



Mass Intentions December 5 – December 11, 2022

Prayer Calendar

St. Anne

St. Joseph

Diocese of Hamilton

Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	+ Holy Souls – a friend + Odessa Barrett – a friend	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen.
Tuesday 7:00 pm	+ Ken & Gloria MacKenzie – Henry & LeeAnn Walser	+ Erich Clausing – Darlene C	Rev. Hayden Starczala
Wednesday 8:00 am	+ Stella McLellan – Henry & LeeAnn Walser	No Mass	Order of Preachers (Dominican) (O.P.)
Thursday 8:00 am	+ Lindsay Meulenburg & Int Len & Cindy Robinson – Alyea family	+ All Souls that have passed – Norberto Macedo	Rev. John Van Hees
Friday 8:00 am	+ Ruth Hayek – Hayek Family	Int of Shino & Family - Johny Baby	Very Rev. James Petrie, E.V.
Saturday St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm	Int of Mary M & Mass of Gratitude – Mary M + Anne Dlugokecki – Laura Wilhelm	+ Manuel Lameira – Fernanda Lameira + Maria Joao Rocha – Alda Sousa + Florence Farwell – Annette Farwell + Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	+ Gary Teeter – Henry & LeeAnn Walser	+ Adelina & Ilidio D'Silva – A & A Arruda + Ildebrando Silveira – Maria S	

SUNDAY MASS

Our Churches are open, & we follow public health measures. Masks are encouraged. Our weekend & 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 – *December 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

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

This Week's Liturgical Readings

December 4th – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 1) Isaiah 11:1-10
- 2) Romans 15:4-9
- 3) Matthew 3:1-12

FOCUS: REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!

In the waters of baptism, we have been claimed for Christ. As we gather on this Advent Sunday, we recall and celebrate our rebirth in grace and our mission to prepare the way for the Lord. At the heart of this celebration is our repentance and our desire to be renewed with the spirit of the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah foretells the advent of the Messiah: Upon him will rest the Spirit's gifts, and with him will come knowledge of the Lord. Saint Paul challenges the community to live in harmony with one another and to glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, John the Baptist preaches a message of repentance.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



St. Anne

Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 pm

Saturday, December 24 at 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 25 at 9:30 am

St. Joseph

Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 25 at 11:00 am

CHRISTMAS CAROLS BEFORE MASS

The choir is looking forward to sharing their love of Christmas carols with you prior to the 8:00 pm Christmas Mass on **Dec. 24th**. Come at 7:30 pm to enjoy the beautiful hymns & voices. We are inviting those who wish to sing with the choir to attend rehearsals. They are being held after Sunday mass from 10:30 to noon.

ST. ANNE – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Due to COVID-19 we will not be collecting Angel tree toys. We will collect monetary donations (for the purchase of gift cards), and also gift cards (Walmart, Dollarama, or for any toy store in Kitchener). These gifts can be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the collection baskets at the Church entrances on weekends. Toys will be distributed, along with the gift cards that we normally provide to people in need at Christmas. Please note: all gift cards must be handed in by **Dec 5th**, to MAIL all cards to our clients. Thank you for your support to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - St. Anne.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our elementary school youth group (grades 6-8) meets this Friday, **Dec 9th** at St. Joseph.



Advent Christmas Party!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to our Advent Party, 6:30-8:30 pm on **Dec. 16th** at St. Anne, in the hall. Dinner, karaoke, a photo booth, games & more. See you there!

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxes are at the back of the church for pick up.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Families with children preparing for First Reconciliation are reminded of our next sessions: Sunday, **Dec. 4** at 6 pm at St. Anne OR Monday, **Dec 5**, 6 pm at St. Joseph.

EVENINGS WITH BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER

...continue this fall, the second Friday of each month at 7 pm. Bishop Wayne invites everyone to join him for an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith. For more information, visit the diocese website at: hamiltondiocese.com.

YEAR END DONATIONS

Final parish donations for either church need to be handed in by **Dec. 25th** to receive a tax credit receipt.

SUNDAY MISSALS

... are now available at the back of the Church. Please put your money in the envelope provided and return it to the collection basket. Cost is \$5.00.

PARISH ADVENT REFLECTION

St. Anne & St. Joseph parishioners are welcome to join us for an afternoon Advent Reflection led by Fr. Tom Vermiglio on **Dec 10th** from 1:00-4:00 pm in St. Joseph Church. ***Waiting in Hope*** is the theme. The schedule will include two talks, each followed by a time of reflection. First Session 1:00 - 2:30 pm; Snack break 2:30-2:45 pm; Second Session 2:45-4:00 pm.

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 the Advent season. You may then take it home & display it on your tree for Christmas.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, & is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' 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 **Dec. 10th** or **Dec 11th** to be blessed. After the blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home & wrap it as a gift & save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day. As you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.



ST. JOSEPH - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

Please support those in need in our community this Christmas. 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. Thank you for your support.

ST ANNE - CHRISTMAS BAKING & COFFEE SUNDAY

🍪 You are invited to bring and share some of your favorite Christmas baking at our next Coffee Sunday **Dec 18**. Come, socialize, and taste the goodness of our community 🍪. Goodies can be dropped off before Mass.

RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

On the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe & the National Day of Prayer & Solidarity with Indigenous Persons, The Honourable Graydon Nicolas will present a reflection on the appearance of Our Lady to Juan Diego, an Indigenous man in Guadalupe, Mexico. Graydon was the first Aboriginal lawyer in the Maritimes, & New Brunswick's first Indigenous judge & lieutenant-governor. The presentation will be offered **Dec. 12th** at 7 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. If you would like to attend, you are kindly asked to RSVP at the Diocese website, or by contacting either Parish office.

ADVENT RETREAT NIGHT

All are welcome to join His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger for Advent Retreat Night, on **Dec. 7th** at 7:00 pm, at St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo. Bishop Lobsinger will speak on the Synod and Synodality. Before the talk, all will pray Vespers, the evening prayer of Liturgy of the Hours.

ST. JOSEPH POTLUCK CELEBRATION

Save the date! Our **Christmas Around the World Potluck** will be held on **Dec 17th** after the 5:00 pm mass. This is a fun, family-friendly event where you can share your favourite Christmas food and sing Christmas carols with others in the parish. Sign-up sheets are at the church entrances.

AREA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Dec 6th 6:00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo
Dec 7th 7:00 pm St. Anne Church, Kitchener
Dec 13th 7:00 pm St. Joseph Church, Kitchener
Dec 14th 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener
Dec 15th 7:00 pm St. Mark's Church, Kitchener
Dec 20th Time TBD St. John Church, Kitchener
Dec 21st 7:00 pm St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener
Dec 22nd 7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener

Extraordinary Confession Times

Dec 17th 4:00 pm St. Teresa of Avila Church, Kitchener
Dec 17th 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm St. Francis of Assisi, Kitchener
Dec 20th 8:00 am – 8:00 pm St. Michael's Church, Waterloo

ST JOSEPH - COFFEE SUNDAY

☐ Today is Coffee Sunday! Come downstairs after mass! ☐

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

...will be at St. Anne Church this weekend AND St. Joseph Church next weekend (**Dec. 10th & 11th**) to sell festive and custom made Christmas decorations. Sales are after mass.

ST. AGATHA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

* Come one, come all to enjoy an hour of festive music! *
 On **Dec 4th** at 3:00 pm the Heart Cry Choir, composed of 42 Mennonite youth singers, will be at St. Agatha Church in St. Agatha (1839 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha) to give a Christmas performance! All are invited to come enjoy their acapella choral stylings in 4 & 8-part harmony! They will be singing many Advent & Christmas favourites & more. There is no cost to attend.

CHRISTMAS / ADVENT MUSIC SHOWS

... with John B. Miller & friends! All shows begin at 7:00 pm.

- Dec. 8 – St. Teresa Church, Kitchener
- Dec. 9 – Basilica of Our Lady, Guelph
- Dec. 10 – Shantz Mennonite Church, Baden

Free will offering accepted at the door to help support music team.

