



Mass Intentions December 19 – December 25, 2022

Prayer Calendar

St. Anne

St. Joseph

Diocese of Hamilton

Monday 8:00 am	No Mass		Int of Jesil & Family – J. & S. Andrade	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
Tuesday 7:00 pm	+ Scott McPhail Int of Michael Levacic	– M. Levacic – M. Levacic	Int of A Uhlig: for family, both living & deceased – A. Uhlig Int of Minnu Dennis & Family – Johny Baby	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Wednesday 8:00 am	+ Sister Theresa Messner – Bernie & Nan Int of Anna & Joseph Samson – M. Levacic		No Mass	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
Thursday 8:00 am	+ Lindsay Meulenburg & Robinson + Biddy Ryan	Int of Len & Cindy – Alyea family – M. Levacic	+ Deceased members of Fernando Melo family – Tony Finoro	Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.
Friday 8:00 am	+ Murray Henry	– Hayek Family	+ Bridget Barlow – M. Levacic	Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
Saturday St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm	Christmas Eve Special Intentions of all Parishioners & their families		Christmas Eve Special Intentions of all Parishioners & their families	Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	Christmas Day Special Intentions of all Parishioners & their families		Christmas Day Special Intentions of all Parishioners & their families	

SUNDAY MASS

Our Churches are open, & we follow public health measures. Masks are encouraged. Our weekend & weekday Masses are celebrated at the usual times.

Church Offering Report: once a month. 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 – *January 15th*
More information is available on our websites.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

St. Anne: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday 8:30–11:30am
St. Joseph: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday 12:30–3:30pm

DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

This Week's Liturgical Readings

December 18th – 4th Sunday of Advent

- 1) Isaiah 7:10-14
- 2) Romans 1:1-7
- 3) Matthew 1:18-24

FOCUS: GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord reaffirms the promise of a savior for his people, a savior born under unusual circumstances who would clearly be God's chosen one. After many years had passed since that promise – years in which the Lord continued to guide & prepare his people – we hear of its fulfillment in Matthew's Gospel. In this final week of Advent, let us rejoice & praise God for he is faithful & keeps his promises.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah prophesies that the Lord will give his people a sign: A virgin shall conceive & give birth to a son & will name him Emmanuel. Paul introduces himself to the Romans as one called to be an apostle & set apart for the gospel of God, specifically among the Gentiles. In the Gospel, Matthew recounts how the birth of Jesus Christ came to pass, in accordance with Isaiah's prophecy.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



St. Anne

Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 pm

Saturday, December 24 at 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 25 at 9:30 am

St. Joseph

Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 25 at 11:00 am

AREA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Dec 21st 7:00 pm St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener

Dec 22nd 7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener

Extraordinary Confession Times

Dec 17th 4:00 pm St. Teresa of Avila Church, Kitchener

Dec 17th 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm St. Francis of Assisi, Kitchener

Dec 20th 8:00 am – 8:00 pm St. Michael's Church, Waterloo

ST. ANNE CHRISTMAS CAROLS BEFORE MASS

The choir is looking forward to sharing their love of Christmas carols with you prior to the 8:00 pm Christmas Mass on **Dec. 24th**. Come at 7:30 pm to enjoy the beautiful hymns & voices. We are inviting those who wish to sing with the choir to attend rehearsals. They are being held after Sunday mass from 10:30 to noon.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass on **Dec 25th** at 12:00 am at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. The celebration will be livestreamed & can be accessed by visiting: www.ctkbasilica.ca.

ST. JOSEPH - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

There is still time to support those in need in our community this Christmas. Please take an envelope off the tree at the side entrance & 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. Thank you!

ST. ANNE'S / ST. MARY'S C.W.L.

The next gathering is **Dec. 18th** following St. Mary's 11 am Mass. Please join us for this time of prayer, fellowship, friendship & reflection, as we await the celebration of His Son's Birth!

YEAR END DONATIONS

Please note that you must have your 2022 donations to the church no later than Dec. 25th if you wish it to be reflected in the 2022 tax receipt. Donations that come after this date will be put towards the 2023 tax receipt.

ST. ANNE – CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our rehearsal is this Saturday (Dec. 17) at 12:30 pm.

Also, please arrive by 3:00 pm on Christmas Eve!

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 the Advent season. You may then take it home & display it on your tree for Christmas.

ST. ANNE – CALL FOR DECORATORS!



