



**St Anne Parish**

**St Joseph Church**



## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27-28, 2024

Mass Intentions for January 29 – February 4, 2024			Prayer Calendar
	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of Sick & Shut-ins of St Clements' CWL – CWL of St Clements	Rev. Michael Bennett
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</b> † Barbara Shewchuk - family	<b>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</b> † Holy Souls in Purgatory – Fernanda Lameira	Rev. James Curtin
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of those living with cancer – friend	No Mass	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God (O.H.)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> † Sharon O'Shea – Henry & LeeAnn Walser	<b>8:00 am</b> † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira	Rev. Ralph Diodati
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> † Manuel, Maria & Paulino Matias – Georgina Int of Parishioners	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of Parishioners	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> <i>World Day for Consecrated Life</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> Int of Chase Nelson - family	<b>5:00 pm</b> † All Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues † Fernando Costa – wife & family	Rev. David Lewis
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> † Francisco Pacheco – Judite Pacheco † Nancy Ehiorobo & Maria Dutra & family – DeSousa family † George Raso – Henry & LeeAnn Walser	<b>11:00 am</b> † Adelina & Ilidio D'Silva – A & A Arruda Int of Marshall & Gauvin family – Tony & AnneMarie Gauvin † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira	

### 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 – February 15<sup>th</sup>

### DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life, or diaconate? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
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IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,  
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.

### Liturgical Readings

#### January 28 – 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 1) Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- 2) 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
- 3) Mark 1:21-28

**FOCUS:** Jesus taught as one having authority – having power of His own.

When Jesus speaks or teaches, His words have power – for example in today's Gospel by driving out demons. In our lives, Jesus can free us from anxiety and bring us into union with the Father in the kingdom to come. Unlike all the preceding prophets, Jesus does not simply convey God's word and commands, He is God's word in the flesh. His power derives from the Father, for He and the Father are one.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Moses says God will raise up a new prophet who will speak the words of God. In the second reading, Paul contrasts the divided loyalties of married people with those who are unmarried and have only the desire to please the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus commands an unclean spirit to be quiet and come out of a man in the synagogue.

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**Diocesan Website**

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

## FEBRUARY 3 – FEAST OF ST BLAISE

Next weekend, after the Saturday evening Masses of St Anne and St Joseph, there will be a special blessing for anyone who would like to have their throat blessed. We will ask you to come forward. St Blaise is the patron saint of people with diseases of the throat. On St Blaise's feast day, which is **Saturday, February 3**, many parishes bless the throats of their parishioners. St Blaise reminds us of the importance of taking care of our health and also to thank God for doctors and medicines that can help us to recover from illnesses. We honour St Blaise for his faith and care of his people. ([saintsresource.com](http://saintsresource.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): 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

## UPCOMING COFFEE SUNDAY

We look forward to welcoming everyone at Coffee Sunday! At St Joseph, we will meet in the Parish Hall after Mass **NEXT Sunday, February 4**, and at St Anne, we will gather on **Sunday, February 18** in the Church hall after Mass.

## 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, January 28 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.

## CALL FOR SEWISTS!

We are looking for 5-6 people who could help us hem simple fabric banners for our First Communicants to decorate during their retreats in April, as well as sew some basic small pillows. Fabric and patterns will be provided. If you could help with this project, please contact Mary Forcier at [mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com)



## WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE



**World Day for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2 and in parishes over the weekend of February 3-4. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

## ST MARY'S / ST ANNE CWL

Greetings & blessings dear ladies! We invite you to join us on **Sunday February 11**, following St Mary's 11:00 am Mass; \*please note the different date\*. The "World Day of the Sick", will be our special Prayer theme & liturgy for this meeting. Looking forward to celebrating this special time of prayer, fellowship, & reflection!

## THINKfast – SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual THINKfast for Development and Peace will be held **March 15-16**. Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to take 25 hours to fast together, standing in solidarity with those who lack access to much needed resources. As we fast, we spend time in prayer, watch videos, play games, and reflect. This is a fantastic overnight opportunity, so mark your calendars! Volunteers wanted: anyone able to help during THINKfast (supervision, activities, food after the fast, etc.) is invited to contact [mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com).

## 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.

### 2023 TAX RECEIPTS

Receipts for 2023 will be mailed out **February 15**. Please note: any donations received (in 2023 envelopes) after Dec 31, 2023, are not included in the tax receipt. These donations will be put towards the 2024 year. We thank everyone who has so generously donated to both St Anne Parish and St Joseph Church. We are a blessed community to have such faithful support.

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

We are thrilled that Children's Liturgy has returned 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).

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024: SCUBA!

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 & St Joseph parishes **August 12-16**. Adult & 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

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, Thursday evenings: **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 is provided. Contact Len/Marie Solomon 519 744 5198 or Denis/Cara Beaulieu 519 578 4643.

### 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 ReconciliACTION Circle invites you to listen to Indigenous voices & to dialogue & support social transformation with our Indigenous neighbours. This book study will run on Saturdays, **February 24, March 23, April 20 & June 1**, 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, call 519-576-3860 or visit [stmarys@rogers.com](mailto:stmarys@rogers.com).

