



Mass Intentions December 12 – December 18, 2022

Prayer Calendar

St. Anne

St. Joseph

Diocese of Hamilton

Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	+ Luis Eduardo Tamayo – J & S Andrade	Rev. Michael Anderson
Tuesday 7:00 pm	+ Philip Polillo – M. Levacic Int of Brian, Mei, & Shannon – M. Levacic	Int of Minnu Dennis & Family – Johny Baby	Rev. Robert Love
Wednesday 8:00 am	Int of Fr. Tom – Bernie & Nan	No Mass	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
Thursday 8:00 am	+ Lindsay Meulenbarg & Int Len & Cindy Robinson – Alyea family Int of Rudy & Maureen Levacic – M. Levacic	Int of Martha & Family – Johny Baby	Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.
Friday 8:00 am	+ Anthony Hayek – Hayek Family Int of Yvonne McGrath – a friend	+ James Hogan – Maureen & Rudy Levacic	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
Saturday St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm	+ Ray Koch – family Int of Ed Young – Betty, Lynda & all of the Young Family + Nicholas Flanagan – M. Levacic	+ Deceased members of the Zafiri family – Nina De Francesco + Andrew & Mary Kossuth – Frank Kossuth + Jose Sousa – Alda Sousa + Holy Souls in Purgatory – Fernanda Lameira	Rev. Ilija Petkovic
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	+ Nancy Ehiorobo – De Sousa family + Luigi Sgarbossa – Sgarbossa family	+ Orlanda Amorim – Carlos Amorim + Ildebrando Silveira – Maria S + Anthony Cadilha – Mom & Dad	

SUNDAY MASS

Our Churches are open, & we follow public health measures. Masks are encouraged. Our weekend & weekday Masses are celebrated at the usual times.

Church Offering Report: once a month. Offertory envelopes can be dropped off in the parish mailbox. Please call the office to pick up your Church envelopes.

Pre-Authorized Giving: next withdrawal – *December 15th*
More information is available on our websites.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

St. Anne: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday 8:30–11:30am

St. Joseph: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday 12:30-3:30pm

DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

This Week's Liturgical Readings

December 4th – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 1) Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
- 2) James 5:7-10
- 3) Matthew 11:2-11

FOCUS: MAKE YOUR HEARTS FIRM, BECAUSE THE COMING OF THE LORD IS AT HAND.

On Gaudete Sunday we rejoice with all the earth in anticipation & preparation for Jesus' birth & the coming of his kingdom. We, like John the Baptist, are blessed & included in the kingdom of heaven, not because of what we do but what Jesus does for us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Isaiah describes how the earth will rejoice when the Lord comes to save his people. In the second reading, James encourages patient hearts, for the return of the Lord is at hand. In the Gospel, Jesus praises John the Baptist as God's messenger & assures John's disciples that he is the one John has been seeking.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



St. Anne

Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 pm

Saturday, December 24 at 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 25 at 9:30 am

St. Joseph

Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 25 at 11:00 am

AREA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

- Dec 13th** 7:00 pm St. Joseph Church, Kitchener
Dec 14th 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener
Dec 15th 7:00 pm St. Mark's Church, Kitchener
Dec 20th Time TBD St. John Church, Kitchener
Dec 21st 7:00 pm St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener
Dec 22nd 7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener

Extraordinary Confession Times

- Dec 17th** 4:00 pm St. Teresa of Avila Church, Kitchener
Dec 17th 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm St. Francis of Assisi, Kitchener
Dec 20th 8:00 am – 8:00 pm St. Michael's Church, Waterloo

ST. ANNE CHRISTMAS CAROLS BEFORE MASS

The choir is looking forward to sharing their love of Christmas carols with you prior to the 8:00 pm Christmas Mass on **Dec. 24th**. Come at 7:30 pm to enjoy the beautiful hymns & voices. We are inviting those who wish to sing with the choir to attend rehearsals. They are being held after Sunday mass from 10:30 to noon.

