



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 18-19, 2023

Mass Intentions for November 20-26, 2023

Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
Monday	No Mass	8:00 am † Souls of all Priests in Purgatory – Sabin Joseph	Catholic Youth
Tuesday	7:00 pm followed by Adoration † Mary Richardson – Wendy & Rosemary	7:00 pm followed by Adoration † Leticia Madore – Darlene Clausing	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	8:00 am Int of those living with cancer – friend	No Mass	Deceased Consecrated Brothers and Sisters
Thursday	8:00 am † Deceased members of Luckhai family – Hayek family	8:00 am † Ken Barron – St Joseph Parish	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Friday	8:00 am † Roger Cann – St Anne Parish Int of Parishioners	8:00 am Int of Parishioners	Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
Saturday	4:00 pm † Roger Cann – Betty & Lynda Int of Pat & Patrick Cann – Betty & Lynda	5:00 pm † Andrew & Mary Kossuth – Frank Kossuth † Teresa Viveiros - family	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Sunday	9:30 am † June & Joe Walter – Maureen Rodrigue † Francisco Pacheco – Judite Pacheco	11:00 am † Orlanda Amorim - husband † Manuel & Vera Amorim - family † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira	

This Week's Liturgical Readings

PARISH INFORMATION

Confession: 6:30pm on Tuesdays before Mass & during Adoration.

Adoration: 7:30pm on Tuesdays after Mass.

Church Offering Report: once a month, in bulletin. 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

DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life, contact, Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

November 19 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
- 3) Matthew 25:14-30

FOCUS: We are given talents to share.

The Lord has told us that He will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of others.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The reading from Proverbs says that a worthy wife is a prize valued far beyond pearls. Paul tells the Thessalonians that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night or like labor pains, but that they are children of the light. Jesus tells a parable about three servants who were given talents. The first two servants multiplied their talents and were rewarded. The third servant buried his talent and was punished.

ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we will be praying for the souls of our beloved dead and faithful departed. You are welcome to write the names of your loved ones who have died and are now with the Lord, in our Book of Remembrance which is in front of the Altar. They will be remembered at our parish masses during November.

ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: MISSALS

Sunday Missals for the 2024 are now available for purchase, at the Church entrances. The cost is \$5.00. Please use the envelopes provided and return them to the collection baskets.

ST JOSEPH: MEMORIAL MASS

Our annual memorial service will be held on **Thursday, November 30** at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph's Church to honour and pray for our loved ones who have gone home to God. If you would like to have someone added to the list to be remembered, please submit their name to Marie Simpson at mehocaliuk50@gmail.com. We would also appreciate additional help in planning and/or on the night of the service. If you can help, please let Marie know.

ST ANNE: COMBONI MISSIONS

We welcome Fr Barton, a Comboni Missionary and classmate of Fr Brian, this weekend to our parish community. Fr Barton was ordained in 1975 and has spent over 40 years as a missionary in South Sudan. He is now enjoying a well-deserved rest; in his "retirement", he is still recruiting vocations and seeking help so that the young Churches in the Global South will be able to continue serving God's people. With the encouragement of Bishop Crosby, beginning this week with the distribution of special collection envelopes in the pews, we invite you to contribute to the education of missionary vocations to the priesthood. Please take home an envelope (maybe put it on your fridge as a reminder to pray for vocations in the Church today). Prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to be a partner in His missionary adventure by responding generously to this "appeal" with a sacrificial Advent/Christmas offering. As always, cheques are made payable to St. Anne Church for tax purposes. Thank you for generously supporting the Comboni Missionaries in so many ways, and for being "missionary disciples".

ST ANNE: COFFEE SUNDAY

We look forward to sharing time (and coffee) with our St Anne Church community THIS WEEKEND, **Sunday, November 19**, in the Church hall after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

ST ANNE: ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul collection boxes will be at the Church entrances this weekend. Thank you for your kind generosity.

ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Families with children who are planning on receiving Sacraments are reminded of the following dates.

First Eucharist (Grade 2 and up): Reconciliation Session

- Sunday December 3, 6 pm at St Joseph
- Wednesday December 6, 6 pm at St Anne

Confirmation (Grade 7 and up): Candidates AND Parents/Caregivers Session

- Sunday November 26, 7 pm at St Joseph
- Wednesday November 29, 7 pm at St Anne.

CONFIRMATION REMINDER: Registration due **Friday November 24**. Register at: <https://bit.ly/confirmation24>

ST JOSEPH: CALLING ALL BAKERS!

St Vincent de Paul will be having a bake sale on **Sunday, December 3** during Coffee Sunday! Come and get some Christmas treats and help feed the people in our community. Bakers, if you would like to donate to the sale, please drop your creations off in the church hall before 11:00 am Mass!

