



## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 11-12, 2023

### Mass Intentions for November 13-19, 2023

### Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of Parishioners	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</b> Int of Peter Kobetich – Mom and Dad	<b>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</b> † Connie Wideman – Darlene Clausing † Brian Thomson - family	Permanent Deacon Candidates
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of those living with cancer – friend	No Mass	Deceased Members of our Parish Community
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of John Andrade – J & S Andrade	<b>8:00 am</b> † Maria Odete Tinoco – friends of St Joseph Place	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of Brandon Carter & family – Mafalda Latin	<b>8:00 am</b> Int of St Clements CWL Sick and Shut-ins – CWL St Clements	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> † Marty & Todd Brenner – Colleen Chapeskie & Brenda Brenner Int of Mieke Wilkinson - family	<b>5:00 pm</b> † Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira	Rev. Michael Isabelle
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> † Deceased members of the Botermans family - family	<b>11:00 am</b> † Maria dos Anjos Sousa – G Melo & C Vieira † Maria Odete Tinoco – friends of St Joseph Place † Maria Rita Essogo Nke - Estelle	

### PARISH INFORMATION

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

**Adoration:** 7:30pm on Tuesdays after Mass.

**Church Offering Report:** once a month, in bulletin. 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 – November 15<sup>th</sup>

### DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

Website: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

### This Week's Liturgical Readings

#### November 12 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Wisdom 6:12-16
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 3) Matthew 25:1-13

**FOCUS:** Always be prepared to welcome Christ, for we know neither the day nor the hour of his arrival.

The Gospel parable reminds us to keep vigil for Jesus. It is easy to get distracted by the details of work, family life, and other responsibilities so that we forget the real purpose and mission of our lives. Let's each take a moment to contemplate how we can live out our vocation in life, readying ourselves for the Lord's coming.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading speaks of the attributes of wisdom, and the importance of the love of wisdom, as it is the perfection of prudence. In the second reading, Paul encourages people of faith to hold on to hope in the Resurrection. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable where five virgins were ready for the bridegroom and five were not. Those who were not ready missed out on the wedding feast.

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**Diocesan Website**

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

### ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we will be praying for the souls of our beloved dead and faithful departed. You are welcome to write the names of your loved ones who have died and are now with the Lord, in our Book of Remembrance which is in front of the Altar. They will be remembered at our parish Masses during November.

### ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: REMEMBRANCE DAY

Canadians pause on November 11 in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.

### ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Families with children who are planning on receiving Sacraments are reminded of the following dates.

#### First Eucharist (Grade 2 and up): Reconciliation Session

- Sunday December 3, 6 pm at St Joseph
- Wednesday December 6, 6 pm at St Anne

#### Confirmation (Grade 7 and up): Candidates AND Parents/Caregivers Session

- Sunday November 26, 7 pm at St Joseph
- Wednesday November 29, 7 pm at St Anne

**CONFIRMATION REMINDER:** Registration due **Friday November 24**. Register at: <https://bit.ly/confirmation24>

### ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH – INDIGENOUS AWARENESS



"Treaties Recognition Week in Ontario was November 5-11. With the discovery of "Canadian land", the British Crown entered into treaties with the Indigenous people who had lived here. What is now southern Ontario is under the Dish with One Spoon Treaty negotiated with the Anishinaabe and the

Haudenosaunee Nations. The dish represents the land while the spoon means that all participants live by a fair share of the dish. Yet, Canadian history is made up of fragile, broken and unfulfilled treaty relationships. Treaties have not ended. We can still learn to live how we were meant to live: In treaty, together, as family. For more information, please visit: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G\\_BQiOc8m2E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_BQiOc8m2E).

### ST ANNE: COFFEE SUNDAY

We look forward to sharing time (and coffee) with our St Anne Church community on **Sunday, November 19**, in the Church hall after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

### ST ANNE: ST VINCENT DE PAUL - THANK YOU

MANY thanks to our faithful & generous Parishioners of St. Anne for their kindness on the Thanksgiving weekend. Also, many thanks for monetary support from St. Anne's School community, together totaling \$1,500.00. Your support is second to none!

### ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH – MISSALS

Sunday Missals for the 2024 Liturgical year are now available for purchase, at the Church entrances. The cost is \$5.00. Please use the envelopes provided and return them to the collection baskets. Ministers of the Word, you are welcome to pick up a complimentary copy, so you can prepare your readings in advance.

### ST MARY'S/ST ANNE'S: CWL

St. Mary's/St. Anne's Catholic Women's League's meeting is on **Sunday, November 19**, following St. Mary's 11 am Mass. Please join us, in the Lower Hall, where Sandra Levesque will be giving a talk on "The Grandfather Wisdoms of the Anishnabeg Indigenous People". The month of November is also a time of Remembrance, so with prayers, we will be celebrating our beloved Deceased Members, with a special Prayer Liturgy. We invite you to join us for this memorable time of prayer, fellowship, and reflection! Looking forward to seeing you there!

### ST JOSEPH: CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Christmas Around the World Potluck. Save the date for this parish event - **Saturday, December 9** at 6:00 pm. Bring Christmas food from your family tradition to share with others in the community. Bring your friends and make new friends. The evening ends with a Christmas carol sing-along. Sign-up sheets will be at the doors starting Sunday, November 19.

### ST JOSEPH: ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

Please support those in need in our community this Christmas season. Our Giving Tree will be up starting November 18. Please take an envelope off the tree at the side entrance and return it to the collection. Tax receipts will be issued for any donation over \$20. Cheques should be made payable to: St. Vincent de Paul – St. Joseph. You can also donate by e-transferring to [ssvp@stjosephkitchener.org](mailto:ssvp@stjosephkitchener.org).

### ST JOSEPH: CALLING ALL BAKERS!

St Vincent de Paul will be having a bake sale on **Sunday, December 3** during Coffee Sunday! Come and get some Christmas treats and help feed the people in our community. Bakers, if you'd like to donate to the sale, please drop your creations off in the church hall before 11:00 am Mass!

### ST JOSEPH: CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE

If you would like to participate in the Christmas Memorial Tree this year, please include your donation in an envelope with your name & phone number along with the names of your deceased family members. An ornament will be displayed on the Christmas trees during Advent season. You may then take it home & display it on your tree for Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### St. Anne

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, December 23 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 24 at 9:30 am

#### **Nativity of the Lord**

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Monday, December 25 at 9:30 am (Christmas Day)

#### **Feast of the Holy Family**

Saturday, December 30 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 31 at 9:30 am

#### **Feast of Mary, Mother of God** (Holy Day of Obligation)

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## ST AGNES: EDUCATION CAFÉ

The experience of suffering may have us wrestling with common questions: These "storms" in life invite us into that place of "trust" where sometimes God allows a suffering to bring about a good that we cannot see. Attend the next St. Agnes Education Café event: **"The Struggle to Find Meaning in Suffering"** with speaker Fr. Chris Tracey, Chaplain of Hospitals, Prisons, & Palliative Centres in the Diocese of Hamilton. **Sunday November 12, 2:00 pm** at St. Agnes, 75 Bluevale Street North, Waterloo.

## ST TERESA-ELMIRA: FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a FISH FRY on **Friday, November 17**, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities. Please see the bulletin boards for more information or contact St Teresa Parish Office at: 519-669-3387.

## CHOIR EVENT: A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

All are welcome to join St. Matthews' Sanctuary Choir, on **Sunday, December 3, at 7:00 pm** to mark the season of Advent with Benjamin Britten's iconic *A Ceremony of Carols*. Admission is by freewill donation / pay what you can. Venue: St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street (at Charles) Kitchener. See bulletin boards for more information.

## FROM THE DIOCESE: ANNULMENT PROCESS INFO

On **Thursday, November 23** at 7:00 pm, at St Michael Parish in Waterloo, the diocese will present an overview of the Annulment process. This session, presented by Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, the Administrative Officer & Auditor of the Marriage Tribunal of Hamilton Diocese, will be of interest to parishioners who are separated/divorced & have not yet initiated the annulment process. There are many myths out there preventing people from pursuing an annulment. We are hoping that this session will allow for the facts to be heard, the myths to be dispelled & for the many questions to be answered. This session may also be of interest to those wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith. To register: [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).

