



Mass Intentions December 6 - December 12, 2021

Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	Sick & Shut - ins of St. Clement's CWL - St. Clement's CWL	Rev. Lajos Angyal
Tuesday 7:00 pm	+ Julio Hernandez - Friend	+ Jose de Sousa - Wife + E & E Isabelle - Estelle	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
Wednesday 8:00 am	+ Alice Salm – Mary Kobetich + Ruth Hayek – Hayek Family	No Mass	Order of Preachers (Dominican) (O.P.)
Thursday 8:00 am	+ Int of Helio Gomes - Friend	+ Rudolf Senger – Frieda Senger	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
Friday 8:00 am	+ Gerald Sauvé - Friend	+ Maria Dos Anjos, Pedro & Agostinho Duarte Silva – Maria Amaral	Rev. Thomas Manninezath, C.M.I.
Saturday St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm	+ Alice Salm – St. Mary/St. Anne CWL Int of Gary Teeter – Henry & LeeAnn Walser	+ Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues + Maria & John Rocha – St. Joseph Place Friends + Barry Ruetz – Barb & Peter Smola	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	+ Joe & June Walter – Maureen Rodrigue + Nancy Ehiorobo – De Sousa Family Int of the Indigenous People of Canada – Hamilton Diocese	+ Larry Madore – Darlene Clausing + Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira Int of the Indigenous People of Canada – Hamilton Diocese	

SUNDAY MASS

Our Churches are open, and we follow public health measures of masking and social distancing. Our weekend and weekday Masses are celebrated at the usual times. Livestreaming of Sunday Mass has been discontinued.

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.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH CAMPAIGN



This Week's Liturgical Readings

December 5th, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 1) Baruch 5:1-9
- 2) Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
- 3) Luke 3:1-6

FOCUS: Make straight a path unto the Lord!

Today we hear that John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. While repentance is a sobering act of admission of guilt, being forgiven of sin is a hope-filled relief that lifts the soul. Let us seek to prepare a straight path unto the Lord by pondering the *lofty mountains* we may have in our lives that need to be made low; and *the age-old depths and gorges* in our own character or soul that must *be filled to level ground*.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The poem of consolation from Baruch urges Jerusalem to look ahead in hope to days of God's justice and glory. Saint Paul prays for an increase in virtue among the Philippians in preparation for Christ. In the Gospel, Luke places John the Baptist's ministry in historical context before describing his call for a baptism of repentance.

ONLINE YOUTH GROUP CONTINUES

Our Youth group, grades 5 and up, continues online Friday nights. Join us for games, prayer, sharing. New members encouraged! Contact Mary Forcier at stannekitcheneryouth@gmail.com or stjosephkitcheneryouth@gmail.com for the link to join.

FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE IN CANADA

Learn more about First Nations people in Canada. A few parishioners are interested in reading together the book "21 things you may not know about the Indian Act" (<https://goodminds.com/products/9780995266520>). Want to join us? If so, contact the parish offices. Open to St. Joseph and St. Anne parishioners. We'll see how many are interested and then decide when/how often to meet, if it will be in person or virtual, if we'll do a group book order, etc.

ST. ANNE NOVEMBER PARISH SUPPORT

	Regular	Loose	Building	Missals	Unsolicited	Ref
Nov. 07	2455	0	269	0	0	
Nov. 14	1030	90	80	55	0	
PAG 15	4897	0	745	0	0	
Nov. 21	1295	0	0	190	1000	
Nov. 28	1600	45	0	120	0	300
Totals	11,277	135	1094	365	1000	300

ST. JOSEPH NOVEMBER PARISH SUPPORT

	Regular	Loose	Building	Missals	Unsolicited
Nov. 07	795	120	600	0	100
Nov. 14	1645	90	175	85	0
PAG 15	3038	0	620	0	0
Nov. 21	750	170	0	105	0
Nov. 28	1505	295	370	65	0
Totals	7733	675	1765	255	100

2021-2022 SUNDAY MISSALS

... are now available for purchase at the back of the Church. Inserted in it you will find an envelope labeled "MISSALS \$5.00". Please do not leave loose cash in the collection basket but return the envelope with payment next week, putting it in the collection basket.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES 2022

Available for pick up **this weekend** - December 4/5/21
Boxes are at the front of the Church, in alphabetical order.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Anyone who still hasn't submitted their contribution schedule for 2022, please return as soon as possible - thank you!

