

St. Anne's Parish Family
Epiphany of the Lord
January 2/3, 2021



Mass Intentions
January 4 – January 10, 2021

Due to the lockdown, all daily Masses will be celebrated by the priests privately at 8:00 am.

- Monday**
+ Jeanne Held – Estate
- Tuesday**
Int. of Yvonne McGrath - Friend
- Wednesday**
+ Lennard Crawford – Olinski Family
- Thursday** St. Andre Bessette
+ Jeanne Held - Estate
- Friday** St. Raymond of Penyafort
+ Jeanne Held - Estate
- Saturday**
Int. of Betty Martin – Munz Family
- Sunday**
The Parishioners of St. Anne and St. Joseph
+ Jeanne Held - Estate

CONFESSIONS

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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

- Monday** Rev. David Avila
Tuesday Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
Wednesday Diocesan Priests
Thursday Rev. Kim Kiwook
Friday Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
Saturday Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.

PARISH LIVE-STREAMED MASS

This weekend, Mass will be live streamed at 10:00 am at St. Anne Church; next weekend at 10:00 am at St. Joseph.

Pray for our Deceased Loved Ones and the Sick

Let us remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died: Camilla Malleck, Marlene Hentges, and David Howe.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES 2021

Please call the church office to arrange pick up of your envelopes. 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, is available on our website.

This Week's Liturgical Readings

January 3, 2021 – The Epiphany of the Lord

- 1) Isaiah 60:1-6
- 2) Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- 3) Matthew 2:1-12

FOCUS: The eternal gifts of joy, hope, and peace are bestowed on those who choose to live in the light of Christ.

The voices of the prophet Isaiah, the Apostle Paul, and the three kings – Balthazar, Caspar, and Melchior – resound today in one joyful chorus. They are reminding us that Christ, our Light, has come to dispel the darkness of sin and death and to remain with us forever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah joyfully foretells of the light that emerges from darkness at the coming of Christ. In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds his listeners that, whether Gentile or Jew, they are all a part of the one body of Christ, the Church. In the Gospel, the tree wise men visit the Christ-child, bearing gifts to pay him homage.

Next Week's Liturgical Readings

January 10, 2021 – The Baptism of the Lord

- 1) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
- 2) Acts 10:34-38
- 3) Mark 1:7-11

FOCUS: May our lives always reflect the powerful grace of our baptism.

God reveals the sacrament of baptism with dynamic power. The heavens are torn. The Spirit descends; the Father's voice is heard. Two brief verses paint a vivid picture depicting the unity of the Holy Trinity. Through our baptism, we are joined to the family of God and welcomed into the intimacy of the Trinity. Take hold of this gift.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah presents the Suffering Servant, sent to save God's people. In the Book of Acts, Peter declares salvation is available to all people, and is not restricted to the Israelites. In today's Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, while God the Father calls Jesus his *beloved Son*.

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. 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 SUPPORT

Next Pre-Authorized Giving withdrawal – January 15th.

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



WEEKEND OFFERING

Dec. 26/27, 2020

Saturday/Sunday Offering	\$1235.00
PAG	\$914.00
Christmas	\$2669.50
Unsolicited	\$12500.00
Loose	\$290.00



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Anyone who still hasn't submitted their contribution schedule for 2021 please do so.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TILL FURTHER NOTICE

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

ONE HEART ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN

continues to receive donations from parishioners who want to support their Parishes and Diocese. As the second wave reaches 75% of its goal, the third wave is gearing up to begin in the New Year. Even in the middle of a pandemic, we are grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity the campaign has engendered in our Parishes.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS UPDATE

This Christmas, our St. Vincent de Paul Society, including our Church and School Community, were able to provide service to 62 families. This consisted of 88 adults and 81 children.

Total donations received for the Society from the Parish in December were \$6,365 and in addition we received gift cards totaling \$680.

The school raised over \$3,000 for gift cards given to 22 families with 58 children and 34 adults. We were able to provide the school with grocery gift cards for \$2,440 to further support their families.

In addition, St. Vincent de Paul provided \$1,200 in gift cards for families in need.

St. Anne's Parish is a caring community, and your generosity has provided the less fortunate with much happiness. Your continued support enables us to help persons in need through monthly food vouchers.

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 implore his virtues and his zeal.”

A WALK THROUGH FRATELLI TUTTI

‘Fratelli Tutti’: With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives.” (FT#1) These are the opening words from Pope Francis in his latest encyclical, *On Fraternity and Social Friendship*. Join us on Wednesday, January 27th for a 90 minute Zoom webinar to walk through of this beautiful document. Written by Pope Francis to “all people of good will.” Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Family Ministry Office - register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com or by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS 2021

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years Anniversary starting in January on the Diocesan website. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TAKE OUT DINNER

145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo

- Take out fish and chips on Fridays starting January 8th. Call Derek at 226-748-8378 by 4:30 pm. Pick up times are from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm. 1 pc \$15.00, 2 pcs \$18.00 taxes included.
- Take out spaghetti and meatball dinners on Wednesdays starting January 6th. Call Martin at 519-884-2060 by Wednesday noon. Pick up times are from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Dinner for one \$10.00, dinner for two \$18.50 taxes included.



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