



St Anne Parish

**First Sunday of Advent
November 26 & 27, 2022**

St Joseph Church



Mass Intentions November 28 – December 4, 2022

Prayer Calendar

St. Anne

St. Joseph

Diocese of Hamilton

Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	Int of Mariat & Family – Johnny Baby + Odessa Barrett – a friend	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Tuesday 7:00 pm	Int for faith in young people - parishioner	Int of Vince Gemmiti & Family – Tony Finoro + Manuel Augusto – Adlina & kids	Rev. Brendan McGrath
Wednesday 8:00 am	Int Mary Kobetich – friend	No Mass	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.)
Thursday 8:00 am	+ Lindsay Meulenburg & Int Len & Cindy Robinson – Alyea family	+ Iddina Macedo – Norberto Macedo	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, V.G., E.V.
Friday 8:00 am	+ Manuel & Maria & Paulino Matias – Georgina + Marie Meakes & Int of Angel-Marie O'Connor – Tom & Elizabeth	Int of Edward Joseph Michael & Family – Johnny Baby	Rev. Romelito Guillen
Saturday St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm	+ Robert Eckert – Mary & Erica + Blanche Karley – St. Mary's/St. Anne's C.W.L.	+ Angelo De Francesco – Nina De Francesco + Ildebrando Silveira – Maria S + Mary Anne Dienst – brother, Frank Kossuth	Rev. Grayson Hope
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	+ Michael Synnott – Helen Miller	+ Maria Dos Anjos – A & A Arruda	

SUNDAY MASS

Our Churches are open, & we follow public health measures. Masks are encouraged. Our weekend & weekday Masses are celebrated at the usual times.

Church Offering Report: once a month. 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 15th*
More information is available on our websites.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

St. Anne: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday 8:30–11:30am

St. Joseph: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday 12:30-3:30pm

DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares & their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, deacon, or consecrated virgin contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

This Week's Liturgical Readings

November 27th – 1st Sunday of Advent

- 1) Isaiah 2:1-5
- 2) Romans 13:11-14
- 3) Matthew 24:37-44

FOCUS: AS WE ENTER INTO ADVENT, WE WATCH FOR & EAGERLY AWAIT THE DAWN THAT BREAKS OVER THE HORIZON.

The promise of Advent is the promise of a candle in a dark room – of the dawn breaking over the horizon. It is the promise that the darkness cannot stand in the presence of the light. In this holy season, we must be watchers, searching for Christ's light, eagerly awaiting the dawn. Are we awake? Are we prepared?

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah prophesies the nations streaming toward the mountain of the Lord's house & all nations being instructed in God's ways. Paul warns the Romans that salvation is near, & the day is at hand, so they should put on the armor of light. In the Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples to stay awake for the coming of the Son of Man.

St Anne

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Diocesan Website

www.hamiltondiocese.com

St Joseph

www.stjosephkitchener.org

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



St. Anne

Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 pm

Saturday, December 24 at 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 25 at 9:30 am

St. Joseph

Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 25 at 11:00 am

ST. ANNE – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Due to COVID-19 we will not be collecting Angel tree toys. We will continue to collect monetary donations for the purchase of gift cards, and will also collect gift cards (Walmart, Dollarama, or for any toy store in Kitchener). These gift cards can be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the collection baskets at the Church entrances on weekends. Toys will be distributed, along with the gift cards that we normally provide to people in need at Christmas. Please note: all gift cards must be handed in by **Dec 5th**, to MAIL all cards to our clients. Thank you for your support to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - St. Anne.

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

The next high school youth group (grades 9-12) will meet at St. Joseph on **Dec. 2nd** at 7-8:30 pm. The next elementary school youth group (grades 6-8) will meet **Dec 9th** at St. Joseph. All youth in grades 6-12, mark your calendars for our Advent party, 6:30-8:30 pm on **Dec. 16th** at St. Anne. Dinner included!

"A CHRISTMAS WISH" - CONCERT

You are invited to come & enjoy the Waterloo Region Police Chorus, with special guest, John McDermott, on **Dec. 3rd**, at 2 pm & 7 pm, at St. Mary's Church! Tickets are \$40/person & are available at St. Mary's Church. For more information, please contact: stmarys@rogers.com or 519-576-3860.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

...are available for pick-up this weekend. Boxes are at the back of the church in alphabetical order.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Families with children preparing for First Reconciliation are reminded of our next sessions: Sunday, **Dec. 4** at 6 pm at St. Anne OR Monday, **Dec 5**, 6 pm at St. Joseph.

EVENINGS WITH BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER

...continue this fall, the second Friday of each month at 7 pm.

For more information, visit our Parish websites:

www.stanneskitchener.ca and www.stjosephkitchener.org.

ST. JOSEPH – COFFEE SUNDAY

Mark your calendars for the next Coffee Sunday which will be on **Dec. 4**, following mass.

CHURCH DONATIONS

Final parish donations for either church need to be handed in by **Dec. 25th** to receive a tax credit receipt.

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 the Advent season. You may then take it home & display it on your tree for Christmas.

