

ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH  
Dec. 1, 2019 A.D.  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



MASSES THIS WEEK	
Mon., Dec. 2	
8:00 am	† Ildebrando Silveira req. Maria Silveira
Tues., Dec. 3	St. Francis Xavier
7:00 pm	Int. of Sick & Shut-ins of St. Clements CWL
Thurs., Dec. 5	
8:00 am	Priest’s Intention
Fri., Dec. 6	St. Nicholas
8:00 am	Intention of Thomas Michael John req. Sijimol Jose Mass at Millwood Manor
2:00 pm	
Sat., Dec. 7	St. Ambrose
5:30 pm	† Vidal Rodrigues req. Maria Rodrigues † Maria & Lorenzo Capa req. Valdemar & Rosa Martins † Souls in Purgatory req. Julia Domingues
Sun., Dec. 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
11:00 am	Intention of Parishioners † Tomas Goncalves req. Maria & Carlos Pereira † Orlanda Amorim req. Odete Gomes † Maria Teixeira † Christian Teixeira req. Family † Maria & Lorenzo Capa req. Family
1:30 pm	Eritrean Community Mass



ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
Tuesday after 7 pm Mass  
in the Rectory Chapel

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Average weekly contribution needed to cover budgeted expenses:	\$ 3500.00
Nov. 24, 2019 envelopes (77)	\$ 2604.00
Nov. 24, 2019 loose change	\$ 119.75
Refugee Fund	\$ 3995.00
Thank you for your generous support!	
Parish Bequests: Keep your love for your parish alive!	
Please Remember St. Joseph's in your Will and <u>when</u> recommending expressions of sympathy.	

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray for:

Mon., Dec. 2	Rev. Michael Vanderbeek
Tues., Dec. 3	Rev. Todd Arsenault, L.C.
Wed., Dec. 4	Diocesan Priests
Thurs., Dec. 5	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Fri., Dec. 6	Rev. Thomas Flynn, L.C.
Sat., Dec. 7	Very Rev. John Van Hees

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of Dec. 2, 2019:

Main Church –  
Chapel – Frieda Senger  
Requests accepted by placing an  
envelope with the intention and a donation of  
\$10 in the collection basket.



REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

The St. Joseph Refugee group is helping to  
sponsor a young man, Henok and his family.  
Our goal is \$17,400. Envelopes, available at  
the church doors, can be put in the collection  
basket or brought to the church office.  
Consider asking your family or friends to  
donate to the Refugee Fund for Christmas. So  
far donations total to \$5,055.00 - Thank You.  
Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

Mark Your Calendar

- PPC Executive meeting – Dec. 2, 7 pm
- J.B. Miller Advent Concert at St. Anne  
Church – Dec. 5, 7 pm
- Youth Group (Grades 5-8) – Dec. 6, 6 pm  
at St. Anne Church Hall
- Jr. Youth Group –Dec. 7, 2-4 pm, St.  
Joseph Church Hall
- PPC meeting – Dec. 9, 7 pm
- Advent Penitential Service – Dec. 11, 7 pm
- Christmas Around the World Potluck jointly  
hosted by St. Joseph and St. Charles  
Lwanga Communities – Dec. 14, 6:30 pm



If you or anyone you know is  
interested in learning more  
about the Catholic faith or is  
interested in becoming a Catholic, please  
contact the parish office as soon as possible.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Available at church doors, cost \$5.00 each.  
The missals begin with the New Church Year  
on the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 1, 2019.

ST. JOSEPH’S SVDP

Items needed for the month of  
December: canned stew and soup, Mac &  
Cheese, cookies and hot cereal.



THE ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is up! Please take  
an Angel and help provide gifts for the needy  
families in our area. Each Angel has the age  
and gender of a child. Return the unwrapped  
gift or a gift certificate for youth 13 years old  
and up by Tues., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> to the church.  
There will be a box by the tree for your gifts.  
Thank you for your continuing support and  
prayers. Sponsored by the St. Vincent de  
Paul Society.



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE  
WORLD POTLUCK

Our Christmas Around the World potluck is  
happening soon – Sat., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30  
mass! This promises to be a fun evening with a  
talent show, a mixer activity, Christmas carol  
sing-along and as usual, delicious food. Be  
sure to sign up on the sheet at the church  
entrances.



NATIVITY SCENES

The Knights of Columbus will be  
selling Nativity Scenes and other Christmas  
decorations next weekend Dec. 7/8 after the  
Sat. 5:30 pm and the Sun. 11:00 am Masses.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL ORNAMENTS

Anyone wishing to remember deceased loved  
ones this Christmas in a special way may do  
so by making a donation for altar flowers.  
Please enclose your donation and the name of  
your loved ones in any envelope marked  
“flower donation.” Write your name, phone  
number and envelope # on it, and place it in  
the collection basket. Donations (by cheque  
payable to St. Joseph Church) are receipted  
for tax purposes. A memorial ornament with  
your loved one’s names will be placed on the  
trees at the side altars beginning the  
first week of Advent. These beautiful  
ornaments are yours to take home  
after the Christmas Mass.



Advent Penitential Services

Mon., Dec. 9 – St. Louis Church, 7:30 pm  
Tues., Dec. 10 – St. Agnes Church, 7:30 pm  
Wed., Dec. 11 – St. Aloysius Church, 6:30 pm  
**Wed., Dec. 11 – St. Joseph Church, 7 pm**  
Wed., Dec. 11 – St. Michael Church, 7:30 pm  
Thurs., Dec. 12 – Our Lady of Lourdes, 7:30 pm  
Wed., Dec. 18 – St. Anne Church, 7 pm

**VOCATION:** If you think God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, please contact Fr. Michael King. Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**9-DAY ADVENT NOVENA** – St. Agnes Church, Waterloo, at 6:30 am beginning Fri., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Sat., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy coffee and fellowship after Mass. Mass on Sun., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at your own parish or St. Agnes at 9 and 11 am. Each day there will be a different celebrant for Mass and musicians from across the twin cities. They come together in joyful praise and worship to prepare for Christmas and give thanks to the Lord! Plan to join us!



**Have you experienced the death of a child at any time in your life, includig before birth or a still birth?** Sun., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, Mass – 4 pm, the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Mass is intended for parents, grandparents and other family members who have been impacted by such a loss. God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence.

**PRAYER VIGIL** – Thurs., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 -10 am in front of Freeport Hospital, Kitchener for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking – across the road, Schneider Park. Queries: please contact Cathy kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

**JOHN B. MILLER ADVENT CONCERT** – Please join John Miller and Friends for Songs of Advent and the Birth of Jesus Concert at St. Anne Parish on Thurs., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. A \$10 cash donation is appreciated at the door.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** - Blessed Sacrament Parish in Kitchener is looking for a full-time Youth Minister/Pastoral Associate! If you are interested or know someone who would be right for this position, go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

**PARENTING TIP** – For Catholics, Christmas is about so much more than gifts: it is the promise, through the birth of Jesus, of goodness and light coming into our lives. Do your children know this is the focus of Christmas? Advent and Christmas are perfect times to highlight the “reason for the season”. Read stories about the Advent wreath so they understand what each candle symbolizes; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!); be sure the tree is adorned with symbols of the faith; read family Advent reflections daily during Advent; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, including Christmas Day. Faith sets a foundation on which to stand and Christmas is a perfect time to bring Christ into your family activities! ☺

**DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER** – For info about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

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### Mission Statement

St. Joseph Parish is a faith-based community - founded on Baptism, nurtured by prayer and centred on the Eucharist - that welcomes and serves all with compassion, united under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, while sharing our talents and growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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