



St Anne Parish

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God December 31 & Jan 1, 2023

St Joseph Church



Mass Intentions January 2 – January 8, 2023

Prayer Calendar

St. Anne

St. Joseph

Diocese of Hamilton

Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	Int of Parishioners	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Tuesday 7:00 pm	+ Robert George – Yvonne McGrath	Int of Parishioners	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
Wednesday 8:00 am	Int of Parishioners	No Mass	Diocesan Priests
Thursday 8:00 am	Int of Parishioners	Int of Parishioners	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Friday 8:00 am	+ Manual, Maria & Paulino Matias - Georgina	Int of Parishioners	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
Saturday St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm	+ Curtis Joseph Hawley – Nancy & Madison Hawley + Ray Koch – family Int of Ed Young – Betty, Lynda & all the Young family	+ Ildebrando Silveira – Mary S + Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	Epiphany of the Lord Special Intentions of all Parishioners and their families		

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 – *January 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

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be 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

Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

This Week's Liturgical Readings

January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

- 1) Numbers 6:22-27
- 2) Galatians 4:4-7
- 3) Luke 2:16-21

FOCUS: The birth of Christ is manifestation of God's unending love for humanity.

To express his love for all humanity, God takes on our human nature by being born of a woman, Mary. As she is the mother of Jesus, we honor Mary as our spiritual mother, the mother of all God's adopted sons and daughters. Through the Son's Spirit sent by God, Christ dwells in our hearts and we can't help but share this Good News, as the shepherds did, by praising and glorifying God in our lives.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the Book of Numbers, the Lord instructs Moses to tell Aaron and his sons that he will bless them. In his Letter to the Galatians, St. Paul explains that they are now adopted children because God sent his Son to be born of a woman. In the Gospel, after seeing the infant Jesus, the shepherds share the message they heard from the angels and praise and glorify God. Mary keeps *all these things ... in her heart*.

St Anne

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Diocesan Website

www.hamiltondiocese.com

St Joseph

www.stjosephkitchener.org

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EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith, based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the 2nd Friday of each month 7:00 – 8:30 pm at St. Ann (Ancaster). Also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost. All welcome.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our elementary school youth group (grades 6-8) meets Friday, **January 13th** (7-8:30 pm) at St. Joseph.

Our high school youth group (grades 9-12) meets Friday, **January 20th** (7-8:30 pm) at St. Anne.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN

All are welcomed and urged to come out to pray quietly and be a witness for God's unborn babies who have no voice but our own! Prayer Vigil: **January 5**, 10-11:00 am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener (parking is across the road, Schneider Park).

Please pray to end abortion and pray for the conversion of hearts. If you cannot physically attend, would you devote an hour praying? Thank you and God bless you. Any queries, contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

Future prayer vigils: Feb. 2nd, Mar. 2nd, Apr. 6th

ST. JOSEPH – C.W.L.

Please remit your 2023 dues as soon as possible. Please include your name, phone number and address in the envelope with your payment of \$35, address it to "CWL" and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you.

2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **April 16th** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30pm. Registration at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT - GUELPH

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s & early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship & Praise Music. Arrival & Holy Hour (6:30–7:30pm), Social with food (7:30–8:30pm), Praise Night & Vocation Testimony (8:00–9:00 pm) & Compline (9:00 pm) on **February 4th** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk St, Guelph). For more information: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Next weekend (**January 8th**) is Coffee Sunday at St. Joseph!

 **January 15th** is Coffee Sunday at St. Anne!

ST. ANNE - DECEMBER PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for your generosity and support!

