



## 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 25-26, 2023

*Feast of Christ the King*

### Mass Intentions for November 27- December 3, 2023

### Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of Parishioners	Rev. Roger Yaworski, S.J.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</b> † Gregory Taylor – Hayek family	<b>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</b> † Holy Souls in Purgatory – Fernanda Lameira	Parents & Guardians
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of those living with cancer – friend	No Mass	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Prayer to St Joseph for peace in the family – Mafalda Latin	<b>8:00 am</b> † Maria Rita Essogo Nke - Estelle	Rev. Edward Hampson
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> † Manuel, Maria & Paulino Matias - Georgina	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of St Clements CWL Sick & Shut-ins – CWL St Clements	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> Int of Confirmation Candidates - Parish	<b>5:00 pm</b> † Wolfgang & MaryAnne Dienst – Frank Kossuth † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira † Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues Int of Confirmation Candidates - Parish	Rev. David Reilander
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> Int of Confirmation Candidates - Parish	<b>11:00 am</b> † Jose M Arruda & Mario D'Rosa – A & A Arruda † Manuel Melo & Ilda Melo – Melo family † Manuel Augusto – Adlina Augusto Int of Confirmation Candidates - Parish	

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>

#### DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

"Lord, when was it that we saw you ...?" Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact 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/)

#### November 26 – 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Feast of Christ the King

- 1) Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
- 3) Matthew 25:31-46

**FOCUS:** We celebrate Jesus, our king and true shepherd.

"To which king should I be loyal?" is not a question many of us face in modern times, but for both faithful Jews & followers of Jesus, it was a decision on which their lives could literally depend. We realize how relevant the question remains when we ask, "Who or what reigns in my life?" The answer determines both our present & future joy.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Ezekiel speaks for the Lord saying he will tend his sheep, give them rest, & seek out the lost. Paul writes to the Corinthians that Christ has been raised from the dead, & in [Him] shall all be brought to life. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to the disciples about the coming of the Son of Man. It will be a time when He sits upon His throne & separates the sheep from the goats.

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Diocesan Website

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

### 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 & 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](mailto:mehocaliuk50@gmail.com). We would also appreciate additional help in planning &/or on the night of the service. If you can help, please let Marie know.

### ST ANNE: COMBONI MISSIONS

With the encouragement of Bishop Crosby, we invite you to contribute to the education of missionary vocations to the priesthood. 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 supporting the Comboni Missionaries.

### ST JOSEPH: COFFEE SUNDAY and BAKE SALE!



We look forward to sharing time (and treats) with our St Joseph Church community NEXT WEEKEND, **Sunday, December 3**, in the Church hall after Mass. Everyone is welcome. St Vincent de Paul will be having their bake sale at that time. 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 ANNE & ST JOSEPH: SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

#### First Eucharist (Gr 2 & up): Reconciliation Session

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

#### Confirmation (Gr 7 & up): Candidates AND Parents/Caregivers Session

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

### 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 & return it to the collection. Tax receipts will be issued for any donation over \$20. Cheques payable to: St. Vincent de Paul – St. Joseph. You can also donate by e-transferring to [ssvp@stjosephkitchener.org](mailto:ssvp@stjosephkitchener.org).

### 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 are at the doors.

### ST ANNE: MINI-RETREAT

Please join School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sr Celeste Reinhart and Sr Barbara Paleczny, for a mini-retreat on **Sunday, December 10** from 1:00-3:00 pm at St Anne Church, Parish Hall. The theme, "Waiting in Hope", will explore Mary's life in the Gospel of Luke, with special emphasis on Luke 1:46-55. It is the hope that we are able to build a deeper relationship between ourselves and Mary, Holy Mother of God. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact St Anne Parish at 519-745-5302 or [stannekitchener@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stannekitchener@hamiltondiocese.com) to register.

### 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)

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### ST ANNE: ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Since COVID-19 we have not been collecting Angel tree toys. We will continue to collect monetary donations for the purchase of grocery gift cards. We will also collect gift cards as gifts for the children of the clients we service (eg: Walmart, Mastermind Toys, Dollarama, ToysRus, etc). Gift cards can be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the collection baskets at the Church entrances on weekends. All gift cards will be distributed to the clients we serve within our Parish boundaries, please note these cards must be handed in by Dec 8th! Thank you for your continued support to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - St. Anne!!!



### 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: 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.

### ST ANNE: HELP WITH DECORATING

We will be decorating the church for Christmas & are looking for volunteers. Come out on **Friday, December 22** at 9:00 am to help set up the trees, creche, lights, flowers & decorations. Many hands make light work! Please contact the office to let us know that we can count on you, 519-745-5302 or [stannekitchener@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stannekitchener@hamiltondiocese.com).

### 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](mailto:stjosephkitchener@hamiltondiocese.com)

### FROM BISHOP CROSBY

In preparation for Jubilee 2025, the year 2023 is dedicated to Vatican II. The CCCB Office for Evangelization & 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.: "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](https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/9416927172336/WN_Xf09Vsi_SjiilwdLPzWMdQ#/registration)

### 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** (1:00 - 4:00 pm). Lots of activities for children & adults alike! See bulletin boards for more information.

### FROM THE DIOCESE: COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas is the time of year when many people struggle to cope with the recent loss of a loved one. *Coping With the Holidays* is a session that helps people understand their feelings and offers practical help for those who are struggling at this time of year. On **Sunday, December 3**, 1:30-3:00 pm, there will be a session hosted by the Hamilton Diocese (in-person or via ZOOM) for people who may be feeling the loss of a loved one this Christmas season. Register online at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) (under Upcoming Events), or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

### ST TERESA ELMIRA: CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

St. Teresa of Avila Christmas 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 & 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.

### ST MICHAEL: ADVENT REFLECTION

Please join Fr Thomas Rosica and the St Michael Church community on **Friday, December 15** for an Advent evening reflection. Mass will be at 7:00 pm, and the Reflection at 7:45 pm. The topic: *Emmanuel: the Plea and the Promise*. Please register on our website at [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca) or by calling the parish office at 519-884-9311.

### ADVENT CONCERTS: JOHN B. MILLER & FRIENDS

**John B. Miller and Friends** will be performing Advent concerts this November & December. Special guest *Carrie Guse* joins them again this year. The dates and locations are as follows:

- Dec. 2 – Country Hills Church, Kitchener
- Dec. 7 – St. John Church, Kitchener
- Dec. 8 – St. Teresa Church, Elmira
- Dec. 13 – St. Joseph Church, Fergus
- Dec. 15 – Basilica of Our Lady, Guelph

All concerts will begin at 7pm and be about an hour long. More information is available at [www.johnbmiller.ca](http://www.johnbmiller.ca). To help support our musicians, a donation is appreciated either at the door in cash, or by e-transfer to [john@johnbmiller.ca](mailto:john@johnbmiller.ca)

### KW RIGHT TO LIFE – PRAYER VIGIL

Our next prayer vigil is coming up, on **Thursday, December 7** from 10:00 to 11:00 am, opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice but our own. For more information, email Cathy at: [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com).