



Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome to St. Joseph Parish.

We pray that you feel at home.
Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith.

Mass Times & Intentions

Wednesday, December 2

8:30 am **Vince Zettel** – Jane Thatcher

9:00 am to 10:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 3

8:30 am **Intentions of Stanley Pereira** – The Brooks Family

Friday, December 4

8:30 am **Intentions of Jack Isabey** – Fern & Marie Beaudry

Saturday, December 5

3:30pm 4:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:00 pm **Special Intentions of Eva**

Ted KleinGebbinck

Evelyn Goetz – Paul & Cathy Goetz

Tony Reilly – Jean Martin

Larry Mason – Gail & Mac Brown

Sunday, December 6

9:00 am **Mass for the People**

11:00 am **Special Intention**

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Nov. 30	Rev. Andrew Czarny
Dec. 1	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.
Dec. 2	Discalced Carmelite Fathers (O.C.D.)
Dec. 3	Rev. John Redmond
Dec. 4	Rev. Phillip Cook
Dec. 5	Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.

First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a Priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**

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Appointment of Auxiliary Bishop For the Diocese of Hamilton

His Grace, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, has announced that **Reverend Father Wayne Lobsinger** has been appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton by His Holiness Pope Francis. Since being ordained by Bishop Tonnos in 1994, Auxiliary Bishop-Elect Lobsinger has served as an Associate Pastor and Pastor in many Parishes throughout the Diocese. In addition, he has served on the Diocesan College of Consultors, the Episcopal Board, Canadian Federation of Presbyteral Councils, Chairman of the Diocesan Council of Priests, Chaplain for the Legion of Mary and Spiritual Director at St. Peter's Seminary, London. The Episcopal ordination is expected to take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, in early February 2021.

Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Fr. Ken will be offering Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Joseph Parish (Fergus) on Tues., Dec. 8th at 7pm.

Sunday Missal 2020-2021

As we enter into Advent this weekend, we also move onto the new Sunday Missal 2020-2021 (blue cover). If you have not yet bought your new Missal, don't fret. Additional copies are available in the Narthex at a cost of \$4 each.

Centre Wellington Food Bank - A COVID Christmas

The impact on our community throughout the past months has resulted in an increase of families in need. Never have we experienced a year as we have just lived through. Economic hardships mean that more families and households struggle financially and emotionally. As a result, many in our community cannot afford to celebrate this Holiday season.

COVID has caused the Food Bank, as with so many others, to change our normal programs to meet the requirements that our COVID world has dictated.

This year client families registered with the Food Bank will receive FreshCo grocery cards on their last shopping date at the Food Bank before Christmas.

St. Joseph Church will once again be giving a donation to support the Food Bank's annual Christmas program. Anyone in the parish wishing to do the same is asked to drop off your donation to the Food Bank, 105 Queen St. W., #11, Fergus, in the historic Fergus Marketplace, 519-787-1401.

Papal Honours

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has graciously granted Papal Honours to a Priest and several parishioners in the Diocese of Hamilton:

Chaplain of His Holiness Father Martin Vallely, C.S.S., (with the title Monsignor), Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, Burlington

Knight Commander (with Star) of Saint Gregory the Great Mr. James Long, Chancellor (Temporal Affairs), Diocese of Hamilton

Knight of St. Gregory the Great Mr. Vince Varga, Property Advisor to Bishops of the Diocese; Mr. Allan Beaupre, Diocesan Finance Council, Property Committee, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo

Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Mr. Dao Hoang Pham, Parish Council President, Our Lady of Vietnam Parish, Hamilton; Mrs. Barbara Dollak, Volunteer, Diocesan Refugee Office, Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton; Mrs. Sharon Fazari, Director, Diocesan Choir, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hamilton; Ms. Martha Fauteux, Chaplain, St. Jerome's University, Waterloo; M. Marcel Lévesque, Catholic French School Trustee, Notre Dame de Perpetual Secours Parish, Hamilton

Benemerenti Medal Mr. Dominic Tersigni, District Cemeterian, Marymount Catholic Cemetery, Guelph; Mr. Mario Bilich, Parishioner, Our Lady of All Souls Parish, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Hamilton; Mrs. Ankica Juraj, Catholic Women's League, Sacristan, Holy Cross Croatian Parish, Hamilton; Mr. Martin Seregelyes, Parish Council, Scout Troop, St. Stephen of Hungary Parish, Hamilton; Mr. Rocco Valeri, Parish Council member, volunteer, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Hamilton; and Mrs. Josie Cruz, Legion of Mary member, Sacred Heart Parish, Hamilton

We congratulate the worthy recipients of these honours. Their long-time commitment to the vibrant life of the Catholic community in the Diocese of Hamilton is deeply appreciated!

