



## St Anne Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 18/19, 2021

## St Joseph Church



Mass Intentions December 20 - December 26, 2021

Prayer Calendar

### St. Anne

### St. Joseph

### Diocese of Hamilton

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	No Mass	Int of the Veronesi Family - Piera Veronesi	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 pm	<b>No Mass</b>	+ Marie Rita Essogo - Estelle	Rev. Ronald Voisin
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	+ Gerald Sauvé – Friends + Mike McGrath - Yvonne	No Mass	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	+ Ken & Gloria MacKenzie – LeeAnn, Henry Walser and family	+ Florence Farwell – Annette Farwell	Rev. Meskel Abib Aibu, O.F.M
<b>Friday</b> St. Anne 4 & 8 St. Joseph 5 pm	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Special Intentions of all Parishioners and their families	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Special Intentions of all Parishioners and their families	Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
<b>Saturday</b> St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	<b>Christmas Day</b> Special Intentions of all Parishioners and their families	<b>Christmas Day</b> Special Intentions of all Parishioners and their families	<b>Christmas Day</b> <i>(The Nativity of the Lord)</i>
<b>Sunday</b> St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b> + Murray Henry – Hayek Family	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b> + Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira + Orlanda Amorim – Carlos & children + Maria & John Rocha – St. Joseph Place Friends	

### SUNDAY MASS

Our Churches are open, and we follow public health measures of masking and social distancing. Our weekend and weekday Masses are celebrated at the usual times.  
Livestreaming of Sunday Mass has been discontinued.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>*  
More information is available on our websites.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH CAMPAIGN**



### This Week's Liturgical Readings

#### December 19th, 2021 – 4th Sunday of Advent

- 1) Micah 5:1-4a
- 2) Hebrews 10:5-10
- 3) Luke 1:39-45

#### **FOCUS: *Christian communities are called to share in joy***

The interaction between Mary and Elizabeth can teach us about Christian community. The women share in the joy of being a part of God's plan. Likewise, Christians can draw together to celebrate with one another, as well as to support one another.

#### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Micah prophesies that the ruler of Israel will come from Bethlehem-Ephrathah. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews writes that Christ said that He had to come to do God's will and that all *have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all*. In the Gospel, Mary visits Elizabeth and the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps at the sound of Mary's voice.

St Anne

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Offices will be closed from December 25<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 3, 2022  
**Calls will be checked on a daily basis in case of an emergency!**

### ST ANNE'S PARISH OFFICE – NEW HOURS

Effective January 3, 2022, the Parish Office will be open:  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 am to 12 noon!

### ONLINE YOUTH GROUP CONTINUE

Our Youth group, grades 5 and up, continues online Friday nights. Join us for games, prayer, sharing. New members encouraged!! Contact Mary Forcier at [stannekitcheneryouth@gmail.com](mailto:stannekitcheneryouth@gmail.com) or [stjosephkitcheneryouth@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephkitcheneryouth@gmail.com) for the link to join.

### YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY

**HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES:** The kickoff will be in January, 2022 with a special three part presentation by Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, with input from Pastoral Offices' staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7 – 8:30 p. m. on January 12<sup>th</sup>; 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information and to attend the Zoom sessions, please register online or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905 - 528 – 7988 ext 2249.

### CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES 2022

Are also available for pick up **this weekend** - December 18/19/21  
Boxes are at the front of the Church, in alphabetical order.

### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Anyone who still hasn't submitted their contribution schedule for 2022, please return as soon as possible - thank you!

### TAX RECEIPTED DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR

**ALL** donations must be received in the Parish Offices no later than **December 26<sup>th</sup>** to be Tax receipted for 2021!! Thank you for all your continued support!

### CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

It's time to get our Church ready for Christmas!! Decorating will take place on Wednesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m. Volunteers are asked to come out and help!! Reminder: many hands make less work 😊  
Thank you for your kind assistance with this very special project!!

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG

The St. Joseph's Church Sing-along family event, has now been cancelled.