ST JOSEPH: CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Christmas Around the World Potluck. Save the date for this parish event - **Saturday, December 9** at 6:00 pm. Bring Christmas food from your family tradition to share with others in the community. Bring your friends and make new friends. The evening ends with a Christmas carol sing-along. Sign-up sheets will be at the doors starting Sunday, November 19.

ST JOSEPH: ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

Please support those in need in our community this Christmas season. Our Giving Tree will be up starting November 18. Please take an envelope off the tree at the side entrance and return it to the collection. Tax receipts will be issued for any donation over \$20. Cheques should be made payable to: St. Vincent de Paul – St. Joseph. You can also donate by e-transferring to ssvp@stjosephkitchener.org.

ST JOSEPH: CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE

If you would like to participate in the Christmas Memorial Tree this year, please include your donation in an envelope with your name & phone number along with the names of your deceased family members. An ornament will be displayed on the Christmas trees during Advent season. You may then take it home & display it on your tree for Christmas.

ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: BY-ELECTION

An all-candidates meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 23** at 23 Water Street North. See bulletin boards for more information.

ST JOSEPH: CWL

The **Catholic Women's League** is a major organization for women; it provides opportunities for social life, service, & support for many parish functions. The membership dues are \$35.00 & will be coming due in February 2024. If there are any St Joseph parishioners who are interested in joining the St Joseph CWL, can you please email the church office to let us know? We would like to connect with you. Our numbers have been dwindling for some time, & we need to plan for the future of our CWL. A tentative meeting is being scheduled for January 2024, so please let us know if interested. stjosephkitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Festive season is on the horizon. For the past several months our talented members of Council 1504 have been constructing the K of C Festive decorations. Sales of our popular Christmas items have aided us to underwrite the cost of several K of C endeavours this past year. On **Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10**, after Mass, we will again provide the opportunity for parishioners to purchase one of our selected K of C Festive decorations. Sales from these items allow Council 1504 to continue to provide financial support for its Parishes and community organizations. Please see the bulletin board for pictures of some of the items we will be offering.

FROM THE DIOCESE: ANNULMENT PROCESS INFO

On **Thursday, November 23** at 7:00 pm, at St Michael Parish in Waterloo, the diocese will present an overview of the Annulment process. There are many myths out there preventing people from pursuing an annulment. We are hoping that this session will allow for the facts to be heard, the myths to be dispelled & for the many questions to be answered. This session may also be of interest to those wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith. To register: parish@stmichaelw.ca.

ST TERESA ELMIRA: CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DINNER & DANCE is on **Saturday, December 2** at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. The meal will begin at 6:30 pm. Cash Bar will be available at 6:00 pm. A limited number of tickets can be purchased through the Parish Office, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 1 pm or by calling 519-669-3387. Ticket prices are: Adults \$30.00; Children 5-10 years \$10.00 and Children 4 & under are free. Last chance to purchase tickets is Wednesday, November 29. A disc jockey will be providing musical entertainment during and after the Christmas Dinner. Please plan to stay and even sneak in a dance or 2!

FROM THE DIOCESE: CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The Diocese will be hosting a **free** Come Home for Christmas Festival at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, Ancaster on **Sunday, December 3** from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Lots of activities for children and adults alike! Please see the bulletin boards for more information.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. Anne

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 24 at 9:30 am

Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 pm (Christmas Vigil)

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Monday, December 25 at 9:30 am (Christmas Day)

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 31 at 9:30 am

Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Sunday, December 31 at 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Monday, January 1 at 9:30 am

St. Joseph

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CHOIR EVENT: A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

All are welcome to join St. Matthews' Sanctuary Choir, on **Sunday, December 3**, at 7:00 pm to mark the season of Advent with Benjamin Britten's iconic *A Ceremony of Carols*. Admission is by freewill donation / pay what you can. Venue: St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street (at Charles) Kitchener. See bulletin boards for more information.

FROM BISHOP CROSBY

In preparation for Jubilee 2025, the year 2023 is dedicated to Vatican II. The CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will host a webinar series, "The Four Constitutions of Vatican II", inviting the faithful to reflect on the meaning of these documents for the life of the Church today. Simultaneous interpretation (French/English) will be available for all four sessions:

1. **"Gaudium et Spes"** — Sr. Donna Geernaert, SC (Tue 21 Nov — 1:00-2:30 pm EST)
2. **"Lumen Gentium"** — Dr. Catherine Clifford (Tue 28 Nov — 1:00-2:30 pm EST)

If you wish to attend any of the webinar sessions or to be notified when session recordings are made available, please register at:

https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/9416927172336/WN_Xf09Vsi_SjiilwdLPzWMdQ#/registration