

ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH
Dec. 22, 2019 A.D.
4th Sunday of Advent



MASSSES THIS WEEK

Mon., Dec. 23	St. John of Kanty
8:00 am	Priest’s Intention
Tues., Dec. 24	
5:00 pm	Family Mass
10:00 pm	Mass of Nativity of the Lord
Wed., Dec. 25	
11:00 am	Christmas Day
3:00 pm	S. Sudanese Community Mass
Thurs., Dec. 26	St. Stephen
8:00 am	† Ildebrando Silveira req. Maria Silveira
Fri., Dec. 27	St. John
8:00 am	Priest’s Intention
Sat., Dec. 28	The Holy Innocents
5:30 pm	† Andrew & Mary Kossuth req. Frank Kossuth
	† Maria & Lorenzo Capa req. Family
	† Neil Shantz req. Ruth Ann & Bert Dietrich
	† Ana Gomes req. Liz Gomes
Sun., Dec. 29	St. Thomas Becket
11:00 am	Intention of Parishioners
	† Anna & Stephen Strauss req. Cathy & Manfred Lamers
	† Ildebrando Silveira req. Maria Silveira
	† Orlanda Amorim req. Husband & Children
	† Lourdes Amorim req. Antonio Amorim
1:30 pm	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. 15, 2019 envelopes (69)	\$	3609.00
Dec. 15, 2019 loose change	\$	258.40
Flowers	\$	120.00
Refugee Fund	\$	470.00
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. 23	Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma
Tues., Dec. 24	Rev. James McSharry
Wed., Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Thurs., Dec. 26	Rev. Martin Mikulski, S.A.C.
Fri., Dec. 27	Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.
Sat., Dec. 28	Rev. Franjo Sprajc

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of Dec. 23, 2019:

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



REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

We have an update on our refugee fundraising. We have raised almost \$9,470. toward our goal of \$17,325. Thank you to all who have contributed to this cause. Your generosity is appreciated! That said, we need about \$8,000 more to reach our goal. Please put your donation in the church collection basket or bring it to the church office. We also have a

donation page set up with MCC if anyone would like to donate online. Give your e-mail address to someone on the refugee committee and they can send you the link.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Office is closed Monday, Dec. 23rd through to Friday, Jan. 3rd. Back to regular hours on Monday, Jan. 6th.



TAX RECEIPTS

For those who are using church offering envelopes tax receipts will be issued early in the New Year, and will be at the back of the Church.

BINGO

Our Parish has Bingo every second Monday at the Krug Plaza. Next time is on Dec. 30th. We are in need of new volunteers. Please talk to our Priests or call the parish office.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Available at church doors, cost \$5.00 each. The missals began with the New Church Year on the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 1, 2019.

ST. JOSEPH’S SVDP

Items needed for the month of December: canned stew and soup, Mac & Cheese, cookies and hot cereal.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL ORNAMENTS

After the Christmas Mass you are welcome to pick up your memorial ornaments with your loved one’s names from the trees on the sides of the altar.



MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI on Tues., Dec. 24th. Carols will begin at 11:30 pm, followed by Mass at 12 am. The celebration will be live streamed and telecast on S+L and CHTV. All are welcome to attend or to watch via live stream or television.

Christmas & New Year’s
Mass Schedule

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

Tues., Dec. 24	Family Mass	5:00 pm
Tues., Dec. 24	Evening Mass	10:00 pm

Christmas Day

Wed., Dec. 25	11:00 am
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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tues., Dec. 31	5:00 pm
Wed., Jan. 1	11:00 am



The Priests, staff and Parish Pastoral Council of St. Joseph’s Church wish you and your families a

Merry
Christmas



VOCATION: If you think God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, please contact Fr. Michael King. Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

Our Parish records are very incomplete. We are in the midst of updating our files and need your help. Parish Registration Forms are found at the entrances of the church. You are asked to complete and return this form to the Parish as soon as possible. You may place it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the Parish Office. If you know of someone who is a member of our Parish but does not regularly attend Sunday Mass, please take an envelope and give it to them. If you know a Parishioner is away on vacation, please pick up a form for them also. It is important that ALL members of the Parish register. It is important to be registered.

NEW TO OUR PARISH? YOU ARE MOST WELCOME

If you are new to our community or just visiting, welcome to St. Joseph’s Parish. We encourage all new parishioners to register with the parish. Please pick up a registration envelope which could be found by the church entrance doors, complete it and return it to the office or put it in the collection basket. We are most happy to have you join our Parish Family

OFFERRING ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2020 are ready for pick up at the back of the church. Please make sure to pick up the one with your NAME on it and please do not use them this year because we changed the envelope numbers. If there is no envelope for you, please call the church office and we gladly will prepare one for you.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER – For info about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com



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.



St. Joseph’s Parish	www.stjosephkitchener.org
<u>Loyalty Funding Program</u>	www.loyaltyfunding.ca/stjoseph
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