



Mass Intentions December 13 - December 19, 2021

Prayer Calendar

St. Anne

St. Joseph

Diocese of Hamilton

Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	+ Signe Jacob - Estelle	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R..
Tuesday 7:00 pm	Spec Int Majda Cagran - Friend	+ Maria Dos Anjos, Pedro & Agostinho Duarte Silva – Maria Amaral	Rev. David Perrin
Wednesday 8:00 am	+ Marie-Ange Desjardins -Liz, Tom & Angel-Marie + Gerald Sauvé - Friends	No Mass	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
Thursday 8:00 am	+ Anthony Hayek – Hayek Family	+ James Hogan – Levacic Family	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Friday 8:00 am	+ Betty Meakes - Liz, Tom & Angel-Marie	+ Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Saturday St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm	+ Deceased members Kobetich Family – Mary & John Spec Int Yvonne McGrath - Friend	+ Souls in Purgatory - Fernanda Lameira + Dec'd members of the De Francesco Family – Nina De Francesco + Andrew & Mary Kossuth – Frank	Rev. Lawrence Parent
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	+ Antonio Aires - Maria	Spec Int of the Sunga children & Grandchildren - Mom and Dad + Erich Clausing – Darlene Clausing + Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira	

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 – December 15th*
More information is available on our websites.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH CAMPAIGN



This Week's Liturgical Readings

December 12th, 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 1) Zephaniah 3:14-18a
- 2) Philippians 4:4-7
- 3) Luke 3:10-18

FOCUS: *Rejoice in the Lord always.*

As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, our Liturgy of the Word emphasizes our call to rejoice. We rejoice because the Messiah is coming. We rejoice because God has fulfilled His promises. We rejoice because there is no more need for fear or anxiety. In Christ, we are fulfilled, Rejoice! One mightier is coming!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, a joyful hymn praises God for His removal of judgment of His people. Saint Paul assures the Philippians that *the Lord is near*, and that they should *have no anxiety at all*. In the Gospel, John the Baptist tells the people about the Messiah to come who will be mightier than him.

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 or stjosephkitcheneryouth@gmail.com for the link to join.

YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY

HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES: The kickoff to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, 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 12th, 19th and 26th 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 about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at: thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

2021 – 2022 SUNDAY MISSALS

... are now available for purchase at the back of the Church. Inserted in it you will find an envelope labeled "MISSALS \$5.00". Please do not leave loose cash in the collection basket but return the envelope with payment next week, putting it in the collection basket.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES 2022

Are still 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 26th** 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 22nd 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!!

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

Because of COVID -19, we cannot have Angel tree toys delivered to the families within our parish boundaries. Please note, we will continue to collect monetary donations for purchasing gift cards (eg Walmart, Dollarama, or for any toy store in Kitchener-Waterloo), in order to provide the people/children in need at Christmas. Please place these gift cards into the collection basket at the front entrance of the Church, (at weekend Masses) or drop them off at the Parish Office (brown mailbox). NOTE: all gift cards must be handed in by Sunday Dec.12th, in order to mail all cards out to the clients! Your donations for "toys" will be distributed appropriately, along with the grocery gift cards we provide from FreshCo, to the people we service at Christmas. Thank-you for your continued and kind support for our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.

CHRISTMAS SINGING CELEBRATION

A Christmas Singing Celebration – St. Joseph's Church Social Committee, with the collaboration of the Choir, is organizing this event at the Church on Sunday December 19th at 6:30 pm. Details to follow. Save the date and invite your family to join us!

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 third Sunday of Advent we are invited to reflect on the **joy** we have access to because of our faith in Jesus. One of the defining characteristics of Christ-followers is their *joyful demeanor*. Let's not allow the struggles of this year steal from the **great joy** we have because of Jesus.



2021-2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS

In response to Pope Francis' invitation to every person to become involved in the synodal process, His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, OMI, and the Diocesan Committee for the 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops developed a few materials to encourage the participation of the Faithful of our Diocese. A video guide featuring Bishop Crosby and the members of the Diocesan Committee for the Synod, along with multiple resources including: a link to our diocesan survey to be answered by all the Faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton and a prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to operate within us, have been encompassed in a special section of our diocesan website. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#resources>.

IN-KIND DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ST. ANNE'S 3RD REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP FAMILY

In-Kind Donations Needed for St. Anne's 3rd Refugee Sponsorship Family

Great News! St. Anne's 3rd Refugee Sponsorship Family, The Naser family of 4 (2 adults and 2 teenagers), will be arriving in Kitchener from Jordan on December 14 and the Refugee Committee is preparing for their arrival. We need your help! Thank you for all the generous donations we have received so far. The family is still in need of winter boots - 3 pairs of women's boots, size 8; and 1 pair of men's boots, size 8-1/2. Grocery gift cards (Zehr's, Food Basics, and Walmart) would also be greatly appreciated. We are looking for a microwave as well.

If you are able to donate any of these items, please contact Elizabeth Meakes at 519-570-3383 or e-mail her at elizabethmeakes@gmail.com Thank you so much for any help you can offer as we warmly welcome this family to Canada.

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

Our Diocesan Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are pleased to bring you a weekly Advent resource that can be celebrated with family in your home: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/>.

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 12, 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

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)
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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