	Regular	Loose	Building	Flowers	Missals	Christmas
4 th	\$2,230	\$195	0	0	\$35	0
11 th	\$2,300	\$170	0	\$100	\$30	0
PAG 15 th	\$4,913	0	0	0	0	\$1,360
18 th	\$1,230	\$205	0	0	\$20	0
24 th 4pm	\$1,005	\$635	0	0	0	\$925
24 th 8pm	\$1,385	\$200	0	0	0	\$445
25 th 930 am	\$970	\$90	0	0	0	\$659
Mail-in	\$2,115	0	\$630	\$30	0	\$995
	\$16,148	\$1,495	\$630	\$130	\$85	\$4,384

ST. JOSEPH - DECEMBER PARISH SUPPORT

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	Regular	Loose	Building	Flowers	Missals	Christmas
4 th	\$2,345	\$65	\$467	0	0	0
11 th	\$1,595	\$140	0	\$502.25	\$75	0
PAG 15 th	\$3,053	0	\$587	\$425	0	\$795
18 th	\$1,075	\$140	0	\$100	\$45	0
24 th	\$880	\$290	0	0	0	\$480
25 th	\$1,230	\$310	0	0	0	\$3,370
Mail-in	\$1,660	0	\$110	\$425	0	\$500
	\$11,838	\$945	\$1,164	\$1,452.25	\$120	\$5,145

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - RECONCILIATION

Families preparing for reconciliation are reminded of our upcoming retreats for children and parents or caregivers. Saturday **January 14** from 1-3:30 pm at St Anne, or Saturday **January 21** from 1-3:30 pm at St Joseph.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - CONFIRMATION

Young people in grades 7 and up, remember our next session for Confirmation preparation is coming up: Sunday **January 15** at St Joseph or Monday **January 16** at St Anne. Sessions are 7-8 pm for young people with at least one parent or guardian. Questions can be directed to mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com

Wishing you a Happy and Blessed new year ahead.
May God's light guide your way in 2023!

World Youth Day 2023 – Lisbon & Fatima, Portugal

WYD 2023

Bishop Crosby is sending a delegation of 40 young adults to World Youth Day 2023. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of Catholic young people from all over the world with the Pope. For the millions of participants, it is a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church, and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. Mary Forcier, our youth minister, is one of the delegates.



The WYD 2023 pilgrimage and celebration will take place July 28 – August 7, 2023 in Lisbon and Fatima, Portugal. While on pilgrimage, delegates will get to experience the Portuguese history, culture, and food. They will also participate in a retreat experience in Fatima, joining millions of young Catholics in prayer and celebration, and journey with the Holy Father through a powerful overnight vigil, closing with a Papal Mass.

“MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE”

Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39) has been chosen by Pope Francis as the motto of the World Youth Day 2023. The phrase opens the account of the Visitation, following the Annunciation. Mary of Nazareth is the great figure of the Christian journey. She teaches us to say yes to God. She was the protagonist of the last WYD and will be so again in Lisbon.

Addressing young people in particular, challenging them to be courageous missionaries, Pope Francis wrote in his exhortation Christus Vivit: “Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us everywhere. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some” (CV 177).



2023 World Youth Day Pilgrims at the Diocese Commissioning Mass

SUPPORTING OUR PILGRIMS

TINY SAINTS

Add a Tiny Saint to your life! These small charms make great keychains, zipper pulls, purse hangers, or backpack decorations. Available options:

St Anne St Joseph
Mary, Blessed Mother
St Josephine Bakhita
St Charles Lwanga
Blessed Carlo Acutis (The first Millennial blessed!)



Tiny Saints can be purchased at both St Joseph and St Anne's December Coffee Sundays from Mary

Suggested donation \$10 per Tiny Saint

FUNDRAISING DINNER

The World Youth Day Planning Team warmly invites you to a fundraising dinner at St. Mary's Church in Hamilton on Saturday, February 4, 2023. Join us as we enjoy fine Portuguese food, music and cultural dance!



Tickets are \$75 per person. We hope to send 4 tables of 8 parishioners from St Anne and St Joseph. Reserve your seat early by contacting Mary by email (mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com) or calling either parish office. Sales close Friday January 13.

DIRECT SUPPORT

Donations can also be made directly to our pilgrims through Canada Helps at bit.ly/WYDgive. At the end of the form, specify support for Mary Forcier.

PRAYER

Please pray for all pilgrims heading to World Youth Day, including Mary and the Diocesan delegation.

Pray for good spiritual and physical health, a powerful experience of the universal Church, and a courage to answer the call of Christ in preparing for World Youth Day and beyond.

To contact Mary about World Youth Day, please call either parish office (ext 202 at St Anne, ext 34 at St Joseph), or email mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com

For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton please visit wyd.hamiltondiocese.com