

St. Joseph's Parish Family

1st Sunday of Advent

November 28/29, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions November 30 – December 6, 2020

Monday St. Andrew

8:00 am + Jose Camara – Maria da Costa

Tuesday

7:00 pm + Clelia Dalla Nora – Dalla Nora Family
+ Souls in Purgatory - Parishioner

Thursday St. Francis Xavier

8:00 am Int. of the Cooney Family - Parishioner

Friday St. John Damascene

8:00 am + Ziggy – Tony Finoro

Saturday

5:00 pm + Fr. Chris Besigye – Ruth Ann Dietrich
+ Bob Frank – Ruth Ann Dietrich
+ Manuel Lameira – Fernanda Lameira

Sunday St. Nicholas

11:00 am The Parishioners of St. Joseph

+ Manuel Arruda – Antonia & Antonio Arruda
+ Mario da Rosa – Antonia & Antonio Arruda
+ Julia & Americo da Silva - Family

1:30 pm Eritrean Community

CONFESSIONS

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

PARISH SUPPORT

Next Pre-Authorized Giving withdrawal – December 15th.

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



WEEKEND OFFERING Nov. 14/15, 2020

Saturday/Sunday Offering	\$902.00
PAG	\$629.00
Loose	\$100.00
Missals	\$55.00



WEEKEND OFFERING Nov. 20/21, 2020

Saturday/Sunday Offering	\$1507.00
PAG	\$629.00
Loose	\$30.00
Unsolicited	\$1600.00
Building	\$310.00
Missals	\$120.00



PARISH LIVE-STREAMED MASS

This weekend, Mass will be live-streamed at 11:00 am at St. Joseph Church; next weekend at 9:30 am at St. Anne.

Next Week's Liturgical Readings

December 6, 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 1) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
- 2) 2 Peter 3:8-14
- 3) Mark 1:1-8

FOCUS: Stay awake, for the day of the Lord is at hand.

The voice of God breaks into our world through sacred Scripture and the witness of modern-day disciples. Does it resound and echo in our thoughts, words, and actions, forming and shaping our lives? Or, is it dulled and dimmed by our worldly ways? Now is the time to listen, now is the time to act, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah speaks for the Lord in giving comfort to his people, proclaiming the service of Jerusalem at an end – and that her guilt is expiated. They are to *prepare the way of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord shall be revealed*, and he will shepherd them with care. In the second reading, Peter writes to his community that *the day of the Lord will come like a thief*. Therefore, they ought to conduct themselves *in holiness and devotion ... eager to be found without spot or blemish before him*. In the Gospel, John the Baptist heralds the coming of Jesus as he exhorts his listeners to turn away from sin and be baptized.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Andrew Czarny
Tuesday	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.
Wednesday	Discalced Carmelite Fathers (O.C.D.)
Thursday	Rev. John Redmond
Friday	Rev. Phillip Cook
Saturday	Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.

Pray for our Deceased Loved Ones and the Sick

Let us remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in Christ - who are sick: Greg deGroot-Maggetti

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE & FLOWERS

Due to Covid-19 concerns we will be modifying our memorial tree tradition this Christmas. Always in our hearts, forever with the Angels... this year for our memorial tree, names will be written on a card and placed on or under the memorial trees. Please write your name, phone #, and the name of your deceased loved one along with your Christmas Flower Donation in an envelope. Christmas Masses will be celebrated in their memory.

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Parish Website – www.stjosephkitchener.org

Diocese Website – www.hamiltondiocese.com

THE BOOK OF YOUTH

- Our Chapter in the Acts of the Apostles –
Young people in grades 5-11 are invited to join us Fridays for our online Youth nights at 7 pm on Zoom. These social nights are a great time to relax together and play games. If interested, email Mary at stjosephkitcheneryouth@gmail.com for permission forms and a link.

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

If your child(ren) are not attending a Catholic School, those in Kindergarten through grade 12 are invited to join the Catechetical Correspondence Courses to replace their Religion and Family Life curriculum. More info: stannekitcheneryouth@gmail.com.

2020-2021 SUNDAY MISSALS

... are available for purchase at the back of the Church. Inserted is an envelope labeled "MISSALS \$5.00". Please do not leave loose cash in the collection basket. Take a Missal and return the envelope with payment, putting it in the collection basket.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas is an especially difficult season for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. For many, this will be complicated even further when the loss occurred during the COVID-19 shut down. Have you lost a love one and find yourself struggling with the thought of the upcoming Christmas season? Are you trying to figure out how you can cope? We can help: join us on Monday, November 30th at 7 pm. for a one-hour evening session on Zoom offering reflection and practical strategies for coping at Christmas (free of charge). Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on line at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support/coping-with-the-holidays>. We will send a zoom invite by e-mail to all those who have registered the day before the session so you can join by video or phone.

NOVENA OF MASSES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, our Diocese's Shrine to the Blessed Mother will be hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Novena Masses will be held at 7:00 pm from November 29 to December 7 inclusive. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 8, the Solemnity. Please note that all Diocesan Covid protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. Even if you cannot come to the Basilica of Our Lady in person please join this Novena in prayer from your home.

THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

The CCCB announces an online weekly video series created to help Canadian Catholics prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Entitled Journey through Advent, the series that introduces us to the liturgical Season in Advent, was developed as a way to offer faith formation during a time of joyful anticipation for the coming of the Saviour into the world. The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and the

Most Reverend Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of Saint-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, provide spiritual guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. This series will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration (23 November, 30 November 7 December and 14 December). To follow the series:

[Click here to access the video series in English.](#)

APPOINTMENT OF NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP

His Grace, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, has announced that Reverend Father Wayne Lawrence Lobsinger has been appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton by His Holiness, Pope Francis. Auxiliary Bishop-elect Wayne Lobsinger was born in Kitchener. After studies at St. Jerome's University and St. Peter's Seminary, he was ordained to the priesthood on May 7, 1994, at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton. The episcopal ordination is expected to take place at the Cathedral of Christ the King, in early February 2021. We offer prayers and congratulations to Bishop-elect Lobsinger.

NOVENA TO INFANT JESUS

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, Dec. 6 – 25. You can participate in the Novena. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R.R. #1, St. Agatha ON N0B 2L0.

PRAYER VIGIL

Thurs., Dec. 3 from 9 – 10 am in front of Freeport Hospital for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking –Schneider Park. Queries: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

...celebrated on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The 2020 Message in English and French written by the CCCB Indigenous Council can be found on the website of the Diocese: www.hamiltondiocese.com

LITTLE BOOKS OF THE DIOCESE OF SAGINAW

Little Books can be ordered directly from the website at littlebooks.org. They are available in paper and ebook formats. You can also get all the seasonal books on the Little Books app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to littlebooks.org/app

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? 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