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus,

December 16th to December 25th, 2020

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?
You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus.
Send your prayer intention slip with your name and
address to:

Carmel of Saint Joseph
1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

Christmas Masses

This year's Mass Schedule at Christmas is going to be slightly different from past years. Christmas Eve Masses will take place at 5pm (no Children's Pageant), 7pm and 10pm (no Midnight Mass) and on Christmas Day at 9am and 11am (if needed). To ensure that we stay under our 30% capacity limit, the Diocese requires us have parishioners sign up the Mass they plan to attend. We would ask you to have a conversation with family members to decide which Mass you will attend. Sign up sheets will be available very soon.



Christmas Floral Tributes

Christmas is a time when thoughts can turn to those who are no longer with us and the memories of them from Christmases past. If you would like to contribute to the Parish's Christmas flowers as a tribute to your lost loved ones, please pick up the Special Envelope and form in the Narthex and return to the Church Office or in the collection basket at any Mass. Over Christmas your deceased loved ones' names will be placed on the Altar and remembered at each Mass offered.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus are once again offering a selection of Christmas cards designed to ensure that we keep Christ in Christmas. Have a peek at the various styles available in the Narthex. Many of us cannot be with family this year, so why not send a card to remind people of the Joy of the Season and that we have them in our hearts and minds.

Family Prayer for Advent

God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,

As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.

Please see attached flyers for "***Journey Through Advent***" Video Series and Information regarding a seminars for ***Compassionate Care Ministry***.

Journey Through Advent **Video Series**



On Monday, November 23 2020 the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) announced a new online weekly video series created to help Canadian Catholic faithful to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Entitled *Journey through Advent*, the series is a joint project involving the CCCB's *Office national de liturgie*, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. The initiative was developed as a way, through the modern method of video messaging, to offer a resource that enriches faith formation during a time of joyful anticipation for the coming of the Lord and Saviour into the world.

The videos serve as an introduction to the liturgical Season and present reflections on the Gospel readings for each Sunday in Advent. The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and the Most Reverend Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of Saint-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, provide spiritual and pastoral guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas.

This video series is especially relevant given the COVID-19 pandemic that places limitations on in-person gatherings for faith communities. It is hoped that *Journey through Advent* will be a source of deep spiritual solace and insightful preparation for all. The videos will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration (23 November, 30 November 7 December and 14 December).

To follow the series visit www.cccb.ca.



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Compassionate Care Ministry

Pastoral Care of the Elderly, Sick, Hospitalized or Homebound

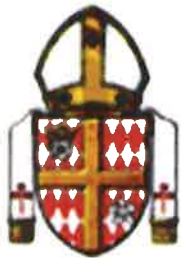
Compassionate Care Ministry offers healing love to all, especially the sick, elderly, isolated and lonely members of a parish. It involves outreach, which can occur in a variety of ways, to remind those served that they matter and that their parish family cares for them.

When: Three one-hour seminars: Thursday, January 14, 21 & 28.
From 2 -3 P.M. each day.



Who: Priests, deacons, lay staff, parish nurses and/or volunteers at the Parish who may engage in or lead Compassionate Care Ministry.

What: A chance to discern and learn about 'Compassionate Care Ministry' and what it might look like at your parish.



These are not training sessions, but they will provide an overview of multiple ways in which a parish might engage in some form of compassionate care ministry for the vulnerable in a parish.

Attendees will learn about both the pros and cons of engagement in this type of ministry, as well as the various possibilities you might employ to begin. In addition, they will understand what is necessary to provide for a ministry that is both safe and efficient.

An overview of how to gather a team of parishioners to engage in Compassionate Care Ministry and find a good leader for the team will be presented, as well as the necessary requirements for proper training and screening.

Practical components involved in training a team will also be discussed. For example: Engaging in conversation, respecting boundaries, engaging in prayer, proper form for Eucharist distribution outside of the Mass setting, to name a few.



"If a disciple stays still and doesn't go out and does not give back to others what he has received in Baptism, he is not a true disciple of Jesus. He lacks the missionary [spirit]; he can't get out of himself [to be able] to bring something good to others" (Pope Francis)