

St. Anne's Parish Family

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 12/13, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions December 15 – December 20, 2020

Tuesday

7:00 pm + Tom & Jean Schmalz – Kevin & Jo Ann Schmalz

Wednesday

8:00 am + Anthony Hayek – Hayek Family

Thursday

8:00 am + Ruth Hayek – Hayek

Friday

8:00 am + Anthony Hayek – Hayek Family

Saturday

4:00 pm + Wyll River – Lise Lindsay
+ Leonard Crawford – Michael & Elenoare Olinski

Sunday

9:30 am **The Parishioners of St. Anne**
+ Joe & June Walter – Maureen Rodrigue

1:30 pm **Vietnamese Community**

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are now permitted by appointment only. Please contact the priest directly through the parish office.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Monday	Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.
Tuesday	Rev. Ronald Hodara
Wednesday	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer
Thursday	Rev. Edward Henhoeffler
Friday	Rev. John Schnurr
Saturday	Rev. Jacek Kryn, S.A.C.

PARISH SUPPORT

Next Pre-Authorized Giving withdrawal – December 15th.

A big "Thank you" to all who contribute generously to the regular Sunday Offering. May God reward your sacrifices.



WEEKEND OFFERING Dec. 5/6, 2020 – next weekend

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Anyone who still hasn't submitted their contribution schedule for 2021 please do so. This form is to be renewed each year.

PARISH LIVE-STREAMED MASS

This weekend, Mass will be live streamed at 11:00 am at St. Joseph Church; next weekend at 9:30 am at St. Anne.

2020-2021 SUNDAY MISSALS

... are available for purchase at the back of the Church. Inserted is an envelope labeled "MISSALS \$5.00". Please do not leave loose cash in the collection basket. Take a Missal and return the envelope with payment, putting it in the collection basket.

Next Week's Liturgical Readings

December 20, 2020 – 4th Sunday of Advent

- 1) 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
- 2) Romans 16:25-27
- 3) Luke 1:26-38

FOCUS: The Lord dwells among us.

David worries that the ark of God dwells in a tent; Mary doesn't hesitate to allow the ark of God to dwell within her. God is not bound by human constraints, yet he asks us to participate with him, to cooperate with his grace, that the ark of the covenant – and the arc of salvation history – may be made available to all.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord reminds David that he, the Lord, chose David. He tells David that a kingdom will be established in David's name and endure forever. Saint Paul gives *glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ*. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will conceive and bear a son. Hearing that the Holy Spirit and the power of the Most High will be with her – she responds, *may it be done to me according to your word*.

Pray for our Deceased Loved Ones and the Sick

Let us remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in Christ who are sick and for those who have died.

THE BOOK OF YOUTH

Our Chapter in the Acts of the Apostles – Young people in grades 5-11 are invited to join us Fridays for our online Youth nights at 7 pm on Zoom. These social nights are a great time to relax together and play games. If interested, email Mary at stannekitcheneryouth@gmail.com for permission forms and link.

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

We will gather in the Church on Tuesday, December 22 from 9 - 11:00 am to decorate our Church with lights, trees and flowers, as we prepare to welcome the birth of Jesus, the Son of God and our Saviour. All are welcome to participate.

ANGEL TREE – Society of St. Vincent DePaul

Thank you to all who have already given monetary donations and/or store gift cards for our "virtual" Angel Tree. Since we are not allowed to visit families directly, we will be mailing these gift cards to all the clients i.e. grocery gift cards and various gift cards to clients who have children. We ask that you please drop off your donations while attending weekend Masses, or drop them off at the Parish Office in the brown mailbox. We ask that you please have them to us by the second week in December. Again, your generosity and support are "second-to-none". God Bless you always!

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES 2021

... are available for pick up after all the Masses this weekend. Simply present yourself to the attendant at the table and your box of envelopes will be handed to you. This is the final weekend they will be available. We kindly ask you to pick up boxes of envelopes for relatives and neighbours who may not yet regularly attend Sunday Mass.

Please note: There are no envelopes for those who have signed up for the Pre-authorized Giving Plan. Further information about the pre-authorized giving, and its benefits to you and to the Church, can be found at the back of the Church.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Thur., Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Fri., Christmas Day, Dec. 25: 9:30 am and 11:00 am

Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Mass will be livestreamed and Christmas Day 11:00 am Mass will be livestreamed from St. Anne at youtube.com/stastj Sunday Masses are available each week at this same link.

Registration is required to attend any one of these Christmas Masses because of possible increased Mass attendance and limited capacity due to COVID-19.

Note:

Registration is closed for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. We have reached our capacity (30%) according to the regulations of the Diocese and provincial public health officials.

To register, please phone the parish office (519-745-5302) and leave a voicemail message or send an email to: stannekitchener@hamiltondiocese.com or drop by the parish office and pick up a form. Give your family name and the names of those of your household attending with you. Family members not living with you should register separately.

Thur., New Year's Vigil, Dec. 31: 4:00 pm
Fri., New Year, Jan. 1: 9:30 am

ADORATION and CONFESSION

The Church will be open for extra days and times for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity:

St. Anne

- Tuesday, Dec. 15: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Thursday, Dec. 17: 8:30 – 10:30 am
- Wednesday, Dec. 23: 8:30 – 10:30 am

St. Joseph

- Wednesday, Dec. 16: 8:30 – 10:30 am
- Friday, Dec. 18: 8:30 – 10:30 am
- Tuesday, Dec. 22: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

An online weekly video series created to help us prepare for the celebration of Christmas, entitled Journey through Advent. The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby and the Most Reverend Pierre Goudreault will provide spiritual guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. Available on the CCCB website: [Click here to access the video series in English.](#)

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If God is calling you to the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation by phone 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or by e-mail mking@hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH ADVENT NOVENA

From Thursday, December 17 to Christmas Day Fr. Brian will lead a daily 5-minute reflection on the Gospel of Matthew Chapters 1 and 2, the Infancy Narrative. Join us at youtube.com/stastj

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Families with children in grade 2 and 7 or higher who are planning to celebrate First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation in 2021, please mark your calendars for our online information sessions in January:

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist: Sun Jan 10 6:30 pm OR Wed, Jan 13, 6:30 pm
Confirmation: Sun Jan 17, 6:30 pm OR Wed Jan 20, 6:30 pm

Christmas Midnight Mass – Hamilton Cathedral

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Midnight Mass will be preceded by a Carol Service beginning at 11:30 p.m. and will be broadcast on Salt+Light Media and shared with CHCH-TV. The Mass will be repeated on CHCH-TV at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning.

Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church (8 December 2020), Pope Francis wrote an Apostolic Letter, Patris Corde ("With A Father's Heart": that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph"). Pope Francis dedicated the year from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021, to St. Joseph. "The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to imple his virtues and his zeal."

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