



## 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 16

8:30 am **Vince Zettel** – St. Vincent de Paul  
**Intentions of Keith & Sandra Solomon** –  
Jerome & Hope Lehman  
9:00 am to 10:00 am **Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament**

#### Thursday, December 17

8:30 am **Stuart & Wesley Kitching** – Pat Woode

#### Friday, December 18

8:30 am **Mary Richard** – Eldon & Hilda Richard  
**The Mason & Costin Families** – The Reidy  
Family  
**Adrea Rulli** – The Reidy Family

#### Saturday, December 19

3:30pm 4:30pm **Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament**  
5:00 pm **Special Intentions**  
**Kevin Costin** – Rob & Jane Shortreed  
**Vince Zettel** – Fern & Marie Beaudry  
**Jim Wolton** – Pat Wolton  
**Tony Reilly** – Mary Epoch

#### Sunday, December 20

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

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Dec. 14	Rev. Godwin Pinto O.C.D.
Dec. 15	Rev. Ronald Hodara
Dec. 16	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer
Dec. 17	Rev. Edward Henhoeffler
Dec. 18	Rev. John Schnurr
Dec. 19	Rev. Jacek Kryn, S.A.C.

### Third Sunday of Advent, December 13, 2020

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our Day? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact **Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)**

## Christmas Schedule

**Dec. 22**

Reconciliation

7 – 8 pm

**Dec. 23**

Weekday Mass at 8:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -

9 -10am

Reconciliation

9– 10 am

7 – 8 pm

**Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Masses\***

5pm (**Full - Booking Closed**)

7pm

10pm

**Dec. 25 – Christmas Day\***

Masses at 9 am and 11am

**\*Reminder** you must register for the  
Christmas Eve or Day Mass you plan  
to attend!!



### Updated COVID 19 Protocols

Attached to this bulletin you will find a copy of a memo from Msgr. Murray J. Kroetsch, Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton. It outlines expanded and revised directives for parish safety protocols. Please take a look.

### Pope Francis Announces The Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. He is of course the patron saint of Canada as well. The year began Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021, according to a [decree](#) authorized by the pope. The decree said that Pope Francis had established a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

### **St. Joseph's CWL Membership Drive 2021**

Your Catholic Women's League Executive is happy to see the end of 2020, and is eagerly looking forward to 2021 and hopefully an end to the Pandemic. There will likely be much work to do, and we will need the support of our membership. Attached please find information on our 2021 Membership Drive which includes information on a chance to win your 2022 membership for free. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Daniel by email [judy.h.daniel@gmail.com](mailto:judy.h.daniel@gmail.com).

### **Nativity Scenes & Christmas Religious Articles**

The Nativity Scenes and other Christmas Religious items will remain on display in the Narthex for another week, so be sure to pick up any items you might want. You can return payment in the envelopes.

### **2021 Collection Envelopes**

The 2021 Collection Envelopes are in and can be found in the Parish Hall. The boxes are spaced apart and separated alphabetically. Please stop in to pick up your box, being careful to remain socially distanced. There is also hand sanitizer available.

### **Parenting Tip Of The Month-**

Christmas during COVID will change many of our traditional outings and gatherings as a family, but we can still easily take part in our faith traditions. Centering our celebration on the birth of Christ is a great way to remind our children that Christmas for Catholics is the same this year as in other years. During Advent set up an Advent wreath and each week pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!) and set one up in your home; adorn the tree with symbols of the faith; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, especially on Christmas Day. The joy of Christmas is not gone because of COVID since Christmas reminds us of something that will never change, God's great love for each of us.



### **Wellington Pregnancy Care Centre**

Attached please find a copy of the Pregnancy Care Centre's 2020 Year in Review Newsletter.

### **Marriage Tip Of The Month**

At the heart of every person is a desire to be known and loved for who we are. We fall in love with someone and then spend extraordinary energy and time on learning about the person. Once we marry, we can forget to keep on discovering who the person we love is becoming – because each of us is always becoming. Time and circumstance constantly change and as a result, the person changes. When the one we love stays interested in who we are, we feel secure, cared-for and loved. So spend some time asking about likes and dislikes, what bothers your spouse and what brings them joy, what is the one thing they would like to do if there were no limitations, what their favourite food is – the possibilities are endless and so is the benefit to your relationship! Make your Christmas gifts this year time and attention!