WATERLOO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER

All are invited to a Pro-Life dinner on **Nov 26** from 6-8:30 pm, at St. Michael Church. Guest speaker will be Alex Schadenberg from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Tickets are \$30 (\$20 for students). See flyer at the back of the church.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, & is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' 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 your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on **Dec. 10th** or **Dec 11th** to be blessed. After the blessing you take your 'Bambinelli' home & wrap it as a gift & save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day & as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

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 and return it to the collection. Tax receipts will be issued for any donation over \$20. Cheques should be made payable to: St. Vincent de Paul – St. Joseph. Thank you for your support.

ST. TERESA'S C.W.L. ONLINE AUCTION

Begins **Nov 27th** from noon until Dec 4th at 5:00 PM. We invite you to bid on the many wonderful, donated items. To bid: <https://www.32auctions.com/StTeresaCWL Auction2022>
Proceeds go to support St. Teresa CWL ongoing endeavours.

SUNDAY MISSALS

... are now available at the back of the Church. Please put your money in the envelope provided and return it to the collection basket. Cost is \$5.00.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

"Coping with the holidays" is a workshop offered by the Family Ministry Office on the 1st Sunday of Advent (**Nov 27th**), from 1-3 pm. Christmas can be a challenging time for those who have lost loved ones. The session is designed to help people cope. The "in-person" event will be held at the Chancery Office (Hamilton). You can also join by ZOOM. Registration: 905-528-7988, x2249.

PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, **Dec 1**, from 10-11:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, for unborn babies. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com Future monthly prayer vigils: Jan 5th, Feb 2nd, Mar 2nd.

RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

On the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe & the National Day of Prayer & Solidarity with Indigenous Persons, The Honourable Graydon Nicolas will present a reflection on the appearance of Our Lady to Juan Diego, an Indigenous man in Guadalupe, Mexico. Graydon was the first Aboriginal lawyer in the Maritimes, & New Brunswick's first Indigenous judge & lieutenant-governor. The presentation will be offered **Dec. 12th** at 7 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. If you would like to attend, you are kindly asked to RSVP at the Diocese website, or by contacting either Parish office.

PARISH ADVENT REFLECTION

St. Anne & St. Joseph parishioners are welcome to join us for an afternoon Advent Reflection led by Fr. Tom Vermiglio on **Dec 10th** from 1:00-4:00 pm in St. Joseph Church. **Waiting in Hope** is the theme. The schedule will include two talks, each followed by a time of reflection. First Session 1:00 - 2:30 pm; Snack break 2:30-2:45 pm; Second Session 2:45-4:00 pm.

ST. JOSEPH POTLUCK CELEBRATION

Save the date! Our **Christmas Around the World Potluck** will be held on **Dec 17th** after the 5:00 pm mass. This is a fun, family-friendly event where you can share your favourite Christmas food and sing Christmas carols with others in the parish. Sign-up sheets are at the church entrances.

ST ANNE - CHRISTMAS BAKING & COFFEE SUNDAY

🍪 You are invited to bring and share some of your favorite Christmas baking at our next Coffee Sunday **Dec 18**. Come, socialize, and taste the goodness of our community🍪. Goodies can be dropped off before Mass.

AREA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Dec 6th	6:00 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo
Dec 7th	7:00 pm	St. Anne Church, Kitchener
Dec 13th	7:00 pm	St. Joseph Church, Kitchener
Dec 14th	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener
Dec 15th	7:00 pm	St. Mark's Church, Kitchener
Dec 20th	Time TBD	St. John Church, Kitchener
Dec 21st	7:00 pm	St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener
Dec 22nd	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener

Extraordinary Confession Times

Dec 17th	4:00 pm	St. Teresa of Avila Church, Kitchener
Dec 17th	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	St. Francis of Assisi, Kitchener
Dec 20th	8:00 am – 8:00 pm	St. Michael's Church, Waterloo

ST. AGATHA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

* Come one, come all to enjoy an hour of festive music! *
On **Dec 4th** at 3:00 pm the Heart Cry Choir, composed of 42 Mennonite youth singers, will be at St. Agatha Church in St. Agatha (1839 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha) to give a Christmas performance! All are invited to come enjoy their acapella choral stylings in 4 & 8-part harmony! They will be singing many Advent & Christmas favourites & more. There is no cost to attend.

ST. JOSEPH - CWL

Please submit your CWL dues. They were due on Nov. 13th. For those with automatic deposit, please put your CWL membership in a plain envelope with your name, address and phone number listed on the outside.

WCDSB HIRING

We are accepting applications for the following opportunities:

- Inviting Bachelor of Education 2022-2023 Graduates to Join the Daily Occasional Teacher List
- Inviting All Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) Certified Teachers for Our Daily Occasional Teacher List & Available Long-Term Occasional Teaching Assignments
- Lunch Hour Supervisor

Please visit our website for details: www.wcdsb.ca

CHRISTMAS / ADVENT MUSIC SHOWS

... with John B. Miller & friends! All shows begin at 7:00 pm.

- Nov. 27 – Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo
- Dec. 1 – St. John Church, Kitchener
- Dec. 8 – St. Teresa Church, Kitchener
- Dec. 9 – Basilica of Our Lady, Guelph
- Dec. 10 – Shantz Mennonite Church, Baden

Free will offering accepted at the door to help support music team.