



Mass Intentions November 29 - December 5, 2021

Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	+ Souls in Purgatory – Margaret Boland + Essogo, Marie, Rita - Estelle	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
Tuesday 7:00 pm	+ Jeanne Held - Estate	+ Richardo Oliveira – Maria Gomes & Family + Florence Farwell – Annette Farwell	Rev. Kiwook Kim.
Wednesday 8:00 am	Spec Int: Helio Gomes - Friend	No Mass	Discalced Carmelite Fathers (O.C.D.)
Thursday 8:00 am	+ Deceased members Rozman Family – Mary Kobetich	+ Ildebrando Silveira - Maria Silveira	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Friday 8:00 am	+ Manuel, Maria & Paulino Matias - family + Marie Meakes – Liz, Tom & Angel-Marie	+ Louie Seschel - Friends + Barry Ruetz - Friends	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
Saturday St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm	+ Charlie Sheridan - Marie Gallen + Souls in Purgatory - friend	+ Bert Dietrich – Ruth Ann Dietrich + Manuel Lameira – Fernanda Lameira + Angelo De Francesco – Wife + Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues	Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	Parishioners of St. Anne	+ Souls in Purgatory – A. & A. Arruda + Ildebrando Silveira - Maria Silveira + Richardo Oliveira – Maria Gomes & Family	

SUNDAY MASS

Our Churches are open, and we follow public health measures of masking and social distancing. Our weekend and weekday Masses are celebrated at the usual times.
Livestreaming of Sunday Mass has been discontinued.

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 – December 15th*
More information is available on our websites.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH CAMPAIGN



This Week's Liturgical Readings

November 28, 2021 - 1st Sunday of Advent

- 1) Jeremiah 33: 14-16
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 3: 12- 4:2
- 3) Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

FOCUS: In this graced Advent time, prepare for Jesus coming

Advent is a season of preparation. It is easy to lose Advent in the swirl of Christmas lights and decorations. In this time of anticipation as we consider Christ's incarnation – His coming in the flesh – we also await His return in glory. Be ready: *stand erect and raise your heads*. Prepare your hearts to receive Him. Don't miss the grace of Advent.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Jeremiah prophesies the coming of a promised messiah for the house of Israel and Judah, Saint Paul exhorts the Thessalonians to conduct themselves in a way pleasing to God, In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples to stay vigilant and be prepared for the day when they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

ONLINE YOUTH GROUP CONTINUES

Our Youth group, grades 5 and up, continues online Friday nights. Join us for games, prayer, sharing. New members encouraged! Contact Mary Forcier at stannekitcheneryouth@gmail.com or stjosephkitcheneryouth@gmail.com for the link to join.

FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE IN CANADA

Learn more about First Nations people in Canada. A few parishioners are interested in reading together the book "21 things you may not know about the Indian Act" (<https://goodminds.com/products/9780995266520>). Want to join us? If so, contact the parish offices. Open to St. Joseph and St. Anne parishioners. We'll see how many are interested and then decide when/how often to meet, if it will be in person or virtual, if we'll do a group book order, etc.

VIRTUAL TOUR OF BRANTFORD'S FORMER RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

As we continue our efforts to learn more about indigenous peoples in our area, parishioners are invited to a virtual tour of the former Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School. Viewers will hear about the 140-year history of the building and see different rooms in the school including the girls' and boys' dormitories, the cafeteria, laundry room. Most meaningfully, viewers hear interviews from five Survivors of the Mohawk Institute. Tickets are \$10, and screenings are offered several times each month. For more information go to <https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/events/>

2021-2022 SUNDAY MISSALS

... are now available for purchase at the back of the Church. Inserted in it you will find an envelope labeled "MISSALS \$5.00". Please do not leave loose cash in the collection basket but return the envelope with payment next week, putting it in the collection basket.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES 2022

Available for pick up **this weekend** - December 4/5/21
Boxes are at the front of the Church, in alphabetical order.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Anyone who still hasn't submitted their contribution schedule for 2022, please return as soon as possible - thank you!

COVID VACCINES

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

SOCIETY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - ST ANNE'S ANGEL TREE

Because of COVID -19, we cannot have Angel tree toys delivered to the families within our parish boundaries. Please note, we will continue to collect monetary donations for purchasing gift cards (eg Walmart, Dollarama, or for any toy store in Kitchener-Waterloo), in order to provide the people/children in need at Christmas. Please place these gift cards into the collection basket at the front of the Church (at weekend Masses) or drop them off at the Parish Office (brown mailbox).