### **Pope's December Prayer Intention:**

#### **For a life of prayer**

In his prayer intention for the month of December, Pope Francis calls us to *"pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer."*

*The heart of the Church's mission is prayer.*

*Prayer is the key for us to be able to enter into dialogue with the Father.*

*Every time we read a short passage from the Gospel we hear Jesus speaking to us.*

*We have a conversation with Jesus.*

*We listen to Jesus and we reply. And this is prayer.*

*By praying, we change reality. And we change our hearts.*

*Our heart changes when we pray. We can do many things, but without prayer, it does not work.*

*We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.*

*In silence, everyone, each one in heartfelt prayer.*





# DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

### MEMORANDUM

To: Pastors, Associates, Deacons and Pastoral Ministers

From: Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch  
Chancellor

Date: 4 December 2020

RE: UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

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Recent developments involving COVID-19 and issues pertaining to universal compliance of Ontario's Catholic parishes with all appropriate measures have prompted the ACBO to update the initial *WorshipSafe* directives dated June 1, 2020, upon which our Diocesan directives are based. This update is based on the advice the ACBO has received from their medical consultant, Dr. Cook, their legal advisors and those involved in dealing with government.

**Please note the following expanded and revised directives to be implemented immediately in the Diocese of Hamilton.**

- 1. Mask Wearing Within Two Metres.** All clergy are to wear face masks at all times when within two metres (six feet) of parishioners. The clergy and church volunteers are to enforce the same rule upon parishioners;
- 2. Reception of Holy Communion Mask Protocol.** A mask is worn by both the minister of Holy Communion and recipient when within two metres (six feet) of one another. The communicant is to wear the mask when receiving the Sacred Host from the priest or Extraordinary Minister of Communion. After stepping aside (six feet) they are to remove their mask momentarily to consume the Eucharist. Replacing their mask, they return to their place. At this time Communion may only be received in the hand.
- 3. Pew Cleaning.** A lessened standard for pew cleaning whereby only frequently touched areas will require wipe-down is now in place. Only pews that need to be used again within one hour need to be wiped down, by running a sanitized cloth along the tops and sides of each pew.
- 4. Mask Exemptions.** As confirmed by legal counsel, a priest may require that those seeking an exemption from wearing a mask bring evidence of same, that when seated that they be placed in a designated area, and that masks be worn in order to receive Communion. The exemption may be provided by a physician or other medical professional.

"So let's not get tired of doing what is good.  
At just the right time we will reap a  
*harvest of blessing* if we don't give up."

GALATIANS 6:9

*Dear friends*

We hope this letter finds you well.

Despite restrictions placed on us due to the pandemic, God has continued to bless the work of the Wellington Pregnancy Care Centre in 2020. We are now established as an independent Centre with a local board, existing of local Christian men and women.

We have been able to keep in contact and support our clients by providing supplies, information and encouragement. God is the author of life and we thank Him for each baby born to our clients during the pandemic. With His help, we continue to have an impact on our community by offering faith based, non-judgemental support to women who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy.

## 2020 REVIEW



The Centre is now independent with a local board and new brand



During COVID pandemic clients received supplies, information and encouragement



WPCC worked closely with other local organizations to help during and after an unexpected pregnancy



3 beautiful babies born to our clients; each life is valuable and unique



A new facility in Fergus to welcome clients in need

To have a welcoming facility and trained staff, the WPCC needs \$4,500 per month in 2021. We do not receive any government funding and fully rely on gifts from churches, businesses and individuals to offer life-affirming choices in our community of Wellington. **Therefore, we ask you to prayerfully consider to add the Centre to your 2021 church budget or join other churches and become a monthly donor.**

Please know that as we send this, we pray for each of you as you continue to serve God through your own local church. Together, with God's help, we can provide for the many women experiencing unexpected pregnancy in our community.

Warmly,



Executive Director

P.S. In 2021 we are expanding our prayer network because we recognize that it is only through the power of prayer that hearts and lives can be changed for God's glory. Our goal is to have at least a few members from each local church praying specifically and regularly for the WPCC. Would you please ask those in your church who may be interested to contact us and we will add them to our network?

"I am so grateful to receive diapers, wipes and a bag of homemade cookies. I appreciate all the support you have provided me with since I first found out I was pregnant. I hope to be part of your 'mom to moms' group."

- Client who recently gave birth by c-section



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