## CONCERT "AMONG FRIENDS"

Please join us on **Saturday, November 18 at 7pm** and immerse yourself in a world of artful tunes. Historic St. Paul's is excited to host the **Among Friends** concert featuring original piano & duets, classical soloists, and choral ensemble! All are welcome to join us in our sanctuary, no reservations or tickets are required. A donation of \$10+ would be greatly appreciated and thankfully received. Please see bulletin boards for more information.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Festive season is on the horizon. For the past several months our talented members of Council 1504 have been constructing the K of C Festive decorations. Sales of our popular Christmas items have aided us to underwrite the cost of several K of C endeavours this past year. On **Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10**, after Mass, we will again provide the opportunity for parishioners to purchase one of our selected K of C Festive decorations. Sales from these items allow Council 1504 to continue to provide financial support for its Parishes and community organizations. Please see the bulletin board for pictures of some of the items we will be offering.

## FROM BISHOP CROSBY

In preparation for Jubilee 2025, the year 2023 is dedicated to Vatican II. The CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will host a webinar series, "The Four Constitutions of Vatican II", inviting the faithful to reflect on the meaning of these documents for the life of the Church today. Simultaneous interpretation (French/English) will be available for all four sessions:

1. "Dei Verbum" — Bishop Yvan Mathieu, SM (Tue 14 Nov — 1:00-2:30 pm EST)
2. "Gaudium et Spes" — Sr. Donna Geernaert, SC (Tue 21 Nov — 1:00-2:30 pm EST)
3. "Lumen Gentium" — Dr. Catherine Clifford (Tue 28 Nov — 1:00-2:30 pm EST)

All webinar sessions will be recorded & packaged with a reflection guide for later release. If you wish to attend any of the webinar sessions or to be notified when session recordings are made available, please register at: [https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/9416927172336/WN\\_Xf09Vsi\\_SjiilwdLPzWMdQ#registration](https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/9416927172336/WN_Xf09Vsi_SjiilwdLPzWMdQ#registration)

# FROM THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON



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### MEMORANDUM FROM OFFICE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE

Date: November 7, 2023

RE: Conflict in the Holy Land, Ways to Help

The escalation of the conflict in the Holy Land has left many appalled and looking for ways to help. Of particular urgency is the staggering loss of life and the lack of access to basic necessities, including humanitarian aid. As we continue to navigate the challenges this situation presents, here are some options to consider in coordinating support for those impacted.

Advocate -Apply public pressure by contacting your political representatives and requesting a united call for an immediate ceasefire and urgent access to humanitarian aid in Gaza and the West Bank.

- o You can find your Member of Parliament here, <https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/en>
- o You can find a template and 'how to' write you MP here: <https://cpj.ca/writing-a-letter-to-your-mp/>
- o You can use the template provided by Islamic Relief Canada here <https://act.newmode.net/action/islamic-relief-canada/canada-call-immediate-humanitarian-corridor-gaza>

Humanitarian Aid: The conflict has prevented humanitarian aid from reaching Gaza and the West Bank. In addition, many agencies have sustained losses to their staff and offices. This will mean that the supply and mechanisms of support will be very limited. The following includes vetted, Catholic organizations, and those with the greatest chance of access to the front lines.

- o Catholic Relief Services -<https://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/where-we-work/jerusalem-west-bank-and-gaza>
- o Islamic Relief Canada -<https://www.islamicreliefcanada.org/emergencies/palestine-appeal>
- o The Government of Canada will match donations made to the Humanitarian Coalition Emergency Appeal until November 12, 2023, to a maximum of \$10 million. <https://www.humanitariancoalition.ca/gaza-humanitarian-emergency>
- o This coalition includes agencies such as Oxfam and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent; some of the only organizations currently on the ground in Gaza and at the Rafah border crossing with Egypt.
- o Development and Peace -<https://devp.org/en/please-help-families-in-need-in-gaza/>
- o Catholic Agency for Overseas Development -<https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/israeli-palestinian-crisis-how-you-can-help>
- o Catholic Near East Welfare Association <https://cnewa.org/ca/>

***"Particularly, in Gaza, may space be opened to guarantee humanitarian aid, and may the hostages be released right away. Let no one abandon the possibility that the weapons might be silenced - let there be a ceasefire,"***

**Pope Francis Oct. 29, 2023 Angelus, St. Peter's Square.**