



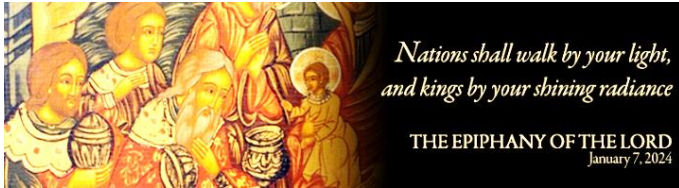
Epiphany of the Lord

January 6-7, 2024

Mass Intentions for January 8-14, 2024

Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
Monday	No Mass	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of Sick & Shut-ins of St Clements CWL – CWL St Clements	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
Tuesday	<u>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</u> † Barbara Shewchuk - family	<u>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</u> † Emmerich Wiesnegger – Darlene Clausing	Rev. David Reilander
Wednesday	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of those living with cancer – friend	No Mass	Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)
Thursday	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of Parishioners	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of David Andrade – J & S Andrade Int of Parishioners	Rev. Franjo Sprajc
Friday	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of Parishioners	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of Parishioners	Rev. Matthew Durham
Saturday	<u>4:00 pm</u> Int of Betty Martin – Lynda & family	<u>5:00 pm</u> † Jose Sousa – Alda Sousa † Andrew & Mary Kossuth – Frank Kossuth	Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas
Sunday	<u>9:30 am</u> † Francisco Pacheco – Judite Pacheco	<u>11:00 am</u> † Manuel & Maria Novo – A & A Arruda † Roberto Teixeira – Teixeira family † Joe Teixeira – Teixeira family	



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD. What the Church celebrates today is the revelation of Jesus, Son of God to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him; the Magi teach us that people can come to Jesus and to God by a very long route. In celebrating the Epiphany, we recognize the greatest proof of goodness there has ever been, of God's deeply personal love for us; for it was out of love that the Father gave us His son, to be our LIGHT and our SAVIOUR. (Association of Catholic Priests)

DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Liturgical Readings

January 7 – Epiphany of the Lord

- 1) Isaiah 60:1-6
- 2) Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- 3) Matthew 2:1-12

FOCUS: With Christ's help we can be his light for others.

We are not the source of the light that a world in darkness needs desperately. Instead, we must receive Jesus, the Light of the World, so that we can in turn share it. And as we heard in the first reading: Then you shall be radiant ... your heart shall throb and overflow. Jesus has come to give all the love we need, all the wisdom called for, all the virtue necessary to be a light to others.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah promises that Jerusalem will be a light for all nations. In the Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul explains the revelation that the Gentiles are members of the same body of Christ. In the Gospel, magi from the east look for the newborn king, finally finding the child with His mother, Mary.

Confessions: 6:30 pm on Tuesdays before Mass & during Adoration.

Church Offering Reports: once a month, in bulletin.

Pre-Authorized Giving: next withdrawal is January 15th.

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

Diocesan Website

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St Joseph: 519-745-9302

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

FIRST "COFFEE SUNDAY(s)" of 2024!

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the first Coffee Sunday of the new year! At St Joseph, we will meet in the Parish Hall after Mass **THIS Sunday, January 7**, and at St Anne, we will gather on **Sunday, January 21** in the Church hall after Mass.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024: SCUBA!

Mark your calendars! Families with children in JK through grade 5, please o-fish-ally mark your calendars for VBS 2024. This half-day, faith centered camp will run mornings at St Anne for children from St Anne and St Joseph parishes **August 12-16**. Adult and youth leaders (finishing grade 6+) are also needed to make this sand-sational event a success. Please contact our youth minister Mary at mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

ST JOSEPH: CWL

To all ladies of our parish 16 years and older, you are invited to attend our organizational meeting to plan for the future of our C.W.L. council. It will be held on Saturday January 27, 1:00 pm, in the church hall. All are welcome to attend even if you are not yet a member of our council. Please sign the sheets at the entrances of the church so we know how many to expect, or email stjosephkitchener@hamiltondiocese.com. Come and help us plan our future. Thank you to those who have already sent in their dues (\$35.00) for the current year.

ST JOSEPH: CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



Please prayerfully consider how you can give some of your time & talents to your community. Some of the ministries of St Joseph where you can make a difference are Altar Servers (Youth & Adult), CWL,

Conestoga Lodge, Music Ministry, St Vincent de Paul, Social Group, Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacramental Preparation Team, Hospitality (Ushers), Children's Liturgy, Building Committee, Decorating Committee, Spirituality group. **"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop", Mother Teresa.** Every ounce of help matters! Contact us to let us know can help, stjosephkitchener@hamiltondiocese.com.

ST LOUIS - WATERLOO: BIBLE STUDY

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY – SALVATION STORY MADE CLEAR. This study is offered at St. Louis Parish in Waterloo (53 Allen St. E) starting in mid January 2024. The Bible Timeline® Study Program is a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how 14 of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives the keys to understand the amazing story woven through Scripture. Monday nights at 7:30 pm, starting January 15, **OR** on Sundays at 12:30 pm starting on January 14. Contact St. Louis at 519-743-4101 or stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com to sign up or for more information.

