

# ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Dec. 4, 2016 A.D.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



### MASSES THIS WEEK

- Mon., Dec. 5**  
**8:00 am** † Betty Knowles  
req. Tony & Anne Marie Gauvin  
*St. Nicholas*
- Tues., Dec. 6**  
**7:00 pm** † Sherma Wonk Kang  
req. Sean & Emily O'Seasmain  
*St. Ambrose*
- Wed., Dec. 7**  
**8:00 am** † William Barrett, Sr.  
req. William & Odessa Barrett
- Thurs., Dec. 8** *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
**8:00 am** Priest's Intention  
**7:00 pm** Intention of Elaine Ditner  
req. Elaine Ditner  
**7:30 pm** Advent Penitential Celebration  
**Fri., Dec. 9** *St. Juan Diego C.*  
**8:00 am** † Lucia Davita  
req. F & L Palcich  
Mass at Milwood Manor
- Sat., Dec. 10**  
**9:00 am** † Fr. Eugene Solecki  
req. William Barrett  
**5:00 pm** † Souls in Purgatory  
req. Julia & Max Domingues  
† Dec'd members of the De Francesco Family  
req. Nina De Francisco  
† Dec'd members of the Hundt & Shantz Families  
req. Annette Shantz  
† Jose Pereira  
req. Ruth Ann & Bert Dietrich
- Sun., Dec. 11**  
**9:00 am** *St. Damasus I*  
Intention of Parishioners  
**11:00 am** † Christian Teixeira  
req. Teixeira Family  
† Tomas & Elibia Da Silva  
req. Da Silva Family  
† Manuel Augusto  
req. Augusto Family  
**4:00 pm** Eritrean Community Mass



### 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. 27, 2016 envelopes (91)	\$	2131.70
Nov. 27, 2016: loose change	\$	281.90

**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., Dec. 5	Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.
Tues., Dec. 6	Rev. Robert Love
Wed., Dec. 7	Order of Preachers (Dominican)
Thurs., Dec. 8	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Fri., Dec. 9	Rev. Francis Trzupke
Sat., Dec. 10	Rev. Mark Sullivan

- ✓ **"Christmas Around the World" Potluck**  
Sat., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> after the 5 pm Mass
- ✓ **Youth Group Christmas Party, Fri.,**  
Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9 pm
- ✓ **Birthday Party for Jesus, Sat., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm – 4 pm**



### CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD POTLUCK DINNER

Join us for our annual Christmas Around the World Potluck Dinner on Sat., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 8<sup>th</sup> following the 7 pm Mass



### YOUTH GROUP

Christmas Party from 6 till 9 pm in the Church Hall.

### LEGION OF MARY

Annual General Reunion, St. Joseph's Church at 3:00 pm, Sun., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### SUNDAY MISSALS 2016/2017

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

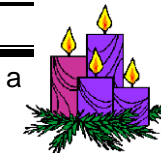
### 38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA



Daily Masses at 6:30 am at St. Agnes Church, Waterloo, till Sat., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Each day, a different celebrant along with musicians from across the twin cities, come together in joyful praise and worship. Info: Marg Weber 519-747-5937.

### ADVENT RETREAT

"Our Hearts are Restless" – a seminar presented by Marcel Dion of Magnificat Ministries. The day will focus on how the emptiness we sometimes experience can only be fulfilled and transformed by God, through an experience of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Join us for a grace-filled day and powerful testimonies. St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener, Sat., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph

The Sisters will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, Dec. 16 – 25. You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R.R. #1 St. Agatha ON N0B 2L0

### MONASTERY'S CHRISTMAS SALE

The Carmelite Monastery's Christmas Sale will begin on Sat., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, until the last Sunday of Advent, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. The sale will include homemade jams, jellies, our own honey, and home-baked loaves.



### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples will be celebrated on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Visit [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)

### RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF CREATION

Close to 5 million litres of water are taken from Wellington County daily for a water bottling plant. This extraction of large amounts of water adversely affects the ecological balance of nature over a large area while depriving those who rely on wells of their right to water. Close to 75 % of plastic bottles end up in land fill sites, thus contributing to contamination of the soil for thousands of years. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, urges all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton to refrain from using bottled water in church facilities. As stewards of Creation may we be leaders in the responsible use of our sacred mandate.



**VOCATIONS OFFICE:** “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? 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](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com) or [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

### **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES**



Sun., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Jerome’s Catholic Community, Waterloo, 1 pm;  
**Thurs., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph’s Church, following the 7 pm Mass;**  
Mon., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary’s Church, Kitchener, 7 pm; St. Louis Church, Waterloo, 7:30 pm;  
Tues., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener, 1 pm;  
Tues., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Clements Church, Cambridge, 7 pm; St. Agnes Church, Waterloo, 7:30 pm;  
Wed., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, Blessed Sacrament , Kitchener, 7 pm; St. Michael Church, Waterloo, 7:30 pm;  
Thurs., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener, 7 pm;  
Thurs., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Clements Church, St. Clements, 7 pm;  
Thurs., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo, 7:30 pm;  
Tues., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Mark’s Church, Kitchener, 7 pm.

**EUTHANASIA / ASSISTED SUICIDE – Did You Know?** The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients. Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more and to write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament.

**LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE:** If Christmas is a sad time for you because of the loss of a loved one, please consider attending this ecumenical service. Wed., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener. This will be an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. If you have any questions please call 519-745-7301.

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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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<u>Hamilton Diocese Vocations</u>	<a href="http://www.vocationinfo.ca">www.vocationinfo.ca</a>
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