



**St Anne Parish**



**St Joseph Church**



## 2nd Sunday in Advent

December 9-10, 2023

### Mass Intentions for December 11-17, 2023

### Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> † Luis Eduardo Tamayo – J & S Andrade	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</b> † Murray & Shirley Henry – Hayek family † Maria Machado – 7 <sup>th</sup> day Mass	<b>PENITENTIAL SERVICE</b> 7:00 PM	Married Couples
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of those living with cancer – friend	<b>No Mass</b>	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of Parishioners	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of Parishioners	Rev. Wallace Metcalf
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of Parishioners	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of St Clements CWL Sick & Shut-ins – CWL St Clements Int of Parishioners	Rev. Charles Galea
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> † Robert Eckert – Millie & family † Raymond Koch - family Int of Yvonne McGrath - friend	<b>5:00 pm</b> † Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues † Andrew & Mary Kossuth – Frank Kossuth † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira	Rev. Robert Kiffman
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> † Anthony Hayek – Hayek family † Anne Gibel – Rita Williamson † Kelly Voisin – Wayne & Lynne MacGillivray	<b>11:00 am</b> † Orlanda Amorim - husband † George Kraehling – Darlene Clausing	

### This Week's Liturgical Readings

#### December 10 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 1) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
- 2) 2 Peter 3:8-14
- 3) Mark 1:1-8

#### **FOCUS:** Prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Today's readings speak to us of preparing for the coming of the Lord through repentance. Repentance requires us to be honest about the times we have fallen short in loving God and our neighbor as the Lord commands. Knowing that we are sinners is a necessary step in recognizing our need for the forgiveness God has graciously offered us through his Son, whose coming into the world we prepare to celebrate.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah offers words of comfort and hope that the time of exile is coming to an end and the Lord is preparing to reveal His glory to all people. Peter exhorts his community to live *in holiness and devotion* in anticipation of the day of the Lord. Mark begins his Gospel describing the ministry of John the Baptist who proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and that one greater than he would come and baptize with the Holy Spirit.

#### 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

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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/)

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Office: Tuesday – Friday, 8:30-11:30 am

**Diocesan Website**

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

### 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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THIS WEEKEND **Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10**, after Mass, at both parishes, we will 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: 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.

### 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 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: COFFEE SUNDAY and BAKED TREATS!

We look forward to sharing time (and treats) with our St Anne Church community, **Sunday, December 17**, in the Church hall after Mass. Everyone is welcome to bring and share some of their favourite Christmas baking. Goodies can be dropped off before Mass.



### WHAT ARE THE THEMES OF ADVENT?

The four themes are hope, peace, joy and love for each week of Advent, respectively. These themes reveal the Church's preparation for Christmas as we direct our hearts and minds to Christ's coming.

### ST ANNE: CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

Calling all angels and wisemen! Our annual Children's Gospel Presentation is returning for our 4:00 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 **Sunday, December 17** in the hall. Our one rehearsal will be Saturday December 23 from 1:00-3:00 pm. For more information contact Mary at the parish office or [mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com)

### 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).

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

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

- 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)

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

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

- Saturday, January 13, 1:00-3:30 pm at St Joseph
- Saturday, January 20, 1:00-3:30 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 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)

## BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

For several decades, the Pope has blessed families & their Baby Jesus figurines on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' –



as they are known in Rome – 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 Jesus from your home Nativity set to Mass the weekend of **December 16/17** to be blessed. Afterwards, take your 'Bambinelli' home, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open, & as you lay Jesus in the Manger. This moment will be a reminder of our great blessings.

## WHAT IS AN ADVENT WREATH?

An Advent wreath is a popular Christian tradition symbolizing different aspects of the liturgical season. It is an evergreen wreath with four candles; the shape and colour represent God's infinite love for us. The four candles symbolize a different weekly theme, beginning each of the Sundays before Christmas.



## CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR 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)

Sunday, December 31 at 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Monday, January 1 at 9:30 am

### St. Joseph

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Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 pm

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## EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES

### **St Anne:**

Monday, December 18: 6:00-7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 19: 1:00-2:00 pm

Wednesday, December 20: 8:30-9:30 am

Thursday, December 21: 12:00-1:00 pm

Saturday, December 23: 1:00-2:00 pm

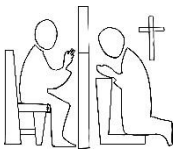
### **St Joseph:**

Monday, December 18: 8:30-9:30 am AND 6:00-7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 20: 12:00-1:00 pm

Thursday, December 21: 8:30-9:30 am

Saturday, December 23: 11:00 am-12:00 pm



## AREA PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm

St Joseph, 148 Madison Avenue South, Kitchener

Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm

St Aloysius, 11 Traynor Avenue, Kitchener

Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 pm

St Mark, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener

Friday, December 15 at 7:00 pm

St Teresa, 44 Leonard Street, Kitchener

Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm

St Anne, 268 East Avenue, Kitchener

Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm

St Anthony Daniel, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener

Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener

