

ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH  
Dec. 15, 2019 A.D.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



MASSSES THIS WEEK

Mon., Dec. 16	
8:00 am	† Neil Shantz req. Pat & Lillian Hayes
Tues., Dec. 17	
7:00 pm	† Brian Thomson req. Lisa Reitzel
Thurs., Dec. 19	
8:00 am	Priest’s Intention
Fri., Dec. 20	
8:00 am	† Neil Shantz req. Tony Finoro
Sat., Dec. 21	St. Peter Canisius
5:30 pm	† Dec’d members of the De Francesco Family req. Nina De Francesco † Manuel Lameira req. Fernanda Lameira † Ildebrando Silveira req. Maria Silveira † Jose Estaves req. Maria Estaves † Carl Runstedler req. Irene Runstedler
Sun., Dec. 22	
11:00 am	Intention of Parishioners † Peter & Calusa Riba req. Daughter † Camilo Afonso req. Aurora Afonso † Gord Joseph req. Josie & Family † Neil Shantz req. C.W.L.
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:		
Dec. 8, 2019 envelopes (83)	\$	3500.00
Dec. 8, 2019 loose change	\$	2972.00
Flowers	\$	103.00
Refugee Fund	\$	1196.00
		405.00
Thank you for your generous support!		
Parish Bequests: Keep your love for your parish alive!		
Please Remember St. Joseph’s in your Will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.		

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray for:	
Mon., Dec. 16	Rev. Alessandro Tirelli
Tues., Dec. 17	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto
Wed., Dec. 18	Youth Ministers
Thurs., Dec. 19	Rev. Tim Hingston
Fri., Dec. 20	Rev. David Avila
Sat., Dec. 21	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of Dec. 16, 2019:	
Main Church – Tony Finoro	
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 \$9,000. 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.

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.



THE ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is up! Please take an Angel and help provide gifts for the needy families in our area. Each Angel has the age and gender of a child. Return the unwrapped gift or a gift certificate for youth 13 years old and up by Mon., Dec. 16th to the church. There will be a box by the tree for your gifts. Thank you for your continuing support and prayers. Sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

All children of our parish, aged 5-11 years old, are invited to a Birthday Party for Jesus. The party will be held on Sat., Dec. 21st from 10 am to noon in the church hall. Please see the poster at the side entrance of the church, for more info, and registration forms. Forms must be returned to the box at the side door of the church by Sun., Dec. 15th. If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 519-749-2579. Volunteers are needed to help with games, crafts, and snacks. A planning meeting will take place on Mon., Dec. 9th at 6:30 in the church hall. Please call Lisa if you have any question.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL 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 in any envelope marked “flower donation.” Write your name, phone number and envelope # on it, and place it in the collection basket. Donations (by cheque payable to St. Joseph Church) are receipted for tax purposes. A memorial ornament with your loved one’s names will be placed on the trees at the side altars beginning the first week of Advent. These beautiful ornaments are yours to take home after the Christmas Mass.



Advent Penitential Services

Wed., Dec. 18 – St. Anne Church, 7 pm

Christmas & New Year’s Mass Schedule

<u>The Nativity of the Lord</u>		
<u>Christmas Eve</u>		
Tues., Dec. 24	Family Mass	5:00 pm
Tues., Dec. 24	Evening Mass	10:00 pm
<u>Christmas Day</u>		
Wed., Dec. 25		11:00 am
<u>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</u>		
Tues., Dec. 31		5:00 pm
Wed., Jan. 1		11:00 am

**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](mailto: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. Envelopes containing a Parish Registration Form are inserted in our bulletin this weekend and are found also 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](http://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.



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<u>Loyalty Funding Program</u>	<u><a href="http://www.loyaltyfunding.ca/stjoseph">www.loyaltyfunding.ca/stjoseph</a></u>
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