### SOCIETY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - ST ANNE'S ANGEL TREE

Thank you to all who gave monetary donations and/or store gift cards for our "virtual" Angel Tree. Grocery and various gift cards to clients who have children, were mailed this week. As always, your generosity and support are "second-to-none"! A full report of monies received/spent, number of families, etc will be given at later date.

### ST. JOSEPH CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE & FLOWERS

All are invited to remember a deceased loved one this Christmas in a special way by making a donation for altar flowers. Please enclose your donation and the name of your loved one in the envelope marked "flower donation" in your Church envelope package, or in a plain envelope marked "flower donation." Place it in the collection basket or drop off at the Church office. If you donate by cheque, it must be made payable to St. Joseph Church, and will be receipted for tax purposes. A tree ornament with your loved one's name will be placed on the trees at the side altars beginning the first week of Advent. The ornaments are yours to take after Christmas Mass.

### ST. ANNE'S 3<sup>RD</sup> REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP FAMILY

Great News! St. Anne's 3<sup>rd</sup> Refugee Sponsorship Family, The Naser family (2 adults and 2 teenagers) HAVE ARRIVED in Kitchener from Jordan, and the Refugee Committee wishes to thank everyone for all the generous donations received in order to bring this family to Canada

### RCIA PROGRAM

If you wish to become a Catholic or to explore the Catholic faith and possibly join the Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the program for you. Please call St. Anne: 519-745-5302 or St. Joseph: 519-745-9302.



The fourth candle of Advent is called the "Angel Candle" and symbolizes peace. This name comes from the fact that the angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace ([Luke 2:14](#)). This week we are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world!



## PREPARATION FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

In response to the call of Pope Francis for broad participation of all the faithful in the synod preparation, our Diocesan Committee has developed a few materials to encourage us to get involved. There is a special section on our Diocesan website:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#resources> that contains a video guide and a survey. We hope many people will take a few minutes and respond to this survey individually.

Our parish preparation will begin the week of January 17. We will offer the possibility to join a small group for discussion. Everyone's opinion counts! Some groups will be in-person, others via zoom; groups will meet on different days and at different times in the morning, afternoon and evening to accommodate available times and preferences of as many parishioners as possible. Groups will meet once a week for 3 weeks only to discuss the questions that have been proposed. Volunteer sign-up will begin Jan. 3, 2022.

## DIOCESAN MIDNIGHT MASS

### *Christmas Midnight Mass – Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton*

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will celebrate Midnight Mass on December 25, 2021. The Mass will be preceded by Carols at 11:30 p.m. on December 24. The Carols and the Mass will be shown live on Salt+Light Television and CHCH-TV. Admittance to the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is by **ticket only** – a limited number of tickets are still available by contacting the Cathedral at (905) 522-5744.

## DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 19, 2021**

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life". Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988) e-mail:

[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

# CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021

## ST ANNE

Fri. Dec 24 Christmas Eve	4:00 pm (increased capacity) 8:00 pm
Sat. Dec 25 Christmas Day	9:30 am (increased capacity) NO Saturday evening Mass
Sun. Dec 26 Holy Family	9:30 am (increased capacity)
Sat. Jan 1 Mary Mother of God	9:30 am NO Saturday evening Mass
Sun. Jan 2 Epiphany	9:30 am

## ST JOSEPH

Fri. Dec 24 Christmas Eve	5:00 pm (increased capacity)
Sat. Dec 25 Christmas Day	11:00 am (increased capacity) NO Saturday evening Mass
Sun. Dec 26 Holy Family	11:00 am (increased capacity)
Sat. Jan 1 Mary Mother of God	11:00 am NO Saturday evening Mass
Sun. Jan 2 Epiphany	11:00 am

Registration is not required for any Christmas Season Masses. Arrangements are made to celebrate an additional Mass in the hall (if needed) for increased capacity. We maintain public health protocols of mask wearing, social distancing, and hand sanitizing.

ALL ARE WELCOME