SOCIETY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - ST ANNE'S ANGEL TREE

Because of COVID -19, we cannot have Angel tree toys delivered to the families within our parish boundaries. Please note, we will continue to collect monetary donations for purchasing gift cards (eg Walmart, Dollarama, or for any toy store in Kitchener-Waterloo), in order to provide the people/children in need at Christmas. Please place these gift cards into the collection basket at the front entrance of the Church, (at weekend Masses) or drop them off at the Parish Office (brown mailbox). NOTE: all gift cards must be handed in by Sunday Dec. 12th, in order to mail all cards out to the clients! Your donations for "toys" will be distributed appropriately, along with the grocery gift cards we provide from FreshCo, to the people we service at Christmas. Thank-you for your continued and kind support for our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

ST. JOSEPH CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE & FLOWERS

All are invited to remember a deceased loved one this Christmas in a special way by making a donation for altar flowers. Please enclose your donation and the name of your loved one in the envelope marked "flower donation" in your Church envelope package, or in a plain envelope marked "flower donation." Place it in the collection basket or drop off at the Church office. If you donate by cheque, it must be made payable to St. Joseph Church, and will be receipted for tax purposes. A tree ornament with your loved one's name will be placed on the trees at the side altars beginning the first week of Advent. The ornaments are yours to take after Christmas Mass.

CHRISTMAS SINGING CELEBRATION

A Christmas Singing Celebration – St. Joseph's Church Social Committee, with the collaboration of the Choir, is organizing this event at the Church on Sunday December 19th at 6:30 pm. Details to follow. Save the date and invite your family to join us!

JOHN B. MILLER CONCENTS

Please join John B Miller and Friends for Songs of Advent and the Birth of Jesus Concert at St. St. Louis Church, Waterloo - Friday Dec. 3rd; St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha - Sunday Dec. 5th; Concerts begin at 7:00 pm. A \$10 cash donation is appreciated at the door.

RCIA PROGRAM

If you wish to become a Catholic or to explore the Catholic faith and possibly join the Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the program for you. Please call St. Anne: 519-745-5302 or St. Joseph: 519-745-9302.





2021-2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS

In response to Pope Francis' invitation to every person to become involved in the synodal process, His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, OMI, and the Diocesan Committee for the 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops developed a few materials to encourage the participation of the Faithful of our Diocese. A video guide featuring Bishop Crosby and the members of the Diocesan Committee for the Synod, along with multiple resources including: a link to our diocesan survey to be answered by all the Faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton and a prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to operate within us, have been encompassed in a special section of our diocesan website. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#resources>.

IN-KIND DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ST. ANNE'S 3RD REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP FAMILY

In-Kind Donations Needed for St. Anne's 3rd Refugee Sponsorship Family

Great News! St. Anne's 3rd Refugee Sponsorship Family, The Naser family of 4 (2 adults and 2 teenagers), will be arriving in Kitchener from Jordan on December 14 and the Refugee Committee is preparing for their arrival. We need your help! Thank you for all the generous donations we have received so far. The family is still in need of winter boots - 3 pairs of women's boots, size 8; and 1 pair of men's boots, size 8-1/2. Grocery gift cards (Zehr's, Food Basics, and Walmart) would also be greatly appreciated. We are looking for a microwave as well.

If you are able to donate any of these items, please contact Elizabeth Meakes at 519-570-3383 or e-mail her at elizabethmeakes@gmail.com Thank you so much for any help you can offer as we warmly welcome this family to Canada.

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

Our Diocesan Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are pleased to bring you a weekly Advent resource that can be celebrated with family in your home: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/>.

Bambinelli Sunday: for the past several decades, the Pope has blessed families and the Baby Jesus figurines from their Nativity Scenes on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. The blessing of '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 your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday Dec. 12th to be blessed. After the blessing, you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas Day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the blessings we receive at Christmas!

DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 5, 2021

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life". Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988) e-mail:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021

ST ANNE

Fri. Dec 24 Christmas Eve	4:00 pm (increased capacity) 8:00 pm
Sat. Dec 25 Christmas Day	9:30 am (increased capacity) NO Saturday evening Mass
Sun. Dec 26 Holy Family	9:30 am (increased capacity)
Sat. Jan 1 Mary Mother of God	9:30 am NO Saturday evening Mass
Sun. Jan 2 Epiphany	9:30 am

ST JOSEPH

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Registration is not required for any Christmas Season Masses. Arrangements are made to celebrate an additional Mass in the hall (if needed) for increased capacity. We maintain public health protocols of mask wearing, social distancing, and hand sanitizing.

ALL ARE WELCOME