



## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20-21, 2024

### Mass Intentions for January 22-28, 2024

### Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	<b>8:00 am</b> † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp. <b>Prayer for Christian Unity</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</b> † Ernesto, Trinity & Paulino Matias – Georgina † Mary Matos - friend	<b>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</b> † Heather Trusler - family	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger <b>Prayer for Christian Unity</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of those living with cancer – friend	No Mass	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.) <b>Prayer for Christian Unity</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of Parishioners	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of Parishioners	Rev. Edward Hampson <b>Prayer for Christian Unity</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> † Lisa Gascho – Hayek family	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of Stephanie – B Morrison	Rev. Robert Dunn
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> Special Int of Betty Martin; In Memory of Ron – Lynda & family Int of Fr Brian, Fr Mussie & Fr Earl – Mary K	<b>5:00 pm</b> † Manuel Lameira – Fernanda Lameira † Wolfgang & MaryAnne Dienst – Frank Kossuth † Fernando Costa – wife & family	Rev. George Stortz
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> † Francisco Pacheco – Judite Pacheco † Joe Walter – Maureen Rodrigue † Mary Richardson – Wendy & Rosemary	<b>11:00 am</b> † Paulina & Luis D'Rosa – A & A Arruda † Alyssa Madore – Darlene Clausing † Orlanda Amorim - husband	



The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. **Prayer cards & bookmarks are available for everyone this weekend to help**

**you on your prayerful journey.** Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts & within our communities of faith. Try this: Begin with a prayer to the Holy Spirit. Read through the passage. Digest the words. Get a sense of the phrases. Allow the Word to seep more deeply into your consciousness. Read the passage again, section by section. What emotions are evoked by the Word? How does this Word speak to me of God & how does it impact my life? Conclude with a brief prayer of thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit. The Diocese of Hamilton has prepared a wide variety of resources for youth & adults in celebration of Bible Sunday. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/the-bible-speaks-2024>.

### DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
Website: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

**LORD, MAKE ME KNOW YOUR WAYS**

### Liturgical Readings

#### January 21 – 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 1) Jonah 3:1-5, 10
- 2) 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
- 3) Mark 1:14-20

**FOCUS:** Jesus is calling us today.

Jesus is calling us today. Maybe he is calling us to drop something we have been clinging to. Maybe he is calling us to lay down our weeping or rejoicing, to move into something new. Maybe he is calling us to listen. In the precious time we give to him, he will give us all we need to answer his call, big or small.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Jonah answers God's call to preach in Nineveh and the city repents. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to act as if time is running out. The Gospel tells of the beginning of Jesus' ministry, as he calls the Galileans to repent and believe in the Gospel. We also hear of the call of James, John, Andrew, and Simon.

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**Diocesan Website**

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**St Joseph: 519-745-9302**

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Office: Tuesday – Friday, 12:30-3:30 pm

## ST ANNE: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



We are thrilled to announce that Children's Liturgy is returning to St Anne, at the Sunday 9:30 am Mass! After the opening prayers of Mass, children approximately 4-8 years old are invited to gather downstairs for a child-friendly exploration of God's Word. With their leaders, they listen to the weekly readings & reflect on the Gospel. After a profession of faith & intercessions, children return to Mass during the offertory. We are still seeking new leaders for this wonderful program. If you enjoy praying with children & sharing scripture, please contact Mary Forcier at [mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com).

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: IMPORTANT DATES

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

### FIRST EUCHARIST (GR 2 & UP):

#### Reconciliation RETREAT

- Saturday, January 20, 1:00-3:30 pm at St Anne

#### Celebration of First Reconciliation

- Wednesday, January 24, 6:00-7:00 pm at St Anne

#### First Communion Session

- Sunday, February 4, 6:00-7:00 pm at St Joseph
- Wednesday, February 7, 6:00-7:00 pm at St Anne

### CONFIRMATION (GR 7 & UP): CANDIDATES SESSION

- Sunday, January 28, 7:00-8:30 pm at St Joseph
- Wednesday, January 31, 7:00-8:00 pm at St Anne

## ST ANNE COFFEE SUNDAY

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the first Coffee Sunday of the new year! We hope you will gather with us this weekend on **Sunday, January 21** in the Church hall after Mass.

