



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.

**Prayer Intentions**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

7:00pm **Intentions of Rob Green & Family** – Sharon  
O'Shea  
**Intentions of Berney & Gwen Sytsma** – Gail and  
Mac Brown

**Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

8:30am **Gladys Roles** – Tove Schmidt

**Thursday, December 16, 2021**

8:30am **Eileen Tonin** – Wayne & Joanne England

**Friday, December 17, 2021**

8:30am **Intentions of Chris McCabe**  
**Intentions of Berney & Gwen Sytsma** – John  
Paul

**Saturday, December 18, 2021**

5:00pm **Stafford Sheehy** – Jim Sheehy  
**Robert Landoni** – Mary Waterman  
**David Howard Jr.** – Terri Wellstead  
**Don Wellstead** – Terri Wellstead  
**Louise Lowndes** – Lowell & Nancy Butts

**Sunday December 19, 2021** – *Livestreamed at 9am*

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

11:00 am **Special Intentions**

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

Dec. 13 Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.  
Dec. 14 Rev. David Perrin  
Dec. 15 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer  
Dec. 16 Rev. Robert Bulbrook  
Dec. 17 Rev. Timothy Higgins  
Dec. 18 Rev. Lawrence Parent



**Third Sunday of Advent - December 12, 2021**

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon,  
brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His  
People as John the Baptist did? Contact Bishop  
Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly  
Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

[www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)



December 11 to 17 2021

The candles at the **Shrine of**  
**St. Joseph** burn for the **repose of the**  
**souls of Rocky & Tim Rock**

**2021 Christmas Schedule**

***Christmas Eve Masses:***

5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 10:00pm

***Christmas Day:***

10:00 am only

***New Year's Eve:***

5:00 pm

***New Year's Day***

10:00 am

**Extra Christmas Confession Times**

Dec. 21 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Dec. 22 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Dec. 23 9:00 – 10:00 am

***"A Christmas Presence"***  
***At Sacred Heart Church***

will be held on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm**. Come and celebrate with us, this beautiful night of prayer for the deceased, hymns in praise of Jesus's coming and songs of the season. All donations from the "Memorial Rosary", will be forwarded to "CHALICE", a Catholic Sponsorship Program. If you never been to this beautiful event, be sure to put it on your Advent List! Everyone is welcome. Sacred Heart Church, 75 Manitoba St., Guelph.

**The 2021 – 2023 Synod Of Bishops**

brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit:  
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.



### **St. Francis of Assisi**

St. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in Roman Catholic history. He founded the [Franciscan orders](#), including the [Poor Clares](#) and the lay Third Order. He and [St. Catherine of Siena](#) are the [patron saints](#) of Italy, and he is also the patron saint of [ecology](#) and of animals. Francis considered all nature as the mirror of God. He called all creatures his “brothers” and “sisters,” and, in the most endearing stories about him, preached to the birds. For the past several years, the Franciscan Fraternity of Guelph has provided packets of seeds which are to be scattered to feed the birds in celebration of Christmas. The packets will arrive in the coming weeks and you will find them in the Narthex. Please take one and feed the birds - its an excellent activity to do as a family!

### **Charitable Status of Pro-Life Organizations at Risk**

The Liberal party has promised that “a re-elected Liberal government will no longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations (for example Crisis Pregnancy Centres).” If acted upon, crisis pregnancy centres and pro-life educational organizations will lose their charitable status, including Guelph & Area Right to Life and Sanctuary Outreach. How can you help? Take action by urging your MP to uphold the charitable status of pro-life organizations by opposing any bill, motion or regulatory policy that would seek to penalize crisis pregnancy centres and pro-life educational organizations in Canada. A sample email letter and phone call script are available on Campaign Life Coalition’s website:

[www.campaignlifecoalition.com/action-alert-emails](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/action-alert-emails).

### **Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 3, 2022.

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children;

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Junior (Year 1) Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Senior (Year 2) Kindergarten

During the registration process, school administration is available to assist you with any questions you may have. To assist administrators with registering your child for kindergarten, we ask that you have the following documents available;

- Child’s Birth Certificate
- Parent Or Child’s Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Tax Support for Families New to the System (i.e. Most Recent Tax Bill)
- Proof of Address (Government Document, Mortgage or Rental Agreement, Hydro Bill, Credit Card Statement)
- Immigration Documentation (If Applicable)
- Custody Documents (If Applicable)

Please note:

- Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior (Year 1) Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Senior (Year 2) Kindergarten.
- Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, contact your local school.

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