Your donations for "toys" will be distributed appropriately, along with the grocery gift cards we normally provide from FreshCo, to our people in need at Christmas. Thank-you for your continued and kind support for our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

ST. JOSEPH CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE & FLOWERS

All are invited to remember a deceased loved one this Christmas in a special way by making a donation for altar flowers. Please enclose your donation and the name of your loved one in the envelope marked "flower donation" in your Church envelope package, or in a plain envelope marked "flower donation." Place it in the collection basket or drop off at the Church office. If you donate by cheque, it must be made payable to St. Joseph Church, and will be receipted for tax purposes. A tree ornament with your loved one's name will be placed on the trees at the side altars beginning the first week of Advent. The ornaments are yours to take after Christmas Mass.

43rd ADVENT NOVENA

In keeping with the tradition that has been celebrated for many years - (Nine Daily Masses). Please join our fellow K-W friends at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo, beginning FRIDAY DECEMBER 3rd at 7 pm. Please note the times for the rest of the week: Saturday 9:00 am; Sunday at your own Parish or 9:00 or 11:00 am at St. Agnes. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:00 am; Thursday and Friday: 7:00 pm. Please contact Marg Weber at 515-747-5937.

K-W RIGHT TO LIFE

PRAYER VIGIL - Thursday, December 2, 2021, from **10:00 to 11:00 am** - in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener. Any queries, contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com Note: All Health Canada regulations are observed.

JOHN B. MILLER CONCENTS

Please join John B Miller and Friends for Songs of Advent and the Birth of Jesus Concert at St. St. Louis Church, Waterloo - Friday Dec. 3rd; St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha - Sunday Dec. 5th; Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph - Friday Dec. 10. Concerts begin at 7:00 pm. A \$10 cash donation is appreciated at the door.

RCIA PROGRAM

If you wish to become a Catholic or to explore the Catholic faith and possibly join the Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the program for you. Please call St. Anne: 519-745-5302 or St. Joseph: 519-745-9302.



2021-2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS

In response to Pope Francis' invitation to every person to become involved in the synodal process, His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, OMI, and the Diocesan Committee for the 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops developed a few materials to encourage the participation of the Faithful of our Diocese. A video guide featuring Bishop Crosby and the members of the Diocesan Committee for the Synod, along with multiple resources including: a link to our diocesan survey to be answered by all the Faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton and a prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to operate within us, have been encompassed in a special section of our diocesan website. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#resources>.

IN-KIND DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ST. ANNE'S 3RD REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP FAMILY

Great News! St. Anne's 3rd Refugee Sponsorship Family, The Naser family of 4 (2 adults and 2 teenagers), will be arriving in Kitchener from Jordan on December 15 and the Refugee Committee is preparing for their arrival. We need your help!

We are looking for 4 twin size mattresses with frames (new or nearly new); 4 sets of sheets, 4 pillows, 4 blankets and 4 comforters. The family needs winter clothing: 2 women's jackets/coats, size M and 1 women's jacket/coat, size S; also 3 pairs of women's boots, size 8; and 1 pair of men's boots, size 8-8-1/2. Grocery gift cards (Zehr's, Food Basics, and Walmart) would also be greatly appreciated. Also needed is a dining/kitchen table with 5-6 chairs (black or white in colour).

If you are able to donate any of these items, please contact Elizabeth Meakes at 519-570-3383 or e-mail her at elizabethmeakes@gmail.com Thank you so much for any help you can offer as we warmly welcome this family to Canada

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

Our Diocesan Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are pleased to bring you a weekly Advent resource that can be celebrated with family in your home: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/>.

Bambinelli Sunday: for the past several decades, the Pope has blessed families and the Baby Jesus figurines from their Nativity Scenes on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. The blessing of 'Bambinelli' - as they are known in Rome - reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday Dec. 12th to be blessed. After the blessing, you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas Day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the blessings we receive at Christmas!

DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – November 28, 2021

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life". Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988) e-mail:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021

ST ANNE

Fri. Dec 24 Christmas Eve	4:00 pm (increased capacity) 8:00 pm
Sat. Dec 25 Christmas Day	9:30 am (increased capacity) NO Saturday evening Mass
Sun. Dec 26 Holy Family	9:30 am (increased capacity)
Sat. Jan 1 Mary Mother of God	9:30 am NO Saturday evening Mass
Sun. Jan 2 Epiphany	9:30 am

ST JOSEPH

Fri. Dec 24 Christmas Eve	5:00 pm (increased capacity)
Sat. Dec 25 Christmas Day	11:00 am (increased capacity) NO Saturday evening Mass
Sun. Dec 26 Holy Family	11:00 am (increased capacity)
Sat. Jan 1 Mary Mother of God	11:00 am NO Saturday evening Mass
Sun. Jan 2 Epiphany	11:00 am

Registration is not required for any Christmas Season Masses. Arrangements are made to celebrate an additional Mass in the hall (if needed) for increased capacity. We maintain public health protocols of mask wearing, social distancing, and hand sanitizing.

ALL ARE WELCOME