

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Nov. 27, 2016 A.D.

1st Sunday of Advent



MASSES THIS WEEK

- Mon., Nov. 28**
8:00 am Int. of Margarida Soares
req. Margarida Soares
- Tues., Nov. 29**
7:00 pm † Maria Ledo
req. Eugenio Ledo
- Wed., Nov. 30**
8:00 am † Souls in Purgatory
St. Andrew
- Thurs., Dec. 1**
8:00 am † Ildebrando Silveira
req. Maria Silveira
- Fri., Dec. 2**
8:00 am † Lucia Davita
† Antonio Norclelo Melo
req. Maria Monteiro
- 2:00 am**
Mass at Milwood Manor
- Sat., Dec. 3**
9:00 am St. Francis Xavier
Intention of Baylie Burns
req. Lisa Reitzel
- 5:00 pm**
† Manuel Lameira
req. Fernanda Lameira
† Jose De Sousa
req. Family
† Floyd & Pearl Merkley
req. Estate
† Jorge Ribeiro
req. Wife
- Sun., Dec. 4**
9:00 am St. John Damascene
In Thanksgiving to St. Jao Judas Tadeu
req. Adelaide Costa
† Calusa & Peter Riba
req. Maria Bundache & Cathy Katz
† Ildebrando Silveira
req. Maria Silveira
† Fernando Sousa
req. Carmen & Gloria Melo
- 11:00 am**
Intention of Parishioners



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday after 7 pm Mass
in the Rectory Chapel

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Average weekly contribution needed to cover budgeted expenses:	\$	3500.00
Nov. 20, 2016 envelopes (95)	\$	2549.50
Nov. 20, 2016: loose change	\$	340.30

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., Nov. 28 Rev. Pablito Labado
Tues., Nov. 29 Rev. Robert Dunn
Wed., Nov. 30 Society of the Catholic Apostolate
Thurs., Dec. 1 Rev. Scott Whitfield
Fri., Dec. 2 Very Rev. Ian Duffy
Sat., Dec. 3 Rev. Joseph Durkacz

ADVENT ½ DAY OF PRAYER

Sat., Dec. 3rd, starting with 9:00 am Mass and concluding at noon with the praying of the Psalms. Advent is a Season of Hope and Anticipation – a HOLY WAITING. We rejoice with Mary Our Mother and pray, "Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus." The morning will consist of 2 short talks and some quiet time for reflection. Open to all.

- ✓ Parish Pastoral Council meeting, Mon., Nov. 28th at 7 pm
- ✓ Advent half-day of prayer, Sat., Dec. 3rd from 9 am – 1 pm.
- ✓ Birthday Party for Jesus, Sat., Dec. 17th, 10 am - noon

Mark
in Your
Calendar



SHARING FAIR

This is a project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd worldwide. Sale of handcrafted goods give honour and dignified employment to women in developing countries, thus providing food and other necessities for the families. A variety of these unique high quality items will be available for purchase at St. John's Parish, Kitchener, Dec. 3rd, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm & Sun., Dec. 4th, 10 am - 2 pm.



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD POTLUCK DINNER

Join us for our annual Christmas Around the World Potluck Dinner on Sat., Dec. 10th after the 5 pm Mass. Bring a festive dish from your culture or heritage and join us for a fun evening, including a play put on by our Youth Group! Please label your dish so we can know what we are enjoying. Sign-up sheets are available at the doors of the Church. If you would like to donate a door prize, please contact a member of the Social Committee.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Thurs., Dec. 8th following the 7 pm Mass.



CHRISTMAS CAKES

After all Masses the weekend of Dec. 3/4 we will have Christmas Cakes (made by the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey) available for sale in support of Campaign Life Coalition. Cakes: 600gms - \$15, 1kg - \$25, Abbey Gift Basket: \$25.

YOUTH COORDINATOR PART-TIME

St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener is searching for a part-time Youth Coordinator. Anyone who enjoys working with youth with a passion to build the faith for our future generations is

invited to apply. This position entails frequent evening and weekend work. Please talk to or call Father Ray for more information at 519-745-5302.

LEGION OF MARY

Annual General Reunion, St. Joseph's Church at 3:00 pm.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2016/2017

Sunday Missals are available for purchase at the entrances of the Church for \$4.

38th ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA

Nine daily Masses at 6:30 am at St. Agnes Church, Waterloo, from Fri., Dec. 2nd to Sat., Dec. 10th. Each day, a different celebrant along with musicians from across the twin cities, come together in joyful praise and worship. Note exception: Sunday, Dec. 4th, on this day you are welcome to attend your own Church. For more information please call Marg Weber 519.747.5937.

ADVENT RETREAT

"Our Hearts are Restless" – a seminar presented by Marcel Dion of Magnificat Ministries. St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener, Sat., Dec. 10th from 9 am – 2 pm. Please bring a bag lunch. Refreshments will be served and a free will offering will be taken to support the work of Magnificat Ministries. Info: Bob Borys 519-590-7761 – text or voice.

PRAYER VIGIL



Thurs., Dec. 1st from 9 am -10 am in front of Freeport Hospital for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking – across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

VOCATIONS OFFICE: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” If God is calling you to ministerial service, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, email mking@hamiltondiocese.com or www.hamiltonvocations.com

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES



Sun., Dec. 4th, St. Jerome’s Catholic Community, Waterloo, 1 pm;

Thurs., Dec. 8th, St. Joseph’s Church, following the 7 pm Mass;

Mon., Dec. 12th, St. Mary’s Church, Kitchener, 7 pm; St. Louis Church, Waterloo, 7:30 pm;

Tues., Dec. 13th, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener, 1 pm;

Tues., Dec. 13th, St. Clements Church, Cambridge, 7 pm; St. Agnes Church, Waterloo, 7:30 pm;

Wed., Dec. 14th, Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener, 7 pm; St. Michael Church, Waterloo, 7:30 pm;

Thurs., Dec. 15th, St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener, 7 pm;

Thurs., Dec. 15th, St. Clements Church, St. Clements, 7 pm;

Thurs., Dec. 15th, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo, 7:30 pm;

Tues., Dec. 20th, St. Mark’s Church, Kitchener, 7 pm.

EUTHANASIA / ASSISTED SUICIDE – Did You Know? Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. 8 other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.

MISSION & EXPOSITION OF RELICS: St. Mark’s Parish, Kitchener invites all to participate in an opportunity for spiritual renewal with Fr. Carlos A. Martins, C.C. as we head into the holy season of Advent. Mon., Nov. 28 at 10:30 am & 7 pm, Tues., Nov. 29 at 10:30 am & 7 pm, Wed., Nov. 30 at 10:30 am. There will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Faustina Kowalska. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion & pictures of sick friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

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>Catholic Canada</u>	www.catholiccanada.com
<u>Diocese of Hamilton</u>	www.hamiltondiocese.com
<u>Hamilton Diocese Vocations</u>	www.vocationinfo.ca
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