

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Dec. 11, 2016 A.D.

3rd Sunday of Advent



MASSES THIS WEEK

- Mon., Dec. 12** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
8:00 am † Ildebrando Silveira
req. Maria Silveira
- Tues., Dec. 13** *St. Lucy*
7:00 pm † Albert Sauer
req. Erika & Gerhard Kompter
- Wed., Dec. 14** *St. John of the Cross*
8:00 am † Souls in Purgatory
- Thurs., Dec. 15**
8:00 am † Walter Schmidt
req. Erika & Gerhard Kompter
- 10 am-noon Advent Penitential Celebration
Fri., Dec. 16
8:00 am † Lucia Davita
req. F & L Palcich
- 10 am-noon Advent Penitential Celebration
Sat., Dec. 17
9:00 am † Camilo Afonso
req. Aurora Afonso
- 10 am-noon Advent Penitential Celebration
5:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory
req. Fernanda Lameira
- † Carl Runstedler
req. Irene Runstedler
- † Jose Esteves
req. Maria Esteves
- † Konrad Braun
req. Brigitte Bierhals
- Sun., Dec. 18**
9:00 am Intention of Parishioners
- 11:00 am † Maria Julia da Silva
req. Edita & Family
- † Lourdes Amorim
req. Antonio Amorim
- † Manuel & Liberia Amorim
req. Manny Amorim



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
Dec. 4, 2016 envelopes (95)	\$	2312.75
Dec. 4, 2016: loose change	\$	178.10
Building Fund	\$	5,161.80

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. 12	Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
Tues., Dec. 13	Rev. Michael Downey
Wed., Dec. 14	Benedictines
Thurs., Dec. 15	Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.
Fri., Dec. 16	Rev. Allen Varlaki
Sat., Dec. 17	Rev. Peter Ciallella, C.S.

- ✓ Youth Group Christmas Party, Fri., Dec. 16th, from 6-9 pm
- ✓ Birthday Party for Jesus, Sat., Dec. 17th, 2 pm – 4 pm

LAUDATO SI

Laudato Si is a Call to Conversion
Come and spend an evening exploring Pope Francis' encyclical on The Environment and Human Ecology with Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, CEO of Salt and Light Television. "Past popes have written on the importance of protecting the environment, but (*Laudato Si*) is a major piece of work, and an ardent call from one of our world's major leaders for us to work together to address this existential problem..."

To use religious language, what the Pope is calling for is conversion." Join us Wed., Jan. 11th at 7 pm, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener.

Advent Penitential Celebrations

Thurs., Dec. 15th, 10 am – noon
Fri., Dec. 16th, 10 am – noon
Sat., Dec. 17th, 10 am – noon
More dates are on the back of the bulletin.



YOUTH GROUP

Christmas Party from 6 till 9 pm in the Church Hall, Fri., Dec. 16th.



BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Sat., Dec. 17th from 2 pm – 4 pm in the Church Hall.

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

SUNDAY MISSALS 2016/2017

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

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.



MONASTERY'S CHRISTMAS SALE

The Carmelite Monastery's Christmas Sale - until the last Sunday of Advent, Dec. 18th. 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. 12th, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Visit www.cccb.ca

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Sat., Dec. 24 Family Mass 7:00 pm

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Midnight Mass 12:00 am
Sun., Dec. 25 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sat., Dec. 31 5:00 pm
Sun., Jan. 1 9:00 and 11:00 am

VOCATIONS OFFICE: “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? 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

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. Joseph’s Church, 10 am – noon;

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;

Fri., Dec. 16th, St. Joseph’s Church, 10 am – noon;

Sat., Dec. 17th, St. Joseph’s Church, 10 am – noon;

Tues., Dec. 20th, 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 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. 21st 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.

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.



<u>St. Joseph’s Parish</u>	www.stjosephkitchener.org
<u>Catholic Canada</u>	www.catholiccanada.com
<u>Diocese of Hamilton</u>	www.hamiltondiocese.com
<u>Hamilton Diocese Vocations</u>	www.vocationinfo.ca
<u>Catholic Funeral Rites</u>	www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca