

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Dec. 18, 2016 A.D.

4th Sunday of Advent



MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon., Dec. 19	
8:00 am	† Ildebrando Silveira req. Maria Silveira
Tues., Dec. 20	
9:30 am	Mass at St. Bernadette's School in the Gym
7:00 pm	Int. of Elouisa & Cris Canoy req. Family
Wed., Dec. 21	<i>St. Peter Canisius</i>
8:00 am	In Praise & Thanksgiving req. Elaine Ditner
Thurs., Dec. 22	
8:00 am	† Maria Afonso
Fri., Dec. 23	<i>St. John of Kanty</i>
8:00 am	† Lucia Davita req. F & L Palcich
10:30 am	Mass at Conestoga Lodge
3:15 pm	Mass at Millwood Manor
Sat., Dec. 24	
9:00 am	Int. of Gerry & Pauline Grogan
	Int. of Kay Murphy & Family
	Int. of Jimmy & Kay Wade & Family
	req. John & Margaret & Family
	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
7:00 pm	Family Mass
12:00 am	Midnight Mass
Sun., Dec. 25	<i>Nativity of the Lord</i>
9:00 am	Intention of Parishioners
11:00 am	Intention of Parishioners
3:00 pm	Sudanese 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
Dec. 11, 2016 envelopes (90)	\$	1977.60
Dec. 11 2016: loose change	\$	344.15
Flowers	\$	623.00
Building Fund	\$	397.00

Thank you for your generous support!
Parish Bequests: Keep your love for your parish alive!
Please Remember St. Joseph's in your Will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray for:

Mon., Dec. 19	Rev. James Link, C.R.
Tues., Dec. 20	Rev. Michael McHugh
Wed., Dec. 21	Consecrated Men & Women
Thurs., Dec. 22	Rev. Michael Sullivan
Fri., Dec. 23	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
Sat., Dec. 24	Rev. Jeff Bergsma

CHRISTMAS FRUITCAKES

If you need more delicious Christmas fruitcakes, please call Campaign Life Coalition at 1-800-730-5358.

2017 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

All who use Church offering envelopes can pick up their 2017 box of envelopes at the back of the Church. If there is none for you, please call the church office at 519-745-9302.

TAX RECEIPTS

All donations for this year must be in by Dec. 25th. Tax receipts will be issued early in the New Year, and will be at the back of the Church.



SHARING FAIR

On behalf of the Sister of the Good Shepherd we would like to thank all of you who made donations, purchases and helped with Sharing Fair.

We sold \$ 972 worth of crafted items made by women in developing countries. All the proceeds were returned to the women as income for their families, thus allowing them to improve their lives and enabling them to live with dignity. By your generous purchases you provided an equivalent of a meal for 486 families. Gracias, Paz.

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.

Extra Times of Confessions

Wed., Dec. 21 st , 6 pm – 7 pm
Thurs., Dec. 22 nd , 6 pm – 7 pm
Fri., Dec. 23 rd , 5 pm – 6 pm

Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph

The Sisters will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, Dec. 16 – 25. 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.

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, Dec. 24/25 there will be a special second collection, the Christmas Offering for the Church. These are found in your envelope box. For those who do not use offertory envelopes, special Christmas Offering envelopes will be found in the pews.

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: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? 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

KW RIGHT TO LIFE sponsors the STOP CENSORSHIP TOUR, Sat. Jan. 14th. *Why Abortion Statistics Matter* featuring Mike Schouten from WeNeedALaw.ca and John Sikkema, Lawyer at ARPA Canada, at the Knights of Columbus Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Fish & Chip Dinner at 5:00 pm (\$10), Social at 4:30 pm, Speakers at 6:00 pm with Silent Auction. All proceeds go to the STOP CENSORSHIP Initiative. Call 519-746-5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca to reserve your place or table.

PARISH SECRETARY OPENING – If you love the Lord and working with people apply to St. Anne’s Parish Office, Kitchener. Primary roles include Parish correspondence (phone/email), Mass cards, bulletin, St. Vincent de Paul. Bookkeeping would be an asset. Please contact Father Ray Peter for more information: frrayinstannes@gmail.com or 519-745-5302.

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.

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.

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