

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**  
Dec. 24, 2017 A.D.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**



**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Mon., Dec. 25**  
9:00 am † Deceased Parishioners  
11:00 am † Deceased Parishioners  
3:00 pm Sudanese Community Mass

**Tues., Dec. 26** *St. Stephen*  
7:00 pm † John Corelli  
req. Angelina Corelli

**Wed., Dec. 27** *St. John*  
8:00 am In Praise & Thanksgiving  
req. Elaine Ditner

**Thurs., Dec. 28** *The Holy Innocents*  
8:00 am † Ana Gomes  
req. Samantha Bowers

**Fri., Dec. 29** *St. Thomas Becket*  
8:00 am † Maria Jose Ledo  
req. Eugenio Ledo

**Sat., Dec. 30**  
9:00 am Priest's Intention  
5:00 pm † Lino Soares  
req. Margarida Soares  
† Bryan Shantz  
req. Annette Shantz  
† Ildebrando Silveira  
req. Maria Silveira  
† Carlos Lobo  
req. Friends

**Sun., Dec. 31** *St. Sylvester I*  
9:00 am Intention of Parishioners  
11:00 am † Deceased Parishioners  
5:00 pm Int. of Bert & Ruth Ann Dietrich  
req. Bert & Ruth Ann Dietrich  
1:30 pm Eritrean Community Mass



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Tuesday after 7 pm Mass  
in the Rectory Chapel

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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| Average weekly contribution needed to cover budgeted expenses: | \$ | 3500.00 |
| Dec. 17, 2017 envelopes (104)                                  | \$ | 2871.95 |
| Dec. 17, 2017 loose change                                     | \$ | 440.75  |
| Building Fund  | \$ | 832.00  |

**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. 25 Christmas Day  
Tues., Dec. 26 Rev. Roshan D'Souza, O.C.D.  
Wed., Dec. 27 Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)  
Thurs., Dec. 28 Rev. Lawrence Parent, O.F.M.  
Fri., Dec. 29 Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski  
Sat., Dec. 30 Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.



**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.



**KW RIGHT TO LIFE CHARITY DINNER GALA**

Culture vs. Christ: In Search of Authentic Love with Jonathon Van Maren, Thurs., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://kwrtl.ticketleap.com/love) or KW Right to Life Office 519-746-5433.

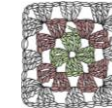


**COFFEE SUNDAY**

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> after the 9 & 11 am Masses. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship.

**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. 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Parent meeting, Tues., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, starting with Mass at 7:00 pm in the Chapel, the meeting will follow in the basement.

**QUILT DRAW**

Thank you everyone who purchased tickets on the quilt draw! We raised \$1,015.00 for snow equipment. The winner was parishioner Kevin Andrea. A very special that you to Joanne and Lorne Kuntz for donating the beautiful hand made quilt.



**CHRISTMAS CAKES**

Thank you for buying Campaign Life Coalition cakes. The sale totaled \$689.10.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



**Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule**

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:** From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God’s plan for her life and she said “Yes!” ...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God’s Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton; 905-528-7988 or email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com), or [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com).

**PRAYER VIGIL** – Thurs., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 10 am in front of Freeport Hospital, 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)

**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. 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 12noon, St. Mary’s Church, Kitchener.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** Rita McNeil’s Christmas song titled, *With My Family*, has the following line: “All I want under my tree is peace and love and harmony.” It is what we all want in our relationships, but it is important to ask ourselves what we are willing to do to get it. Will we take a peaceful approach to conflict, will we love the good pieces and the struggling pieces of our spouses and will we act in ways that bring us together in our decisions. The line ends with, “Wrap it with a ribbon please, I’ll share it with my family.” What a great Christmas gift to your spouse – a promise to work on peace and love and harmony!

**“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. 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

**TRUE REFORMERS** - Christopher Blum's DVD 6-part program starts on Thurs., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, St. Louis Parish (53 Allen St. E., Waterloo). It’s a journey with the saints who led the Church’s rebirth from the ashes of the confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. As you will get to know them, you will discover how powerful – and beautiful – is the human heart’s free response to God’s generous Grace. Course is free. Fee for optional materials. More info/registration 519-743-4101.

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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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| St. Joseph’s Parish                | <a href="http://www.stjosephkitchener.org">www.stjosephkitchener.org</a>           |
| Loyalty Funding Program            | <a href="http://www.loyaltyfunding.ca/stjoseph">www.loyaltyfunding.ca/stjoseph</a> |
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| Diocese of Hamilton                | <a href="http://www.hamiltondiocese.com">www.hamiltondiocese.com</a>               |
| Hamilton Diocese Vocations         | <a href="http://www.vocationinfo.ca">www.vocationinfo.ca</a>                       |
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