ST. ANNE – CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT



Calling all sheep, angels, and wisemen! Our annual Children's Gospel Presentation is returning for our 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. We are looking for children to participate in all roles, as well

as a few older students to be narrators and lectors. An information and sign-up meeting will be held after the 9:30 am Mass on **Dec 11** in the hall. For more information contact Mary at the parish office or mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARISH ADVENT REFLECTION

St. Anne & St. Joseph parishioners are welcome to join us for an afternoon Advent Reflection led by Fr. Tom Vermiglio on **Dec 10th** from 1:00-4:00 pm in St. Joseph Church. **Waiting in Hope** is the theme. The schedule will include two talks, each followed by a time of reflection. First Session 1:00 - 2:30 pm; Snack break 2:30-2:45 pm; Second Session 2:45-4:00 pm

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, & is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on **Dec. 10th** or **Dec 11th** to be blessed. After the



blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home & wrap it as a gift & save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day. As you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

ST. JOSEPH - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

Please support those in need in our community this Christmas. Please take an envelope off the tree at the side entrance and return it to the collection. Tax receipts will be issued for any donation over \$20. Cheques should be made payable to: St. Vincent de Paul – St. Joseph. Thank you for your support.

ST. JOSEPH POTLUCK CELEBRATION

Save the date! Our **Christmas Around the World Potluck** will be held on **Dec 17th** after the 5:00 pm mass. This is a fun, family-friendly event where you can share your favourite Christmas food and sing Christmas carols with others in the parish. Sign-up sheets are at the church entrances.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Advent Christmas Party!



All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to our Advent Party, 6:30-8:30 pm on **Dec. 16th** at St. Anne, in the hall. Dinner, karaoke, a photo booth, games & more. See you there!

ST. MARY'S / ST. ANNE'S C.W.L.

The next gathering is Sunday **Dec. 18th** following St. Mary's 11 a.m. Mass. Special thanks to Chef Amy, who is arranging tea, coffee, water, & a plate of sweets for us! Please join us for this special time of prayer, fellowship, friendship & reflection, as we await the celebration, & the mystery of His Son's Birth!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

...will be at St. Joseph Church this weekend (**Dec. 10th & 11th**) to sell festive and custom made Christmas decorations. Sales are after mass.

SUNDAY MISSALS

... are now available at the back of the Church. Please put your money in the envelope provided and return it to the collection basket. Cost is \$5.00.

ST. JOSEPH CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE

If you would like to participate in the Christmas Memorial Tree this year, please include your donation in an envelope with your name & phone number along with the names of your deceased family members. An ornament will be displayed on the Christmas trees during the Advent season. You may then take it home & display it on your tree for Christmas.

ST. ANNE – CALL FOR DECORATORS!

🏠🎄 Mark your calendars to help get your church ready for Christmas! We are welcoming volunteers on **Dec 23**, at 9 am, to come out and help with the creche, decorations, trees & lights. Many hands make light work. Please call the office to let us know if you can help. Christmas treats will be provided.

CHRISTMAS / ADVENT MUSIC SHOWS

... with John B. Miller & friends! All shows begin at 7:00 pm.
○ Dec. 10 – Shantz Mennonite Church, Baden
Free will offering accepted at the door to help support music team.

ST ANNE - CHRISTMAS BAKING & COFFEE SUNDAY

🍪 You are invited to bring and share some of your favorite Christmas baking at our next Coffee Sunday on **Dec 18**. Come, socialize, and taste the goodness of our community 🏠. Goodies can be dropped off before Mass.

PARENTING AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Christmas is an exciting and busy time of year, a time when it is vital for parents to counter the secular side of the holiday, so heavily promoted, by helping their children understand the real 'reason for the season'. Ensuring you have a nativity set and Advent wreath in your home are important reminders that it is Christ we celebrate. Attending Mass, placing Jesus in the manger before opening presents on Christmas morning, giving to charity and reminding your children Baptism calls all of you to do so, are ways to give a place of importance to the birth of Jesus.

ST. JOSEPH – C.W.L

Attention C.W.L Ladies! Please remit your 2023 dues as soon as possible. If you have automatic deposit, please remit your membership dues in a plain envelope, marked with CWL on the outside. Include your name, phone number and address on the outside of the envelope as well please. Dues were increased by the National level to \$35.00 for 2023.

