

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**  
Dec. 23, 2018 A.D.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
THIS WEEK MASSES

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| <b>Mon., Dec. 24</b>   |   |
| <b>6:00 pm</b>         | Family Mass   |
| <b>10:00 pm</b>        | Mass of Nativity of the Lord  |
| <b>Tues., Dec. 25</b>  |   |
| <b>10:00 am</b>        | Christmas Day   |
| <b>3:00 pm</b>         | Sudanese Community Mass   |
| <b>Wed., Dec. 26</b>   | <i>St. Stephen</i>  |
| <b>8:00 am</b>         | † Lucinda Rodrigues<br>req. Family<br>Living & Dec'd members of<br>St. Joseph's CWL<br>req. St. Joseph's CWL  |
| <b>Thurs., Dec. 27</b> | <i>St. John</i>   |
| <b>8:00 am</b>         | † Angelina Da Graca<br>req. Carlos Amorim & Family<br>† Gord Joseph<br>req. Josie & Family  |
| <b>Fri., Dec. 28</b>   | <i>The Holy Innocents</i>   |
| <b>8:00 am</b>         | Int. of Rozanne Polillo<br>req. Maureen Levacic   |
| <b>Sat., Dec. 29</b>   | <i>St. Thomas Becket</i>  |
| <b>9:00 am</b>         | † Maria Jose Ledo<br>req. Eugenio Ledo & Family<br>Int. of Ruth Ann & Bert<br>Dietrich<br>req. Erika & Gerhard Kompter  |
| <b>5:00 pm</b>         | † Dec'd members of the<br>De Francesco Family<br>req. Nina De Francesco<br>† Maria Capa<br>req. Maria Jose<br>† Ildebrando Silveira<br>req. Maria Silveira  |
| <b>Sun., Dec. 30</b>   |   |
| <b>10:00 am</b>        | Int. of Catherine Mackid<br>req. Lisa Reitzel<br>† Orlanda Amorim<br>req. Husband & Children<br>† Dec'd members of the<br>Ngaling Family<br>req. Margaret & Ojong McMoli<br>† Brian Millette<br>req. Herb Altman<br>† Fernando Lopes<br>req. Maria Lopes & Daughters<br>† Gord Joseph<br>req. Sandra Eidt |



**ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Tuesday after 7 pm Mass  
in the Rectory Chapel

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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| Average weekly contribution needed to cover budgeted expenses:                                  | \$ | 3500.00 |
| Dec. 16, 2018 envelopes (105)   | \$ | 2905.00 |
| Dec. 16, 2018 loose change  | \$ | 277.80  |
| Christmas Flowers   | \$ | 192.00  |
| Thank you for your generous support!  |    |         |
| Parish Bequests: Keep your love for your parish alive!  |    |         |
| Please Remember St. Joseph's in your Will and <u>when</u> recommending expressions of sympathy. |    |         |

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR**

This week please pray for:

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| Mon., Dec. 24   | Rev. Francis Hubilla |
| Tues., Dec. 25  | Christmas Day        |
| Wed., Dec. 26   | Franciscan Fathers   |
| Thurs., Dec. 27 | Rev. Ronald Voisin   |
| Fri., Dec. 28   | Rev. Duy Van Nguyen  |
| Sat., Dec. 29   | Rev. Kevin D'Souza   |

**INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY LAMP**

Week of Dec. 24, 2018:  
Main Church – Zennie & Henry Sunga  
Chapel – Tony Finoro  
Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the intention and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.



**CWL NEWS**

A reminder to all ladies 16 and older that we are currently collecting our membership dues (\$25.00). We have had an increase for 2019 membership year. This is a wonderful time to join the CWL if you are not already a member.



**SUNDAY MISSALS 2018/2019**

Available at the doors of the Church for \$5.

Mark Your Calendar

- Junior Youth – Jan. 5, church hall, 2 pm
- Youth – Jan. 5, church hall, 6 pm
- Confirmation Session – Jan. 15, church hall, 6:30 pm
- Junior Youth – Jan. 19, church hall, 2 pm
- Youth – Jan. 19, church hall, 6 pm

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL  
HEART ORNAMENTS**



These beautiful hearts are yours to take home after the Christmas Mass.

**BINGO DONATION TO ST. JOSEPH'S**

A big Thank You to Bingo Team for their hard and dedicated work. This year they donated to our church \$15,635.



**ST. JOSEPH'S  
S.V.D.P.**

Items needed for the month of December: beans in sauce, peanut butter, can vegetables and can pasta.

**2019 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES**

All who use Church offering envelopes can pick up their 2019 box of envelopes at the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order.

**NEW TO OUR PARISH?**

If you are new to our community or just visiting, welcome to St. Joseph's Church. We encourage all new parishioners to register with the parish. Please pick up a registration package by the entrances of the church, 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.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY**

Panama – Jan. 22 – 27, 2019. EWTN live coverage of the 34<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day in Panama with the theme, "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your Word." (Luke 1:38)

**HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION**

It Is Possible. At Project Rachel we offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Contact us toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

**VOCATIONS OFFICE**

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988, or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

*Christmas & New Year's  
Mass Schedule*

*The Nativity of the Lord*

*Christmas Eve*

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| Mon., Dec. 24 | Family Mass | 6:00 pm  |
| Mon., Dec. 24 |             | 10:00 pm |

*Christmas Day*

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| Tues., Dec. 25 |  | 10:00 am |
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*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

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| Mon., Dec. 31 |  | 5:00 pm  |
| Tues., Jan. 1 |  | 10:00 am |





**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** *The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at [oneheartonesoul.ca](http://oneheartonesoul.ca).*

***What is the state of diocesan finances? Is this a desperate situation that requires a campaign?***

*The diocesan financial picture is strong – the amount of assets has grown in recent years and investments are doing well. Meanwhile, the Diocese is generous with grants and loans to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. Parish assessments have been stable in recent years but have not kept up with increases in diocesan operating costs. Property sales have been used more frequently to keep the Diocese’s operating budget balanced and strong, and many assets (such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries) are restricted and not at the Diocese’s disposal. This is not an emergency situation. The Diocese is looking ahead and acting before any kind of emergency could develop. Overall, the campaign is a way to ensure that more parishes will be able to be self-sufficient over the long term, building up themselves and the Diocese at the same time.*

***I’ve heard the Diocese has a lot of assets. Can’t those be used?***

*At the end of 2017, the Diocese reported assets of \$322 million. However, the majority of the assets are restricted assets, such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries, money legally reserved for the maintenance of cemetery operations and funds held for pre-arranged funeral services and burials. Unrestricted assets are less than a third of the total capital. Of these unrestricted assets, more than 90 percent is used to generate investment income that – when combined with parish assessments – pays for annual diocesan operations (68 percent) and make funds available for grants and loans to help parishes and organizations within and outside the Diocese (32 percent).*

***Is there any chance that funds would be used to settle potential claims of abuse of children by clergy?***

*The tragic stories recently in the news, thankfully, do not reflect the circumstances and history of our diocese. However, it should still be noted that funds raised during the campaign will be held in a segregated account, in trust for the parishes and ministries for which they were raised. Both civil and canon law require the diocese to use the gifts we receive for the stated purposes for which they were given – an obligation to which we are fully committed. Regarding how the Diocese handles abuse allegations, Bishop Crosby said in an August 2018 letter to all in the Diocese: “All allegations of sexual misconduct have been and will continue to be taken seriously and addressed immediately in accordance with our diocesan policy.” For a link to the full letter, see our diocesan website, [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).*

***What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond?***

*Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2017 are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese’s financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues – the website, emails, social media, to name a few.*

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### **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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