envelopes) after Dec 31, 2022, will not be included in the tax receipt. These donations will be put towards the 2023 year. We would like to thank everyone who has so generously donated to both St. Anne Church and St. Joseph Church. We are a blessed community to have such faithful support.

## "33 Days to Morning Glory" MARIAN CONSECRATION

Want to start the New Year in a way that will transform your life? **January 24** begins a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. For six weeks, we'll individually read about & reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, & Blessed John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. Meetings are weekly, Tuesdays 9:30-10:30 am (St. Louis Church Hall, 53 Allen Street East, Waterloo). The proposed date for the Marian Consecration will be March 25th - Feast of the Annunciation. If you already consecrated yourself to Mary, this might be a great refresher retreat. For info & to order a copy of the book (\$25) contact St. Louis parish office: 519-743-4101 or stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com

## PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY CELEBRATION

The Forest Hill Ecumenical Churches welcomes back our inperson Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebration! This event will include participation from Calvin Presbyterian Church, Forest Hill United Church, Highland Baptist Church, St. George's Anglican Church, & St. Steven's Lutheran Church as well as our hosts St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. This year's event has been adapted from the international program written by the Ecumenical Community in Minnesota concentrating on the current day descendants of enslaved African American & Indigenous peoples of Minnesota. The liturgy attempts to convey the emotions, struggles & hopes of a people considered apart from their communities. Canadians struggle with our own response to the Truth & Reconciliation commission, and this topic applies to us in Canada today. The theme is based on Isaiah 1:17 "Do Good, Seek Justice". All are welcome this Sunday, January 22 at 2:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener). Contact 519-745-7301 if you have questions. A small reception will conclude the service.

## **KW RIGHT TO LIFE**

Saturday, **January 28**, Candle-Light Prayer Vigil in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink). 6:00 pm for one hour.

## FINANCIAL WELLNESS PRESENTATION

The Diocese would like to invite anyone interested to attend a free Zoom session on "Mastering Your Money – A Financial Wellness Presentation", on **Tuesday, January 24** from 7:00–8:30 pm. Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians. Mr. Fred Masters will discuss why the need for financial literacy has never been more pressing. Call 905-528-7988, ext: 2249 to register and receive the link.

## PARISH REGISTRY

Please notify the office if there are any changes in your personal information (name, address, phone, email, etc...), so that we can update & keep our Parish records in order. Anyone who does not have envelopes & wishes to, please complete a Parish Registration Form, & submit it to the office.

## **TODAY IS BIBLE SUNDAY!**

**Sunday of the Word of God**. The inspiration for #thebiblespeaks comes from Pope Francis. He states that "it would be beneficial if every Christian community, on one Sunday of the Liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused. It would be a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and His people". Prayer cards are available today in the Church for you to take home. #thebiblespeaks #welisten



Begin with a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Read through the passage once at a normal pace.

Digest the words. Get a sense of the phrases. Allow the Word to seep more deeply into your consciousness.

Read the passage through, section by section.

How does this Word speak to me currently, in this context? What emotions are evoked by the Word?

How does this Word speak to me of God and how does it impact my life?

Conclude with a brief prayer of thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit.

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER at St. Teresa, Elmira

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Spaghetti Supper on **Friday, February 10** from 5:00 – 7:30 pm.

Come out and enjoy a delicious pasta supper. \$15 for Adults:

\$8 for Children (6-12 years); \$30 for a Family of 4; and those 5 and under are free. Take-out is available starting at 4:30 pm, but please note that take-out tickets must be purchased in advance!



Advance Tickets Available until February 8, 2023. Please reserve your tickets by calling the Church Office at (519) 669-3387 between 9:00-1:00 pm, Monday-Friday.

#### WCDSB KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



# WELCOME NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

CHILDREN BORN IN 2019 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR 1 KINDERGARTEN AND CHILDREN BORN IN 2018 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR 2 KINDERGARTEN

# It's time to sign up for the 2023-24 school year!

Parents can access the Online Pre-Registration form by visiting the WCDSB Website and then choosing Kindergarten Registration. To finalize your child's registration, please contact your local Catholic school directly.

- ~~ When registering your child to attend a Catholic elementary school you must be prepared to provide proof of the child's date of birth and either the child's Catholic baptismal certificate or the Catholic baptismal certificate of at least one parent or guardian.
- ~~ If you are non-Catholic (including a non-Catholic newcomer to Canada), but wish to explore a Catholic education for your child(ren), please review the WCDSB Admissions to Catholic Elementary Schools policy. Our secondary schools are open to students of all faiths.
- ~~ A complete list of WCDSB schools that will offer the Extended Day Program in 2023-24 will be web-posted before the end of this current (2022-23) school year. Please call your school directly for information about the Extended Day Program.
- ~~ For information about French Immersion programs in Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge, please visit the website. The Waterloo Catholic District School Board, representing more than 96,000 Catholic school supporters, operates 48 schools and five adult education facilities serving more than 40,000 elementary, secondary, and continuing education students in Waterloo Region continuing a 186-year tradition of quality, inclusive, faith-based education. Follow us on Twitter: @WCDSBNewswire #WCDSBAwesome.

### LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE

The Lectures in Catholic Experience 40th Anniversary series continues Thursday, January 26, at 7:30 pm with Tiny **Resurrections for Today.** The presentation will be provided by Fr. Toby Collins, CR, the pastor of St. Mary's Church in downtown Kitchener and a Board member for A Better Tent City. Location: Notre Dame Chapel - SJ1/Live stream also available. However tiny it may seem, Fr. Toby believes the presence of God is in each and every one of us. To discover it one must be willing to encounter the poor, less fortunate. oppressed, marginalized, and suffering. After reacting to the tragic stories, unpleasant smells, graphic visuals, interesting sounds, and unpredictable behaviors of the homeless population in downtown Kitchener Fr. Toby can now speak about being much richer for it. Even inspired by it! He wants others to have the opportunity to be rich in this way and will attempt to demonstrate how this can happen if we all work together to break down walls that keep us from encountering people we would rather not engage. A desire to change and the action that follows could not only make us rich in new ways but help us discover a lasting experience of joy that may never go away. Please register your in-person attendance for this lecture using the link at: https://www.sju.ca/event/tinyresurrections-today to assist us with our planning for inperson quests.

## **KW TAIZE COMMUNITY**

As we come to the close of the first month of 2023, we are excited to be hosting this year's first ecumenical service with Taize songs. We will be holding a service at <u>Stirling Ave Mennonite Church</u> at 4:00 pm this **Sunday**, **January 22**. (57 Stirling Ave N, Kitchener). We would love to have you join us. We are excited to provide a service with simple songs, contemplative space with silence, and a spirit of unity where different denominations can meet.

### PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Isaiah challenged God's people in his day to learn to do good together; to seek justice together, to rescue the oppressed together, to defend the orphan and plead for the widow together. The prophet's challenge applies equally to us today. Prayer: God, Creator and Redeemer of all things, teach us to look inward to be grounded in your loving Spirit, so that we may go outward in wisdom and courage to always choose the path of love and justice. This we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



