



### Mass Intentions December 26, 2022 – January 1, 2023

### Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	No Mass	Int of Saida Tamayo – J. & S. Andrade	Feast of the Holy Family
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 pm	Int of Alyea Anniversary – Alyea Family Int of Brian, Mei & Shannon – M. Levacic Int of Parishioners	Int of Parishioners	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	+ Philip Polillo – M. Levacic	No Mass	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	+ Lindsay Meulenbarg & Int of Len & Cindy Robinson – Alyea family + Sharon Thiel – a friend Int of Parishioners	Int of Parishioners	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am and 7:00 pm	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b> Int of Mary Lou – family Int of Parishioners & their families	Int of Neil Ciedrue & family – Johnny Baby Int of Parishioners & their families	Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D.
<b>Saturday</b> St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm	<b>Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God</b> Int of Andrade-Tamayo Families + Ray Koch – family + Michael McGrath – Yvonne & family Int of Parishioners & their families	+ Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues + Ildebrando Silveira – Maria S. + Larry Madore – Darlene Clausing Int of Parishioners & their families	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony, E.V.
<b>Sunday</b> St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	<b>Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God</b> Int of Parishioners & their families	Int of Parishioners & their families	

### PLEASE NOTE: PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Church offices of St. Anne & St. Joseph will be closed Dec. 26 to Dec. 28. The offices will be open Dec. 29 & 30.

### SUNDAY MASS

Our Churches are open, & we follow public health measures. Masks are encouraged.

**Pre-Authorized Giving:** next withdrawal – *January 15th*

### DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, or a consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. (email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) or website: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/))

### This Week's Liturgical Readings

#### December 25th – Nativity of the Lord

- 1) Isaiah 52:7-10
- 2) Hebrews 1:1-6
- 3) John 1:1-18

#### FOCUS: Christ lights the way to freedom and salvation.

In a world of darkness, we wander blindly, getting ever more lost. John's Gospel brings hope to a dreary world. The word light appears five times in the space of five verses. Christ, the true light, has come to save us. Turn to Jesus, the Word made flesh; let him fan your flickering candle into a steady glow to light the path to salvation. God waits with open arms.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah rejoices to announce the Good News of salvation; God is redeeming his people. In the second reading, the author writes that God has spoken to his people through his Son, who sits at his right hand and is worshipped by the angels. In the Gospel, Jesus is introduced as the Word who in the beginning was with God, creating all things. He now becomes flesh and dwells among us.

## 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



## HOLY FEAST DAY MASSES

### Feast of the Holy Family

**Friday, December 30**

St. Anne: 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

St. Joseph: 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

### Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

**Saturday, December 31**

St. Anne: 4:00 pm

St. Joseph: 5:00 pm

**Sunday, January 1**

St. Anne: 9:30 am

St. Joseph: 11:00 am

## CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass on **Dec 25<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 am at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. The celebration will be livestreamed and can be accessed by visiting: [www.ckbasilica.ca](http://www.ckbasilica.ca).

## ST. ANNE CHRISTMAS CAROLS BEFORE MASS

The choir is looking forward to sharing their love of Christmas carols with you prior to the 8:00 pm Christmas Mass on **Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**. Come at 7:30 pm to enjoy the beautiful hymns & voices.

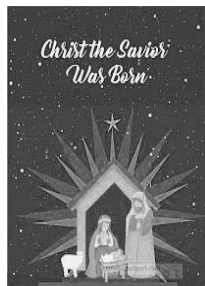
## CHRISTMAS GREETING

Dear Parishioners,

In this Holy Season we celebrate the fulfilment of God's Promise of Salvation – the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ. In His coming in history, He found “no place to lay His head”. This year, may He find a place in our hearts, and bring peace to our hearts and our homes, and to His world. On behalf of the priests, the parish staff, and the Parish Pastoral Councils, I wish you and your families God's abundant blessings of Peace and Joy this Christmas Season and a Blessed New Year!

May we all experience the powerful presence of His Son, Jesus, the Emmanuel, the God-with-us, and be a blessing to one another.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



- Fr. Brian

## ST. JOSEPH CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE

You are welcome to pick up your memorial ornaments with your loved one's names from the trees on the sides of the altar. They will be a beautiful addition to your tree for Christmas. Thank you to everyone that donated.

## ST. JOSEPH - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone that generously supported the St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree. Please remember that there is always an opportunity to support those in need in our community, not just at Christmas, but all through the year. Donations are gratefully appreciated. Tax receipts will be issued for any donation over \$20. Cheques should be made payable to: St. Vincent de Paul – St. Joseph. Thank you!

## ST. ANNE – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you to all who gave donations. Your generosity and support are exceptional! A full report of monies and donations will be given in January. Merry Christmas!

## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON: HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with **Christmas Eve** and concluded on the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** (this year, Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>). It is the Season in which we celebrate the birth of Christ among us – into our hearts and into our world: we reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with Him, the Emmanuel, the God-with-us, and we witness to the ways He manifests the presence of God among us. Only the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries (the Lord's death and rising) is more important than the Christmas Season. After the Baptism of the Lord, we enter into what is called **Ordinary Time** when the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus, especially following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times by celebrating the original Feast Day, that is, every Sunday as the day of the Risen Lord.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## YEAR END DONATIONS

Please note that you must have your 2022 donations to the church no later than Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> if you wish it to be reflected in the 2022 tax receipt. Donations that come after this date will be put towards the 2023 tax receipt. **Thank you for your generosity toward the financial needs of our parish.**

## CHILDREN'S GOSPEL PRESENTATION



Many thanks to the parents, families and children who participated in and worked so hard on making the Christmas Gospel presentation so special.

# 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, Pope Francis, Mary Blessed Mother, St. Faustina, St Josephine Bakhita, St. Terese Liseux, St Charles Lwanga, OLO Fatima, 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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto:mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com)

For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton please visit [wyd.hamiltondiocese.com](https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com)