

# ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Dec. 16, 2018 A.D.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### THIS WEEK MASSES

<b>Mon., Dec. 17</b> <b>8:00 am</b>	† Ildebrando Silveira req. Maria Silveira † Vidal Rodrigues req. Family
<b>Tues., Dec. 18</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	Int. of Ann & Jim Hogan req. Maureen & Rudy Levacic
<b>Wed., Dec. 19</b> <b>8:00 am</b>	† Jose de Sousa req. Alda de Sousa
<b>Thurs., Dec. 20</b> <b>8:00 am</b>	† Elaine Ditner req. Renata Kochanowska
<b>Fri., Dec. 21</b> <b>8:00 am</b>	<i>St. Peter Canisius</i> † Int. of Nicholas Flanagan req. Maureen & Rudy Levacic
<b>Sat., Dec. 22</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	† Lonya & Zjih Yaskuloski req. Renata Kochanowska † Elaine Ditner req. Bert & Ruth Ann Dietrich † Andrew & Mary Kossuth req. Frank Kossuth † Carl Runstedler req. Irene Runstedler † Jose Esteves req. Maria Esteves † Michael Santo Spine req. Olivia Spine † Ernesto Fernandes & † Carolina Rodrigues req. Rosa Rodrigues
<b>Sun., Dec. 23</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<i>St. John of Kanty</i> † Calusa & Peter Riba req. Maria Bundache † Maurice Bierschbach req. Elaine Ditner † Camilo Afonso req. Aurora Afonso † Angelina Da Graca req. Carlos Amorim & Family † Souls in Purgatory req. Antonia & Antonio Arruda
<b>1:30 pm</b>	Eritrean Community Mass



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday after 7 pm Mass  
in the Rectory Chapel

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Average weekly contribution needed to cover budgeted expenses:	\$	3500.00
Dec. 9, 2018 envelopes (105)	\$	3219.10
Dec. 9, 2018 loose change	\$	245.85
Christmas Flowers	\$	899.90
Thank you for your generous support!		
Parish Bequests: Keep your love for your parish alive!		
Please Remember St. Joseph's in your Will and <u>when recommending expressions of sympathy.</u>		

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray for:

Mon., Dec. 17	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Tues., Dec. 18	Rev. Tim Uniack, C.R.
Wed., Dec. 19	Missionaries
Thurs., Dec. 20	Rev. Stephen Murrin
Fri., Dec. 21	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Sat., Dec. 22	Rev. Romelito Guillen

### INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of Dec. 17, 2018:

Main Church –  
Chapel – Frieda Senger  
Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the intention and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

### CWL NEWS

A reminder to all ladies 16 and older that we are currently collecting our membership dues (\$25.00). We have had an increase for 2019 membership year. This is a wonderful time to join the CWL if you are not already a member.

### SUNDAY MISSALS 2018/2019

Available at the doors of the Church for \$5.

## Mark Your Calendar

- St. Bernadette School Advent/Christmas Mass – Tues., Dec. 18, 9:30 am
- Christmas Masses at Conestoga Lodge (10:30 am) and Millwood Manor (2:00 pm) – Fri., Dec. 21
- Birthday Party for Jesus – Dec. 21, 5-7 pm, hall

### CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL HEART ORNAMENTS



Anyone wishing to remember deceased loved ones this Christmas in a special way may do so by making a donation for altar flowers. Please enclose your donation and the name of your loved ones (please print) in any envelope marked "flower donation". Write your name, address, phone number and your envelope # on it, and place it in the collection basket. Donations (by cheque - payable to St. Joseph Church) are tax receipted. A memorial heart ornament with your loved one's names will be placed on the trees at the side altars. These beautiful hearts are yours to take home after the Christmas Mass.



### BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

All children of our parish, aged 4-11 years old, are invited to a birthday party for Jesus to be held on Fri., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 pm in the church hall. Pizza will be provided. Please see the poster at the side entrance of the church, for more info. Registration deadline is Sun., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 519-749-2579.

### CHRISTMAS CAKES

Thanks to everyone who bought Christmas Cakes for the Campaign Life Coalition

fundraiser. We raised just over \$1,000.00! Thanks again.

### BINGO DONATION TO ST. JOSEPH'S

A big Thank You to Bingo Team for their hard and dedicated work. This year they donated to our church \$15,635.



### ST. JOSEPH'S S.V.D.P.

Items needed for the month of December: beans in sauce, peanut butter, can vegetables and can pasta.

### LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

If you are grieving, lonely or sad for any reason as the Christmas Season approaches, please consider attending this ecumenical service. Fri., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm, St. Francis Church.



### ADVENT RECONCILIATION

**Wed., Dec. 19, St. Joseph's Church, 7 pm**

Thurs., Dec. 20, Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener, 7 pm

## Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

### The Nativity of the Lord

#### Christmas Eve

Mon., Dec. 24	Family Mass	6:00 pm
Mon., Dec. 24		10:00 pm

#### Christmas Day

Tues., Dec. 25		10:00 am
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### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mon., Dec. 31		5:00 pm
Tues., Jan. 1		10:00 am



**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** *The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at [oneheartonesoul.ca](http://oneheartonesoul.ca).*

***What is the state of diocesan finances? Is this a desperate situation that requires a campaign?***

*The diocesan financial picture is strong – the amount of assets has grown in recent years and investments are doing well. Meanwhile, the Diocese is generous with grants and loans to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. Parish assessments have been stable in recent years but have not kept up with increases in diocesan operating costs. Property sales have been used more frequently to keep the Diocese’s operating budget balanced and strong, and many assets (such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries) are restricted and not at the Diocese’s disposal. This is not an emergency situation. The Diocese is looking ahead and acting before any kind of emergency could develop. Overall, the campaign is a way to ensure that more parishes will be able to be self-sufficient over the long term, building up themselves and the Diocese at the same time.*

***I’ve heard the Diocese has a lot of assets. Can’t those be used?***

*At the end of 2017, the Diocese reported assets of \$322 million. However, the majority of the assets are restricted assets, such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries, money legally reserved for the maintenance of cemetery operations and funds held for pre-arranged funeral services and burials. Unrestricted assets are less than a third of the total capital. Of these unrestricted assets, more than 90 percent is used to generate investment income that – when combined with parish assessments – pays for annual diocesan operations (68 percent) and make funds available for grants and loans to help parishes and organizations within and outside the Diocese (32 percent).*

***Is there any chance that funds would be used to settle potential claims of abuse of children by clergy?***

*The tragic stories recently in the news, thankfully, do not reflect the circumstances and history of our diocese. However, it should still be noted that funds raised during the campaign will be held in a segregated account, in trust for the parishes and ministries for which they were raised. Both civil and canon law require the diocese to use the gifts we receive for the stated purposes for which they were given – an obligation to which we are fully committed. Regarding how the Diocese handles abuse allegations, Bishop Crosby said in an August 2018 letter to all in the Diocese: “All allegations of sexual misconduct have been and will continue to be taken seriously and addressed immediately in accordance with our diocesan policy.” For a link to the full letter, see our diocesan website, [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).*

***What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond?***

*Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2017 are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese’s financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues – the website, emails, social media, to name a few.*

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## Mission Statement

St. Joseph Parish is a faith-based community - founded on Baptism, nurtured by prayer and centred on the Eucharist - that welcomes and serves all with compassion, united under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, while sharing our talents and growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.