

St. Joseph's Parish Family

Holy Family

December 26/27, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions December 28, 2020 – January 3, 2021

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

Monday The Holy Innocents

- + John Dolat – daughter & family
- + Adam Sowa & dec'd members of Sowa family
- son & family
- + Souls in Purgatory – Antonia & Antonio Arruda

Tuesday St. Thomas Becket

- Living & dec'd members of St. Joseph CWL
- St. Joseph CWL

Thursday St. Sylvester I

- + Dorothy & William Barrett – Bill & Odessa Barrett

Friday (livestreamed at 10 am) - Holy Mother of God

10:00 am

Saturday Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

- + Manuel Lameira – Fernanda Lameira
- + Angelo De Francesco – Nina De Francesco
- + Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues

Sunday (livestreamed at 10 am) - Feast, Epiphany

10:00 am The Parishioners of St. Joseph

- + Manuel & Maria Novo – Antonia & Antonio Arruda
- + Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira
- + Jose Vieira – Maria Vieira

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. 19/20, 2020

Saturday/Sunday Offering	\$795.00
PAG	\$721.25
Flowers	\$68.00
Building	\$17.00



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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Monday	Rev. Joseph Michel
Tuesday	Rev. Kiwook Kim
Wednesday	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne
Thursday	Rev. Arpee Urquico
Friday	Rev. Pawel Jamroz
Saturday	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

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This Week's Liturgical Readings

December 27, 2020 – Holy Family

- 1) Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
- 2) Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
- 3) Luke 2:22-40

FOCUS: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate God's Incarnation into a human family that loved, protected and taught him. They were holy because they were perfect in obedience and virtue; blessed because they walked in his ways. We, too, may strive to attain this holiness, in our imitation of the Holy Family's example.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In today's first reading, God promises Abram an heir, even though Abram is very old. Before long Sarah, his wife, bears a son. In the second reading, the author of Hebrews tells the story of Abraham (Abram) as an example of true faith in God. In the Gospel, Joseph and Mary take Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. The devout and righteous Simeon beheld the child Jesus, and prayed to the Lord that he might now be dismissed for he had seen the salvation.

CONFESSIONS

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

PARISH LIVE-STREAMED MASS

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



INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of December 28, 2020 – 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 and those who have died.

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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, can be found at the back of the Church.

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."

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. 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

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.

New Year's Letter of Priests and Parish Staff

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,
Prayers and best wishes for the Christmas Season!
We saw many of you in-person at the Christmas Masses and, with Church attendance obviously down, our Christmas celebrations were a bit different: no choir (but Allison, Marie and Patti came through with flying colours!), no children's pageant, no hugs and handshakes. But the Church was decorated beautifully and brighten our spirits. Thanks to all who helped make it a worthy place to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. Even our family festivities took on a different look: for some it was using social media to connect with family but

nothing external can dampen the spirit of Christmas. It's all about family. We are people of HOPE, even moving into the lockdown that began this morning. Please be safe and follow all the restrictions. For the Church, it means that there will be no public Mass, no meetings, no Baptisms or weddings until the lockdown ends. Church and its facilities will be closed but the parish office will be open by appointment only, with parish staff working remotely. For prayer requests, Mass intentions, or questions, please phone and we will return your call as quickly as possible.

We, your priests, will be celebrating Mass each day for you and for your intentions. Every Sunday the Mass will be livestreamed at 10:00 am, alternating from St. Anne and St. Joseph, starting at St. Joseph this weekend. We will continue the daily Scripture Reflections, sending them by email to the addresses we have, and by posting them on our YouTube Channel, youtube.com/stastj. Mary Forcier, our Youth Minister, continues online preparation for children receiving First Communion and the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation in 2021, as well as the programs of our Youth Ministry. The fantastic outreach of our St. Vincent Paul Society to the most vulnerable in the community will still be offered. We ask your prayers and generosity, as always, in showing Christian solidarity.

So, our many services to the community will continue, as well as our normal expenses. If you want to consider contributing through the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, just let us know and we will send you some information and the form to complete. Many parishioners have started using this convenient method of donating to the Church. Of course, Church offerings can also be mailed or simply dropped in the mailbox of the parish office. It is a very safe and easy way to continue supporting the ministries of our parish.

We have been humbled by your support and generosity during this Christmas Season: the number of Christmas cards received, the emails expressing your prayers and best wishes for us, the amount of home-baked Christmas cakes and cookies, the various gifts and gift cards

We return your love with the promise of our prayers and dedication to serve the parish faithfully in the new year. May God bless us, one and all, this Christmas Season and fill the New Year 2021 with abundant blessings that we may be His blessing to one another of Peace and Joy In our communion of love,

The Priests and Parish Staff of St. Anne

**BLESSINGS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR**

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