ST MARK - KITCHENER: ALPHA PROGRAM

ALPHA 2024: Join us Thursday evenings, February 22 to May 2 at St. Mark's Parish Hall (55 Driftwood Drive). Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith & Jesus. All are welcome! To learn more, contact Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT! DECEMBER DONATIONS

St Anne		Regular	Loose	Flowers for Christmas	Combonis	Building	In Memory	Christmas	Unsolicited
	3rd	\$5,900	\$345	\$40	\$1,130	\$60	0	0	0
	10th	\$2,310	\$295	0	\$170	0	0	\$100	0
	PAG 15 th	\$5,850	0	0	0	0	0	\$875	0
	17th	\$1,450	\$225	0	\$40	0	\$100	0	\$675
	25th	\$2,430	\$1,675	0	0	0	0	\$2,504	0
	31st	\$1,330	\$180	0	0	0	0	\$240	0
		\$19,270	\$2,270	\$40	\$1,340	\$60	\$100	\$3,719	\$675

St Joseph		Regular	Loose	Memorial Tree	Flowers	Building	Chairlift	Christmas	Missals
	3rd	\$1,860	\$185	\$100	0	\$360	\$425	\$10	\$70
	10th	\$585	\$477	\$230	\$410	0	\$690	0	0
	PAG 15 th	\$3,510	0	0	\$277	\$499	0	\$586	0
	17th	\$2,060	\$115	\$175	\$151	\$200	\$350	0	\$40
	25th	\$1,638	\$735	\$90	\$160	\$80	\$150	\$3,265	0
	31st	\$5,331	\$165 + \$15 crib	\$20	0	0	0	\$275	0
		\$14,984	\$1,677 + \$15 crib	\$615	\$998	\$1,139	\$1,615	\$4,136	\$110

ST MARY'S/ST ANNE'S CWL

St. Mary's/St. Anne's Catholic Women's C.W.L.: Greetings & blessings dear Ladies! We invite you to join us on Sunday, **January 21st** following St. Mary's 11:00 am Mass, as we "start up" our regular monthly meetings for 2024. As women of faith, we are called to grow and witness our love of God through Prayer and Service. We look forward to seeing you and sharing Fellowship, Friendship and Prayer, as we begin our New Year together! See you on the 21st!

FROM THE DIOCESE: WHEN LIFE CHANGES

The Hamilton Diocese is offering a new grief program. Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! Our six-week grief program **starts January 17** and will be held from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King Street West, in Hamilton. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register to www.hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

FROM THE DIOCESE: SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (**January 21**) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in our Diocese. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith.

Prayer cards and bookmarks will be available for everyone on Bible Sunday to help you on your prayerful journey.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: SUPPORT GROUP

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life. Come together with others to realize there is a "second act". Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of every month**, 7:30-8:30 pm, (January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18). Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer at 7:00 pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30 pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or email: parish@stmichaelw.ca.

ST AGNES: EDUCATION CAFÉ

St. Agnes Education Café Event: "Difficult People, Dysfunctional Families & Broken Relationships: Loving & Forgiving Our Way to Healing". Sometimes we are faced with difficult relationships, whether in our families, workplaces or beyond, continually challenging us to love & forgive. When hurtful behaviour persists and attempts to mend are continually met with hard hearts, how do we love and forgive despite it all,... just as we are called to do? **Sunday, January 28th**, 2:00pm, St. Agnes Parish, with speaker Fr. Michael King.

WEBINAR: PREPARING FOR LENT

On **January 10**, join biblical scholar Dr. Brant Pitre for a live webinar! Tune in as Dr. Pitre prepares webinar attendees for Lent by returning to the Eucharist. His presentation includes:

- What don't people know about the Eucharist?
- How are Lent and Eucharistic devotion connected?
- How can parishes focus on the Blessed Sacrament during the Eucharistic Revival?

And more! Webinar at 11 A.M. (Mountain Time). Visit www.augustineinstitute.org for more information and to register.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship, and praise music in support of vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, February 3rd** at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

ST JEROME'S UNIVERSITY LECTURE

Lectures in Catholic Experience Presents - Dr. Jonathan Malesic "Beyond Burnout Culture". Burnout has become the go-to term for describing our dissatisfaction with work. To break out of North American societies' obsession with work, we need to rethink our assumptions about the relationship between work and the good life. In this talk, Jonathan Malesic, author of *The End of Burnout: Why Work Drains Us and How to Build Better Lives* will propose that we should ground our working lives in human dignity, compassion for workers, and a greater emphasis on leisure as a site of meaningful activity. He will show how these ideals are manifested in communities of Benedictine monks and religious sisters. Please join us on **Thursday, February 29**, at 7:30 p.m. For event tickets and more details, visit www.sju.ca/LCE.

FROM THE DIOCESE: WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

