

St. Joseph's Parish Family

4th Sunday of Advent

December 19/20, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions December 21 – December 27, 2020

Monday St. Peter Canisius

8:00 am + Dec'd members of the Cooney Family - Family

Tuesday

7:00 pm Int. of sick & shut-ins of St. Clements CWL
- St. Clements CWL

Thursday

5:00 pm Family Mass – Christmas Eve

8:00 pm Christmas Eve

Friday

9:00 am Christmas Day

11:00 am Christmas Day

Saturday St. Stephen

5:00 pm + Andrew & Mary Kossuth – Frank Kossuth
+ Vidalia Albernas – Antonia & Antonio Arruda
+ Florence Farwell – Annette Farwell

Sunday St. John

11:00 am The Parishioners of St. Joseph

+ Orlanda Amorim – Husband & Children
+ Lourdes Amorim – Antonio Amorim
+ Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira
+ Gord Joseph – Josie & Family

1:30 pm Eritrean Community

PARISH SUPPORT

Next Pre-Authorized Giving withdrawal – January 15th.

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

Saturday/Sunday Offering	\$1399.00
PAG	\$721.25
Unsolicited Donation	\$1150.00
Missals	\$35.00
Building	\$387.00
PAG	\$385.00



WEEKEND OFFERING Dec. 12/13, 2020

Saturday/Sunday Offering	\$1267.00
PAG	\$721.25
Loose	\$95.00
Christmas Flowers	\$598.00
PAG	\$365.00
Building	\$87.00
Missals	\$30.00



Next Week's Liturgical Readings

December 24, 2020 – Christmas

- 1) Isaiah 9:1-6
- 2) Titus 2:11-14
- 3) Luke 2:1-14

FOCUS: Jesus' birth brings abundant joy and great rejoicing.

Today, what we have awaited for so long is finally here as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. At the time of his birth 2,000 years ago, the world had been waiting in hope for a Messiah. Jesus, the Son of God, came in the dead of night to redeem us and show us the reason for this hope: God's love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah prophesies a time of salvation for Israel, when a great light will come to the people who walked in darkness. A child will be born, and called Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero. Saint Paul writes that the grace of God has appeared, saving all. In the Gospel, Joseph and Mary went from Nazareth to Bethlehem in order to enroll in the census. It is there that Mary gave birth to her son, and the angel of the Lord appears to the shepherds to announce that a savior has been born.

CONFESSIONS

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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Monday	Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.
Tuesday	Rev. Robert Sims
Wednesday	Voluntas Dei Institute
Thursday	Rev. Michael Downey
Friday	Christmas Day
Saturday	Msgr. Rev. Martin Vallely

PARISH LIVE-STREAMED MASS

This weekend, Mass will be live-streamed at 9:30 am at St. Anne Church; next weekend Dec. 27 - 11:00 am at St. Joseph.

Pray for our Deceased Loved Ones and the Sick

Let us remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in Christ who are sick, especially for Griffen Messner and those who have died.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Parish office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year.

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

Please call the church office to arrange pick up of your envelopes.

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

Christmas Eve 8:00 pm Mass will be livestreamed and Christmas Day 9:00 am Mass will be livestreamed from St. Joseph at youtube.com/stastj Sunday Masses are available each week at this same link.

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 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

Fr. Wayne Lobsinger has been appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton by His Holiness, Pope Francis. 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 early February 2021.

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."

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. 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

PARISH ADVENT NOVENA

Until 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 live-streamed at 7:00 pm each evening or any time after that, you can view it.

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

- Tuesday, Dec. 22: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

St. Anne

- Wednesday, Dec. 23: 8:30 – 10:30 am

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.](#)

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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