

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Dec. 31, 2017 A.D.

Holy Family



MASSES THIS WEEK

- Mon., Jan. 1** *Mary, Mother of God*
9:00 am Intention of Parishioners
11:00 am † Deceased Parishioners
3:00 pm Sudanese Community Mass
- Tues., Jan. 2** *St. Basil the Great*
7:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory
 req. Antonia & Antonio Arruda
- Wed., Jan. 3**
8:00 am Priest's Intention
- Thurs., Jan. 4**
8:00 am Int. of sick & shut-ins of
 St. Clement's CWL
- Fri., Jan. 5**
8:00 am Priest's Intention
- Sat., Jan. 6**
9:00 am † Floyd & Pearl Merkley
 req. Estate
- 5:00 pm** † Ildebrando Silveira
 req. Maria Silveira
 † Joseph Weber
 req. Josephine Pucher
 † Dec'd members of the
 Hundt & Shantz Families
 req. Annette Shantz
- Sun., Jan. 7** *Epiphany of the Lord*
9:00 am Intention of Parishioners
11:00 am In Thanksgiving
 req. Zennie Sunga
 † Iria S. Vargas
 req. Margarida Soares
 † Shirley LeBlanc
 req. Jeanette & Barry Ruetz
- 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. 24, 2017 envelopes (87)	\$	2012.50
Dec. 24, 2017 loose change	\$	295.55
Christmas	\$	4902.20

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., Jan. 1	Rev. Thomas Vermiglio
Tues., Jan. 2	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Wed., Jan. 3	Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)
Thurs., Jan. 4	Rev. Octavio Cidado
Fri., Jan. 5	Rev. Jose Edson Moreira
Sat., Jan. 6	Rev. Peter Raymond

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.

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.

LECTORS MEETING

Sat., Jan. 6th at 2 pm, Church Hall

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

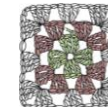
Parent meeting, Tues., Jan. 9th, starting with Mass at 7:00 pm in the Chapel, the meeting will follow in the basement.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Jan. 7th 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.



2018 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

All who use Church offering envelopes can pick up their 2018 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

Tax receipts will be issued early in the New Year, and will be at the back of the Church.

Reel Justice – A Justice Film Festival

The Church teaches that social justice is an integral part of evangelization, a constitutive dimension of preaching the Gospel, and an essential part of the Church's mission. There are so many issues of injustice all over our world, it is hard to know where to begin. Start by joining us for a movie and discussion evening at a parish near you! **January Screening: Romero Where: St. Michael Parish, Waterloo, 240 Hemlock St., Waterloo, N2L 3R5 When: January 26, 2018, 7:00- 9:00 p.m.**

PARENTING TIP

January begins a new year, a perfect time to reflect on your parenting role. Ask yourselves what you are doing well; what you might improve on and where you may need some supports. Assess whether you are spending enough quality and quantity time with your children because both matter. Reflect on whether you are providing a strong faith foundation and a strong connection to the Church community, since both have positive health and spiritual impacts. Now with a clearer vision, set some family goals for the coming year!



New Year's Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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

VOCATIONS OFFICE: By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton; 905-528-7988 or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or www.hamiltonvocations.com.



PRAYER VIGIL – Thurs., Jan. 4th 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

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.

DAVID, THE KING - Bishop Barron's DVD 6-part program starts on Mon., Jan. 8th at 7:30 pm, St. Louis Parish (53 Allen St. E., Waterloo). The whole Bible opens up once it's viewed through the person of King David in Bishop Robert Barron's newest Bible study. David's kingship recalls the kingship of Adam in the Garden of Eden, and also foreshadows the kingship of Jesus Christ. Adam was the first king and steward of the rightly ordered Garden of Eden, but he failed. Later, David emerged as hope of Israel who sought to restore order in the Garden and bring the world under the lordship of God. But being imperfect, David did not fully accomplish this task. So God promised to send a son of David who would be the perfect and eternal king. Course is free. Fee for optional materials. More info/registration 519-743-4101.

TRUE REFORMERS - Christopher Blum's DVD 6-part program starts on Thurs., Jan. 11th 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.

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>Loyalty Funding Program</u>	www.loyaltyfunding.ca/stjoseph
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