### MESSAGE FROM FR BRIAN QUIGLEY

**PLEASE READ**

**Welcome Fr Paul Donohue, MCCJ!**  
From February 5-27 I will be on holiday with my two brothers, a pre-retirement trip! Please do not leave me any phone or email messages because I will have limited access to my phone and the internet. Please contact Barbara in the parish offices for all your inquiries and concerns. Mass and office schedules and parish activities remain the same. We welcome Fr Paul Donohue, a fellow Comboni Missionary from Lorraine, Ohio, who has graciously accepted to help Fr Mussie and Fr Earl during my absence. You'll enjoy his many stories (some of them are true!) I'll be back!! (a promise or a threat?) God bless you.

### ST MARK - KITCHENER: ALPHA PROGRAM

Alpha is open to adults who are curious about Jesus, are exploring Christianity, have questions about life, or want to strengthen their faith. Join us Thursday evenings (starting with dinner) **February 22 to May 2** from 6:45 to 9:15 pm at St. Mark's Parish (55 Driftwood Drive) Kitchener. There is no cost to attend, unless you'd like to make a small contribution for dinner. For more information, email Denise Case at [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com). Plan to join us and bring a friend, all are welcome! More information is on bulletin boards.

### 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 & 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 & join our Parish in prayer at 7:00 pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30 pm. To register: 519-884-9311, or email: [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).

### 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 & 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 & vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), & Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, February 3** at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Ave W, Waterloo). 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).



## DIOCESE EVENT FOR STEP/BLENDED FAMILIES

**Step/Blended Family: Smart Steps for Building Family** – Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights & suggestions on how to make relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. **TIME:** 9:15 am - 3:30 pm. **PRICE:** \$50 per person (includes lunch). **DATE:** **Saturday, April 20.** Register online at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events or call the Family Ministry Office 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

## FROM THE DIOCESE: WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Registration is now available online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: FEBRUARY 11

**"It is not good that man should be alone — Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships,"** is the theme of Pope Francis' message for the 2024 commemoration of the World Day of the Sick, on Sunday, February 11. The World Day of the Sick is an occasion to pray for individuals who are suffering, and to find concrete ways to draw nearer to them. At all weekend Masses at St Anne Parish and St Joseph Church on **February 10-11**, the Sacrament of the Sick will be given, during Mass, to any parishioner who requests it. If you wish to receive this Sacrament, ask the ushers for a special card upon entering the church.

## CELEBRATE OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The message of Our Lady to St. Bernadette is just as relevant today as it was in 1858. Visit Our Lady of Lourdes Church (173 Lourdes St, Waterloo) on February 10 and 11 and be reminded of the healing power of prayer and to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is welcome.



### **Saturday, February 10, 6:00 pm**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary and Confession, **7:00 pm** Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

### **Sunday, February 11 at 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses**

We will be joined by **Celebrant His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lobsinger** for Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick, followed by a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome.

## 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!

## KITCHENER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



As the digital age is evolving constantly, it was decided the Kitchener Knights of Columbus needed an updated method of connecting with the community, Kitchener's parishes, and its members. The internet provides a window to the charitable works of

the Knights and we hope you will visit their new website to keep abreast of their endeavours. It is a wealth of faith connections in our community. Please visit: [www.kitchenerkofc.ca](http://www.kitchenerkofc.ca).

## KW RIGHT TO LIFE: UPCOMING EVENT

We are pleased to invite you to a dinner on **Friday, March 8** at the Knights of Columbus Centre at 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Our guest speaker is Josie Luetke, who is the Director of Education & Advocacy, Campaign Life Coalition. The fish dinner can be purchased at the door. The bar opens at 5:00 pm, and dinner is at 6:00 pm. The speaker will begin at 7:00 pm. Reserve your seat(s) early as space is limited. Prolife items will be for sale plus Archangels Sacramentals. Call the RTL office at 519-746-5433 or email [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca) to register.

## KW RIGHT TO LIFE: PRAYER VIGIL

This past month, we had 9 faithful people come out to witness and pray for babies being aborted and for their mothers. We thank all who came out and those praying at home who could not attend. Our next prayer vigil is coming up on **Thursday, February 1**, from 10:00 - 11:00 am, opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own. Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Contact Cathy: [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com)

## WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

The Ecumenical Week of Guided Prayer & Spiritual Exploration will be held online from February 18 to 24. The Week of Guided Prayer & Spiritual Exploration is an opportunity to enrich your spiritual life & deepen your relationship with God. We hope you can join us. Information & registration: [www.guidedprayer.ca](http://www.guidedprayer.ca) until February 11.

## PREPARATION FOR LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is on **February 14**, and continues until sundown of Holy Thursday. It is approximately 40 days, not including Sundays. During this time, we prepare for the Lord's resurrection at Easter through fasting, prayer and penitence. We seek the Lord in prayer, by reading scripture. We practice self-control through fasting (giving something up) and we serve by giving alms (give part of your time, talent, or treasure to benefit another). Let us pray: **Loving Father, help me to conform myself more closely to your Son, Jesus Christ, and so bring your love to those around me through this season of Lent. Amen.**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY Masses with distribution of ashes:**

ST ANNE: 8:00 am and 7:00 pm  
ST JOSEPH: 8:00 am and 7:00 pm