

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
Dec. 17, 2017 A.D.
3rd Sunday of Advent



MASSES THIS WEEK

- Mon., Dec. 18**
8:00 am Int. of sick & shut-ins members of St. Clements CWL
- Tues., Dec. 19**
7:00 pm Intention of Irene Castro req. Maria Da Costa
- Wed., Dec. 20**
8:00 am Priest's Intention
- Thurs., Dec. 21**
8:00 am *St. Peter Canisius*
Int. of Rosemary Vrscay req. Maria Da Costa
- Fri., Dec. 22**
8:00 am † Mary Hayes req. Marie Jarvis
Mass at Conestoga Lodge
- 10:30 am**
- Sat., Dec. 23**
9:00 am *St. John of Kanty*
† Souls in Purgatory req. Annette Shantz
† Camillo Afonso req. Aurora Afonso
- 5:00 pm** † Andrew & Mary Kossuth req. Frank Kossuth
† Angelo De Francesco req. Nina De Francesco
† Carl Runstedler req. Irene Runstedler
† Jose Esteves req. Maria Esteves
- Sun., Dec. 24**
9:00 am Intention of Parishioners
11:00 am Deceased Parishioners
5:00 pm Family Mass
10:00 pm Midnight Mass
1:30 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
Dec. 10, 2017 envelopes (101)	\$	3365.50
Dec. 10, 2017 loose change	\$	273.30
Flowers	\$	920.00

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. 18	Rev. Junghyuk Choi
Tues., Dec. 19	Rev. Allen Varlaki
Wed., Dec. 20	Missionaries
Thurs., Dec. 21	Rev. James Malone
Fri., Dec. 22	Rev. Stephen Csiszar
Sat., Dec. 23	Rev. Jerome Mascarenhas



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL HEART ORNAMENTS

Anyone wishing to remember deceased loved ones this Christmas in a special way may do so by making a donation for altar flowers. Please enclose your donation and the name of your loved ones in the envelope in your Church envelope package marked "flower donation" or in a plain envelope marked "flower donation". Write your name and address on it, and place it in the collection basket. A memorial heart ornament with your loved one's names will be placed on the trees at the side altars. These beautiful hearts are yours to take home after your Christmas Mass.

TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A carol service will begin at 11:30 pm followed by Midnight Mass Salt+Light Catholic Television will air the celebration live on television and on their website. CHTV of Hamilton will also carry the telecast. This year we are happy to welcome Fr. Paul Murray, OP and Archbishop Arthur Roche (Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, Rome) as special guest.

ADORATION FOR LIFE

Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist – Console His Heart Wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life. Sat., Jan. 6th from 11 am – 12noon, St. Mary's Church, Kitchener.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE CHARITY DINNER GALA

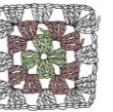
Culture vs. Christ: In Search of Authentic Love with Jonathon Van Maren, Thurs., Feb. 8th at Polish Legion Hall, 601 Wellington St. N., Kitchener, Dinner at 6 pm. Speakers begin at 7 pm. Cash bar, Silent Auction. Tickets \$40 kwrtl.ticketleap.com/love or KW Right to Life Office 519-746-5433.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2017/2018

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

CROCHETED BLANKETS

Would the person who dropped off in the church office 6 beautifully crocheted blankets, please kindly contact the office 519-745-9302.



NO CHEWING GUM



Please NO chewing gum in the Church or Church Hall.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

The Diocese of Hamilton will be hosting our annual Multicultural Mass on Sun., Jan. 21st at 1:30 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This is sure to be a beautiful celebration. All are welcome to join us for the Mass and the social event which will take place in McNally Hall after the celebration. There will be performances by various ethnic groups, as well as a chance to sample some delicious foods from around the world.



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

- Sun., Dec. 24 9:00 am and 11:00 am
Christmas Eve
- Sun., Dec. 24 Family Mass 5:00 pm
The Nativity of the Lord
- Christmas Midnight Mass 10:00 pm
Mon., Dec. 25 9:00 am and 11:00 am
- Sun., Dec. 31 9:00 am & 11 am
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Sun., Dec. 31 5:00 pm
Mon., Jan. 1 9:00 and 11:00 am

VOCATIONS OFFICE: There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton; 905-528-7988 or email: mking@hamiltondiocese.com, or www.hamiltonvocations.com.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Mon., Dec. 18th, St. Anne Church, Kitchener, 7:00 pm;
Tues., Dec. 19th, St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira, 7:00 pm;
Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener, 7:00 pm;
Fri., Dec. 22nd, St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener, 8:30 am – 9 pm;
St. Teresa of Avila Church, Kitchener, 6 pm – 8 pm



PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: Christmas is a season of great excitement and joy, filled with gifts, sharing love and visiting with our family and friends. These are wonderful parts of Christmas, but it is important to help our children remember that the holiday is really about the birth of Christ. Start during Advent by having an Advent wreath, where each week you pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love. Find ways as a family to spread these into the world in which you live.

Jesus taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care for 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. Help your children to learn that is in giving that we truly receive.

“THE SULTAN AND THE SAINTS” – The Franciscan Friars in collaboration with a Muslim Production Company have produced a film about St. Francis of Assisi’s pilgrimage of peace to the Muslims in the midst of the Crusades. It is a strong statement for peace and understanding between Christians and Muslims. “The Sultan and the Saint” will be broadcast on PBS, Tues., Dec. 26th at 8:00 pm. The film tells the story of St. Francis and Sultan Al-Kamil of Egypt, using both Christian and Muslim sources. A learning opportunity!

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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