THANK YOU ST. ANNE! November Parish Support

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>World Mission</u>	<u>Missals</u>
6 th	\$2,235	\$105	\$474	\$20	\$20
13 th	\$2,710	\$110	0	\$10	\$155
PAG 15 th	\$4,923	0	\$770	0	0
20 th	\$1,055	0	\$85	\$10	\$95
27 th	\$1,255	\$225	0	0	\$80.00
	\$12,178	\$440	\$1,329	\$40	\$350

THANK YOU ST. JOSEPH! November Parish Support

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Missals</u>	<u>Building</u>
6 th	\$1,290	\$165	\$75	\$360
13 th	\$1,000	\$125	\$65	0
PAG 15 th	\$3,050	0	0	\$820
20 th	\$480	\$40	\$80	0
27 th	\$1,475	\$305	\$50	0
	\$7,295	\$635	\$270	\$1,180

ST. ANNE – CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT



Calling all sheep, angels, and wisemen! Our annual Children's Gospel Presentation is returning for our 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. We are looking for children to participate in all roles, as well as a few older students to be narrators and lectors. An information and sign-up meeting will be held after the 9:30 am Mass on **Dec 11** in the hall. For more information contact Mary at the parish office or mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com

ST. ANNE – CALL FOR DECORATORS!

🏠🎄 Mark your calendars to help get your church ready for Christmas! We are welcoming volunteers on **Dec 23**, at 9 am, to come out and help with the creche, decorations, trees & lights. Many hands make light work. Please call the office to let us know if you can help. Christmas treats will be provided.

World Youth Day 2023 – Lisbon & Fatima, Portugal

WYD 2023

Bishop Crosby is sending a delegation of 40 young adults to World Youth Day 2023. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of Catholic young people from all over the world with the Pope. For the millions of participants, it is a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church, and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. Mary Forcier, our youth minister, is one of the delegates.



The WYD 2023 pilgrimage and celebration will take place July 28 – August 7, 2023 in Lisbon and Fatima, Portugal. While on pilgrimage, delegates will get to experience the Portuguese history, culture, and food. They will also participate in a retreat experience in Fatima, joining millions of young Catholics in prayer and celebration, and journey with the Holy Father through a powerful overnight vigil, closing with a Papal Mass.

“MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE”

Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39) has been chosen by Pope Francis as the motto of the World Youth Day 2023. The phrase opens the account of the Visitation, following the Annunciation. Mary of Nazareth is the great figure of the Christian journey. She teaches us to say yes to God. She was the protagonist of the last WYD and will be so again in Lisbon.

Addressing young people in particular, challenging them to be courageous missionaries, Pope Francis wrote in his exhortation Christus Vivit: “Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us everywhere. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some” (CV 177).



2023 World Youth Day Pilgrims at the Diocese Commissioning Mass

SUPPORTING OUR PILGRIMS

TINY SAINTS

Add a Tiny Saint to your life! These small charms make great keychains, zipper pulls, purse hangers, or backpack decorations. Available options:

St Anne St Joseph
Mary, Blessed Mother
St Josephine Bakhita
St Charles Lwanga
Blessed Carlo Acutis (The first Millennial blessed!)



Tiny Saints can be purchased at both St Joseph and St Anne's December Coffee Sundays from Mary

Suggested donation \$10 per Tiny Saint

FUNDRAISING DINNER

The World Youth Day Planning Team warmly invites you to a fundraising dinner at St. Mary's Church in Hamilton on Saturday, February 4, 2023. Join us as we enjoy fine Portuguese food, music and cultural dance!



Tickets are \$75 per person. We hope to send 4 tables of 8 parishioners from St Anne and St Joseph. Reserve your seat early by contacting Mary by email (mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com) or calling either parish office. Sales close Friday January 13.

DIRECT SUPPORT

Donations can also be made directly to our pilgrims through Canada Helps at bit.ly/WYDgive. At the end of the form, specify support for Mary Forcier.

PRAYER

Please pray for all pilgrims heading to World Youth Day, including Mary and the Diocesan delegation.

Pray for good spiritual and physical health, a powerful experience of the universal Church, and a courage to answer the call of Christ in preparing for World Youth Day and beyond.

To contact Mary about World Youth Day, please call either parish office (ext 202 at St Anne, ext 34 at St Joseph), or email mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com

For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton please visit wyd.hamiltondiocese.com