

St. Joseph's Parish Family

Epiphany of the Lord

January 2/3, 2021



Mass Schedule and Intentions January 4 – January 10, 2021

Due to the lockdown, all daily Masses will be celebrated by the priests privately at 8:00 am.

Monday

Int. of Cooney family, especially Matthew –
Cooney family

Tuesday

Int. of sick & shut-ins of St. Clement CWL
- St. Clement CWL

Wednesday

Thursday

St. Andre Bessette

+ Jose de Sousa – Alda de Sousa

Friday

St. Raymond of Penyafort

+ Tonino Moretti – Tony Finoro

Saturday

+ Fr. Chris Besigye – Ruth Ann Dietrich
+ Souls in Purgatory – Julia & Max Domingues

Sunday

The Parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Anne
Int. of Zennie R. Sunga – Zennie Sunga
Int. of Crisanto & Elouisa Cainoy - Family
Int. of Edsiel Tasic – Crisanto & Elouisa Cainoy

PARISH LIVE-STREAMED MASS

This weekend, Mass will be live-streamed at 10:00 am at St. Anne Church; next weekend 10:00 am at St. Joseph.

PARISH SUPPORT

Next Pre-Authorized Giving withdrawal – January 15th.

A big "Thank you" to all who contribute generously to the regular Sunday Offering. May God reward your sacrifices.



WEEKEND OFFERING

Dec. 26/27, 2020

Saturday/Sunday Offering	\$2567.00
Christmas	\$3156.00
Loose	\$210.00
PAG	\$721.25
Flowers	\$420.00
Canada Helps	\$144.00
Building	\$175.00



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

If anyone hasn't submitted their contribution schedule for 2021 please do so. This form is to be renewed each year.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

This Week's Liturgical Readings

January 3, 2021 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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

FOCUS: The eternal gifts of joy, hope, and peace are bestowed on those who choose to live in the light of Christ.

The voices of the prophet Isaiah, the Apostle Paul, and the three kings – Balthazar, Caspar, and Melchior – resound today in one joyful chorus. They are reminding us that Christ, our Light, has come to dispel the darkness of sin and death and to remain with us forever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah joyfully foretells of the light that emerges from darkness at the coming of Christ. In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds his listeners that, whether Gentile or Jew, they are all a part of the one body of Christ, the Church. In the Gospel, the three wise men visit the Christ-child, bearing gifts to pay him homage.

Next Week's Liturgical Readings

January 10, 2021 – The Baptism of the Lord

- 1) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
- 2) Acts 10:34-38
- 3) Mark 1:7-11

FOCUS: May our lives always reflect the powerful grace of our baptism.

God reveals the sacrament of baptism with dynamic power. The heavens are torn. The Spirit descends; the Father's voice is heard. Two brief verses paint a vivid picture depicting the unity of the Holy Trinity. Through our baptism, we are joined to the family of God and welcomed into the intimacy of the Trinity. Take hold of this gift.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah presents the Suffering Servant, sent to save God's people. In the Book of Acts, Peter declares salvation is available to all people, and is not restricted to the Israelites. In today's Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, while God the Father calls Jesus his *beloved Son*.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are now permitted by appointment only. Please contact the priest directly through the parish office.



INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of January 4, 2021 – Lucy & Zdzislaw Sowa

Pray for our Deceased Loved Ones and the Sick

Let us remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in Christ who are sick, especially William Barrett and Griffen Messner and those who have died.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Monday	Rev. David Avila
Tuesday	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
Wednesday	Diocesan Priests
Thursday	Rev. Kim Kiwook
Friday	Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
Saturday	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES 2021

Please call the church office to arrange pick up of your envelopes. **Please note:** There are no envelopes for those who contribute through the Pre-authorized Giving Plan. Further information about the pre-authorized giving, and its benefits to you and to the Church, is available on our website.

Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church (8 December 2020), Pope Francis wrote an Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde* ("With A Father's Heart": that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph"). Pope Francis dedicated the year from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021, to St. Joseph. "The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his virtues and his zeal."

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 God is calling you to the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation by phone 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or by e-mail mking@hamiltondiocese.com

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Families with children in grade 2 and 7 or higher who are planning to celebrate First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation in 2021, please mark your calendars for our online information sessions in January: First Reconciliation & First Eucharist: Sun Jan 10 6:30 pm OR Wed, Jan 13, 6:30 pm Confirmation: Sun Jan 17, 6:30 pm OR Wed Jan 20, 6:30 pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

This Christmas, our St. Vincent de Paul Society, including our Church and the School Community of St. Bernadette School, were able to provide service to many families in need through our gift card and voucher program. Thank you for your continued and generous support that shows that St. Joseph is a caring community.

A WALK THROUGH FRATELLI TUTTI

'Fratelli Tutti': With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives." (FT#1) These are the opening words from Pope Francis in his latest encyclical, *On Fraternity and Social Friendship*. Join us on Wednesday, January 27th for a 90-minute Zoom webinar to walk through of this beautiful document. Written by Pope Francis to "all people of good will." Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Family Ministry Office - register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com or by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TAKE OUT DINNER

145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo

- Take out fish and chips on Fridays starting January 8th. Call Derek at 226-748-8378 by 4:30 pm. Pick up times are from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm. 1 pc \$15.00, 2 pcs \$18.00 taxes included.
- Take out spaghetti and meatball dinners on Wednesdays starting January 6th. Call Martin at 519-884-2060 by Wednesday noon. Pick up times are from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Dinner for one \$10.00, dinner for two \$18.50 taxes included.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS 2021

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years Anniversary starting in January on the Diocesan website. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

Our blessing for you and your families

*The Lord bless you and keep you!
The Lord let his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you:
The Lord look upon you kindly
and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)
Fr. Brian Fr. Tom Fr. Mussie*



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