## ST ANNE: FIRST RECONCILIATION

On **Wednesday, January 24**, there will be a Celebration of First Reconciliation at St Anne Church at 6:00 pm. Please pray for the children receiving the sacrament of forgiveness for the first time.

## ST JOSEPH: CWL

To all ladies of our parish 16 years and older, you are invited to attend our organizational meeting to plan for the future of our C.W.L. council. It will be held on **Saturday January 27**, at 1:00 pm, in the church hall. All are welcome to attend even if you are not yet a member of our council. Please sign the sheets at the entrances of the church so we know how many to expect, or email [stjosephkitchener@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stjosephkitchener@hamiltondiocese.com). Come and help us plan our future. Thank you to those who have already sent in their dues (\$35.00) for the current year.

## CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN PROJECT

The Afghan Project provides afghans for the poor to Dr. Simone's "Canadian Food for Children" through volunteers who knit squares and baby afghans. They also knit pneumonia vests and slippers. To continue to do this they require donations of yarn as their supply is almost gone! If you enjoy knitting or crocheting they would welcome your help. For more details contact Wendy Sibley, Coordinator, at 519-743-5353.

## ST JOSEPH: FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Immediately following Coffee Sunday on **February 4**, (which will include a light lunch) all parishioners are invited to join in table listening sessions where each participant is free to express their opinions on seven main topics of concern for the Church. As we move forward, struggling to become more authentic communities of faith, these are areas of concern that have emerged from many meetings.

1. The Involvement of the Laity
2. The Development of Better Communication
3. Faith Formation: Children and Adults
4. Catholic Education and our Schools
5. Hospitality and Ministry Outreach
6. The Liturgy
7. Clergy Care



BACKGROUND: Six parish leaders attended a diocesan gathering late last year to discern the challenges that face the local Church (Diocese and parish) moving forward. These leaders are ready to help all of us re-join the discussions that were started two years ago during the pandemic lockdown when we met in groups via Zoom. This is also part of the process of our preparation for and involvement in the Synod of Bishops on Synodality that will conclude this October. **Sign up is required** (because of lunch): sign-up sheets are found at the entrances of the Church and will remain there until Sunday Jan. 28th only.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Easter comes early this year & what better way to enjoy the tradition of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday than with K of C prepared Maple Syrup. We will be selling our professionally prepared, LOCALLY tapped Maple Syrup after all Masses on **Saturday, February 10, & Sunday, February 11**. Your purchase of Maple Syrup will enable the Knights to continue their charitable works for the community & your support is appreciated.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024: SCUBA!

Mark your calendars! Families with children in JK through grade 5, please o-fish-ally mark your calendars for VBS 2024. This half-day, faith centered camp will run mornings at St Anne for children from St Anne and St Joseph parishes **August 12-16**. Adult and youth leaders (finishing grade 6+) are also needed to make this sand-sational event a success. Please contact our youth minister Mary at [mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com) for more information.

## KW COUPLES FOR CHRIST

**CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM** - K-W Couples for Christ & their Family Ministries invite couples & singles to participate in their 9-week CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM at St. John's/Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall, 85 Strange St. Kitchener on Thursday evenings from **February 1 to April 4**. Dinner is provided at 6:00 pm & program runs from 7:00-8:30 pm. This program is open to all Christian married couples, singles, widows & widowers as well as those separated & divorced. There is no cost & child care will be provided. To register or for more information contact Len/Marie Solomon 519 744 5198 or Denis/Cara Beaulieu 519 578 4643.

### PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: January 18-25

**"Let us #PrayTogether that Christians may reach full communion and bear witness of love towards all, especially the most fragile".** (@Pontifex via X, formerly known as Twitter)

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins on Thursday, January 18 and concludes on January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. Visit [www.weekofprayer.ca](http://www.weekofprayer.ca) for more information.

### 2024 REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

The Church teaches that social justice is an integral part of evangelization & an essential part of the Church's mission. There are so many issues of injustice all over our world that it is hard to know where to begin... Start by joining us for a movie and discussion! THE 2024 REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL kicks off the season on **Thursday, January 25**, 7:00-9:00 pm, with the film Gather, an intimate portrait of the movement among Indigenous communities to reclaim spiritual, political, & cultural identities through food sovereignty. Register & view the full schedule of events <https://devp.org/en/event/reel-justice-film-festival-film-gather/>. An exciting partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives & Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on social, political & economic justice concerns.



### KW RIGHT TO LIFE: PRAYER VIGIL

As we welcome the New Year, let's renew our commitment to cherishing & protecting the sanctity of life at every stage. Together, we can create a world where life is not only respected but also nurtured & celebrated. Your support & dedication make a world of difference. Our candlelight prayer vigil will be in front of Kitchener City Hall on **Sunday January 28**, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. All pre-born life has value at every stage & needs protection.

### ST MARY'S: BOOK STUDY

**St Mary's Book Study: Listening to Indigenous Voices: A Dialogue Guide on Justice & Right Relationships.** St. Mary's Parish Truth and Reconciliation Circle invites you to listen to Indigenous voices and to dialogue and support social transformation with our Indigenous neighbours. This book study will run on Saturdays, **February 24, March 23, April 20 & June 1**, from: 10 am to 12 pm, at the WCDSB Catholic Education Centre (35 Weber St. W. Kitchener). Please see the bulletin boards for more information. To register, contact the parish office at 519-576-3860 or [stmarys@rogers.com](mailto:stmarys@rogers.com).

### ST MARK - KITCHENER: ALPHA PROGRAM

ALPHA 2024: Join us Thursday evenings, **February 22 to May 2** at St. Mark's Parish Hall (55 Driftwood Drive). Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith & Jesus. All are welcome! To learn more, contact Denise Case at [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com).

### ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: SUPPORT GROUP

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life. Come together with others to realize there is a "second act". Join us on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month**, 7:30-8:30 pm, (February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18). Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer at 7:00 pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30 pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or email: [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).

### ST AGNES: EDUCATION CAFÉ

St. Agnes Education Café Event: "Difficult People, Dysfunctional Families & Broken Relationships: Loving & Forgiving Our Way to Healing". Sometimes we are faced with difficult relationships, whether in our families, workplaces or beyond, continually challenging us to love & forgive. When hurtful behaviour persists & attempts to mend are continually met with hard hearts, how do we love & forgive despite it all,... just as we are called to do? **Sunday, January 28**, 2:00pm, St. Agnes Parish, with Fr. Michael King.

### ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship, and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, February 3** at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### ST JEROME'S UNIVERSITY LECTURE

Lectures in Catholic Experience Presents - Dr. Jonathan Malesic "Beyond Burnout Culture". In this talk, Jonathan Malesic, author of The End of Burnout: Why Work Drains Us and How to Build Better Lives will propose that we should ground our working lives in human dignity, compassion for workers, and a greater emphasis on leisure as a site of meaningful activity. He will show how these ideals are manifested in communities of Benedictine monks and religious sisters. Please join us on **Thursday, February 29**, at 7:30 pm. For event tickets and more details, visit [www.sju.ca/LCE](http://www.sju.ca/LCE).



**ST ANNE PARISH PLEASE NOTE:** The side door at the front of the Church (Pandora Ave entrance) is to be used as an **EMERGENCY EXIT ONLY** for a short period of time, until repairs can be made. Please use the door nearest the parking lot, or the main entrance. Thank you for your patience.