Mark your calendars to help get your church ready for Christmas! We are welcoming volunteers on **Dec 23**, at 9 am, to come out and help with the creche, decorations, trees & lights. Many hands make light work. Please call the office to let us know if you can help. Christmas treats will be provided.

ST ANNE - CHRISTMAS BAKING & COFFEE SUNDAY

🍪 You are invited to bring & share some of your favorite Christmas baking at our Coffee Sunday THIS WEEKEND (**Dec 18**). Come, socialize, and taste the goodness of our community 🍪. Goodies can be dropped off before Mass.

ST. JOSEPH – C.W.L

Attention C.W.L Ladies! Please remit your 2023 dues as soon as possible. If you have automatic deposit, please remit your membership dues in a plain envelope, marked with CWL on the outside. Include your name, phone number & address on the outside of the envelope as well please. Dues were increased by the National level to \$35.00 for 2023.

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Any time is a good time to invite family, friends, & neighbours to attend Mass. Especially so during the beautiful Christmas season. What better gift can we give a loved one who is away from the Church than a warm invitation to *Come Home for Christmas*? Whether they have been away for a short time or a long time, we want all Catholics to know that they are warmly welcomed back to our Parish community. Please consider extending this invitation to loved ones, neighbours, & colleagues. For information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This week we are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world.



Prayer: Gracious and loving God, our life-giving Creator, our merciful Redeemer, our sanctifying Spirit, may we honour your name all the days of our life. Like Mary, may we proclaim your greatness & bring You honour & glory by being servants of your love, life & light. Amen

Christmas is joy, religious joy, God's joy, an inner joy of light and peace.
– Pope Francis

World Youth Day 2023 – Lisbon & Fatima, Portugal

WYD 2023

Bishop Crosby is sending a delegation of 40 young adults to World Youth Day 2023. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of Catholic young people from all over the world with the Pope. For the millions of participants, it is a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church, and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. Mary Forcier, our youth minister, is one of the delegates.



The WYD 2023 pilgrimage and celebration will take place July 28 – August 7, 2023 in Lisbon and Fatima, Portugal. While on pilgrimage, delegates will get to experience the Portuguese history, culture, and food. They will also participate in a retreat experience in Fatima, joining millions of young Catholics in prayer and celebration, and journey with the Holy Father through a powerful overnight vigil, closing with a Papal Mass.

“MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE”

Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39) has been chosen by Pope Francis as the motto of the World Youth Day 2023. The phrase opens the account of the Visitation, following the Annunciation. Mary of Nazareth is the great figure of the Christian journey. She teaches us to say yes to God. She was the protagonist of the last WYD and will be so again in Lisbon.

Addressing young people in particular, challenging them to be courageous missionaries, Pope Francis wrote in his exhortation Christus Vivit: “Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us everywhere. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some” (CV 177).



2023 World Youth Day Pilgrims at the Diocese Commissioning Mass

SUPPORTING OUR PILGRIMS

TINY SAINTS

Add a Tiny Saint to your life! These small charms make great keychains, zipper pulls, purse hangers, or backpack decorations. Available options:



St Anne, St Joseph, Pope Francis, Mary Blessed Mother, St. Faustina, St Josephine Bakhita, St. Terese Liseux, St Charles Lwanga, OLO Fatima, Blessed Carlo Acutis (The first Millennial blessed!)

Tiny Saints can be purchased at both St Joseph and St Anne's December Coffee Sundays from Mary

Suggested donation \$10 per Tiny Saint

FUNDRAISING DINNER

The World Youth Day Planning Team warmly invites you to a fundraising dinner at St. Mary's Church in Hamilton on Saturday, February 4, 2023. Join us as we enjoy fine Portuguese food, music and cultural dance!



Tickets are \$75 per person. We hope to send 4 tables of 8 parishioners from St Anne and St Joseph. Reserve your seat early by contacting Mary by email (mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com) or calling either parish office. Sales close Friday January 13.

DIRECT SUPPORT

Donations can also be made directly to our pilgrims through Canada Helps at bit.ly/WYDgive. At the end of the form, specify support for Mary Forcier.

PRAYER

Please pray for all pilgrims heading to World Youth Day, including Mary and the Diocesan delegation.

Pray for good spiritual and physical health, a powerful experience of the universal Church, and a courage to answer the call of Christ in preparing for World Youth Day and beyond.

To contact Mary about World Youth Day, please call either parish office (ext 202 at St Anne, ext 34 at St Joseph), or email mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com

For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton please visit wyd.hamiltondiocese.com