EVENINGS WITH BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER

...continue this fall, the second Friday of each month at 7 pm. Bishop Wayne invites everyone to join him for an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith. For more information, visit the diocese website at: hamiltondiocese.com

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to *Come Home for Christmas*. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, & Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return. For information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>

RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

On the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe & the National Day of Prayer & Solidarity with Indigenous Persons, The Honourable Graydon Nicolas will present a reflection on the appearance of Our Lady to Juan Diego, an Indigenous man in Guadalupe, Mexico. Graydon was the first Aboriginal lawyer in the Maritimes, & New Brunswick's first Indigenous judge & lieutenant-governor. The presentation will be offered **Dec. 12th** at 7 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. If you would like to attend, you are kindly asked to RSVP at the Diocese website, or by contacting either Parish office.

YEAR END DONATIONS

Please note that you must have your 2022 donations to the church no later than Dec. 25th if you wish it to be reflected in the 2022 tax receipt. Donations that come after this date will be put towards the 2023 tax receipt.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxes are at the back of the church for pick up.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as Gaudete Sunday) is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the purple colour. Pink represents JOY. Rejoice, the Lord is near.



Prayer: God of joy and peace, come into our lives with your glory. Help us to see that we are loved, favoured, and invited to share your joy and peace. Help us do what is right in the right way. Then, freed from shame and guilt, we can offer your fitting praise. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

World Youth Day 2023 – Lisbon & Fatima, Portugal

WYD 2023

Bishop Crosby is sending a delegation of 40 young adults to World Youth Day 2023. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of Catholic young people from all over the world with the Pope. For the millions of participants, it is a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church, and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. Mary Forcier, our youth minister, is one of the delegates.



The WYD 2023 pilgrimage and celebration will take place July 28 – August 7, 2023 in Lisbon and Fatima, Portugal. While on pilgrimage, delegates will get to experience the Portuguese history, culture, and food. They will also participate in a retreat experience in Fatima, joining millions of young Catholics in prayer and celebration, and journey with the Holy Father through a powerful overnight vigil, closing with a Papal Mass.

“MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE”

Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39) has been chosen by Pope Francis as the motto of the World Youth Day 2023. The phrase opens the account of the Visitation, following the Annunciation. Mary of Nazareth is the great figure of the Christian journey. She teaches us to say yes to God. She was the protagonist of the last WYD and will be so again in Lisbon.

Addressing young people in particular, challenging them to be courageous missionaries, Pope Francis wrote in his exhortation Christus Vivit: “Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us everywhere. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some” (CV 177).



2023 World Youth Day Pilgrims at the Diocese Commissioning Mass

SUPPORTING OUR PILGRIMS

TINY SAINTS

Add a Tiny Saint to your life! These small charms make great keychains, zipper pulls, purse hangers, or backpack decorations. Available options:

St Anne St Joseph
Mary, Blessed Mother
St Josephine Bakhita
St Charles Lwanga
Blessed Carlo Acutis (The first Millennial blessed!)



Tiny Saints can be purchased at both St Joseph and St Anne's December Coffee Sundays from Mary

Suggested donation \$10 per Tiny Saint

FUNDRAISING DINNER

The World Youth Day Planning Team warmly invites you to a fundraising dinner at St. Mary's Church in Hamilton on Saturday, February 4, 2023. Join us as we enjoy fine Portuguese food, music and cultural dance!



Tickets are \$75 per person. We hope to send 4 tables of 8 parishioners from St Anne and St Joseph. Reserve your seat early by contacting Mary by email (mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com) or calling either parish office. Sales close Friday January 13.

DIRECT SUPPORT

Donations can also be made directly to our pilgrims through Canada Helps at bit.ly/WYDgive. At the end of the form, specify support for Mary Forcier.

PRAYER

Please pray for all pilgrims heading to World Youth Day, including Mary and the Diocesan delegation.

Pray for good spiritual and physical health, a powerful experience of the universal Church, and a courage to answer the call of Christ in preparing for World Youth Day and beyond.

To contact Mary about World Youth Day, please call either parish office (ext 202 at St Anne, ext 34 at St Joseph), or email mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com

For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton please visit wyd.hamiltondiocese.com