

# ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Dec. 25, 2016 A.D.

## Christmas



### MASSES THIS WEEK

<b>Mon., Dec. 26</b> <b>8:00 am</b>	<i>St. Stephen</i> † Manuel Ribeiro Int. of Colin & Lydia Cacaldo req. Lyco Kelly
<b>Tues., Dec. 27</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<i>St. John</i> † Ana Gomes req. Family † Francine Kelly req. Hugh & Kitty McDonald
<b>Wed., Dec. 28</b> <b>8:00 am</b>	<i>The Holy Innocents</i> † Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thurs., Dec. 29</b> <b>8:00 am</b>	<i>St. Thomas Becket</i> † Maria Ledo req. Eugenio Ledo
<b>Fri., Dec. 30</b> <b>8:00 am</b>	† Lucia Davita req. F & L Palcich
<b>Sat., Dec. 31</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>5:00 pm</b>	<i>St. Sylvester I</i> † Souls in Purgatory Int. of Elaine Ditner req. Ruth Ann & Bert Dietrich Int. of Richard Sherrer † Doreen Sherrer req. Irene Runstedler † Ildebrando Silveira req. Maria Silveira
<b>Sun., Jan. 1</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b> <b>1:30 pm</b>	<i>Mary, Mother of God</i> Intention of Parishioners Intention of Parishioners 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
Dec. 18, 2016 envelopes (82)	\$	1923.00
Dec. 18 2016: loose change	\$	416.85
Flowers	\$	17.00
Christmas	\$	255.00

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. 26	Rev. Paul Boucher
Tues., Dec. 27	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wed., Dec. 28	Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)
Thurs., Dec. 29	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
Fri., Dec. 30	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
Sat., Dec. 31	Rev. Roshan D'Souza, O.C.D.

### TAX RECEIPTS

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

### 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. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener.

### PARISH RECORDS

Everyone who participates in Sunday Eucharist at St. Joseph's is encouraged to use envelopes and to become a registered parishioner. Forms are available at all Church entrances. These forms can be dropped in the collection basket or at the parish office. If you have changed your address or phone number, or other information, please notify the parish so that our files are kept up-to-date. All information is kept confidential. Thank you.

### 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.

### MULTICULTURAL MASS

Please join Bishop Crosby in celebrating the annual Multicultural Mass on Sun., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 714 King St. W., Hamilton, Ontario. This Mass is coordinated by the Diocesan Office for Refugees, in partnership with the Liturgy Office and community/parish stakeholders that represent the cultural diversity of our faith community.

The 2017 Multicultural Mass coincides with the 103<sup>rd</sup> World Day for Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis has chosen the following theme for this day: "Minor Migrants, vulnerable and voiceless".

Following Mass, all are welcome to proceed to McNally Hall for a reception of entertainment, performances, food and drink to celebrate the cultural fabric that gives beauty and vitality to the Diocese of Hamilton.

### PRAYER VIGIL

Thurs., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 10 am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener 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](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com)

### New Year's Mass Schedule

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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



The Priests, staff and Parish Pastoral Council of St. Joseph's Church wish you and your families a

Merry  
Christmas



**VOCATIONS OFFICE:** We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. 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)

**KW RIGHT TO LIFE** sponsors the **STOP CENSORSHIP TOUR**, Sat. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>. *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](mailto: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](mailto:frrayinstannes@gmail.com) or 519-745-5302.

**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.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:** At Christmas it is easy for children to get so wrapped up in what they want that they forget the reason for the season: the birth of Christ. Jesus came to offer a great sacrifice – his life so our sins could be forgiven. He taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care of the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outward towards what others need, as opposed to looking inward to what “I” want. When we teach our children what Christmas really represents and why we celebrate, it helps them know God loves them and to spread his love to others.

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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>Diocese of Hamilton</u>	<u><a href="http://www.hamiltondiocese.com">www.hamiltondiocese.com</a></u>
<u>Hamilton Diocese Vocations</u>	<u><a href="http://www.vocationinfo.ca">www.vocationinfo.ca</a></u>
<u>Catholic Funeral Rites</u>	<u><a href="http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca">www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca</a></u>