



## Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome to St. Joseph's Parish.  
We pray that you feel at home.  
Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith.

### Mass Times & Intentions

#### Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:45pm Children's Pageant  
5:00pm Mass  
7:00 pm Mass  
Midnight Mass

#### Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am Mass

#### Wednesday, December 26 - No Mass

#### Thursday, December 27

8:30 am **Don Wellstead** – Terri Wellstead & Family

#### Friday December 28

8:30 am **Intentions of Yvonne Geraghty**

#### Saturday, December 28

5:00 pm **Don Wellstead** – Terri Wellstead & Family  
**David Howard Jr.** – Terri Wellstead & Family  
**Jack Karn** – Jean Martin & Family  
**Intentions of Stasia Brohman** – Joanne Brohman & Family

#### Sunday, December 29

9:00 am **Mass for the People**  
11:00 am **Special Intention**

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Dec. 24	Rev. Francis Hubilla
Dec. 25	Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord
Dec. 26	Franciscan Fathers
Dec. 27	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Dec. 28	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
Dec. 29	Rev. Kevin D'Souza

### Parish Offerings:

#### **Your contributions for December 15 & 16, 2018:**

Regular Collection	<b>Not available</b>
Building Fund	<b>at time of printing</b>
St. Vincent de Paul	<b>\$3,670.00</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 23, 2018

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, or deacon to carry the God News of God's great Love? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director of the Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988, x2246 or [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).



December 22 – 28, 2018

The candles at the **Shrine of the Blessed Virgin** burn for **The Families of St. St. Joseph Parish & for the Intentions of the Landoni, Mattaini, Mason & Costin Families**

The candles at the **Shrine of St. Joseph** burn for **The Families of St. St. Joseph Parish & for the Intentions of the Landoni, Mattaini, Mason & Costin Families**

### CWL Gift for the Parish

The ladies of the Catholic Women's League Executive are pleased to provide copies of Matthew Kelly's book **The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity** for the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish. We hope you will enjoy this excellent read over the holiday season – make sure to get your copy while quantities last!

### Knights of Columbus & CWL Sponsored Catholic Faith Calendar 2019

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League have joined forces to offer all families in the Parish a 2019 Catholic Faith Calendar as our gift to you. In addition to Church information, the calendar notes feast days, readings of the day and other important and interesting information!

### Knights of Columbus January Breakfast

Please join us Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> for the Knights of Columbus Charity breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. Families can take advantage of a special rate of \$17.00 for 2 adults and all children under 12. All are welcome and encouraged to come to enjoy breakfast and fellowship - coffee and toast is free if you're not up for a full breakfast.

### Midnight Mass

#### Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King

Midnight Mass with Bishop Douglas Crosby will once again be televised on Salt & Light, starting at 11:30 p.m. with carols from the Cathedral followed by Midnight Mass.



**Theology on Tap**

Theology on Tap will be hosting our 3rd event of the season, on Tuesday, January 15th from 7:00-9:00pm at the Albion Hotel, in Guelph. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Hamilton Diocese, will be speaking on the topic "Living Life in a Throw Away Culture". Free finger food will be provided. A special invite goes out to young adults between the ages of 19 and 40. All are welcome. For more information, please visit us on Facebook "Theology on Tap Guelph" or contact us at [Theologyontapguelph@gmail.com](mailto:Theologyontapguelph@gmail.com).

**Junior Kindergarten & Senior Kindergarten at Wellington Catholic...  
We have faith in education.**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for Kindergarten at our schools beginning January 7th, 2019.

**Kindergarten Eligibility**

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2019 to attend Junior Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2019 to attend Senior Kindergarten

Please bring: - child's birth certificate  
- a parent or child's Baptismal certificate  
- child's health card / immunization record /custody papers (if applicable)  
- proof of tax support for families new to the system (i.e. most recent tax bill)

Please note:

- Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Senior Kindergarten. Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please call your school.

**Helping Women Heal...**

The Pregnancy Centre in Centre Wellington is offering a...Post Abortion Support Program: Peer Support, Professional Counsellor, Free and Confidential Begins: January 14, 2019  
For more information or to pre-register: [pascw@pregnancycentre.ca](mailto:pascw@pregnancycentre.ca) or 226-486-1129



**Novena for the Abuse Crisis – Healing, Transparency and Accountability**

A Novena for the Abuse Crisis will be offered immediately following the 7:00 PM Masses at St. Joseph's on nine consecutive Tuesdays starting on Tuesday January 8th and ending on Shrove Tuesday March 5th. Pope Francis in a letter August 20th, reinforced by a letter on August 23rd from Bishop Crosby, called upon us to embrace "an attitude of prayer and penance" so that "we may grow in the gift of compassion, in justice, prevention and reparation". The weekly Novena prayers will be offered for the following intentions:

- January 8** – For The Victims and Survivors of the Abuse
  - January 15** – For Those Involved in Committing and Covering Up the Abuse
  - January 22** – For the Priests and Bishops
  - January 29** – For the Holiness of the Clergy
  - February 5** – That the Evil of Sex Abuse in the Church is Cast Out
  - February 12** – That God Will Bring Good From This Evil
  - February 19** – That the Bishops Will Hold Each Other Accountable
  - February 26** – That the Bishops Will Have Humility, Self-Knowledge and Transparency
  - March 5** – For the Victims and Survivors
- Unfortunately, sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults continues in our Church and we are being called upon to act! The Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph's CWL are co-sponsoring this Novena and we invite everyone to join us in praying for all those involved in this suffering, some of whom may have suffered past abuse and are silent in our midst.

**Upcoming Events at St. Joseph Parish**

Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Mass, 5pm, (Children's Pageant at 4:45pm), 7pm & Midnight
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Mass – 10am
Dec. 26	No Mass
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Mass – 5pm
Jan. 1	New Year's Day Mass – 10am
Jan. 8	Novena for Abuse Crisis begins after 7pm Mass