

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



### TUESDAY, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am + Nguyen Manh Tuat  
+ Annamma Varghese  
+ Judy Murphy  
+ John Mandolesi  
+ Flora Cerdania Prollamante  
5:00pm Deceased Members of CWL

### WEDNESDAY, December 13<sup>th</sup> – St Lucy

8:00am + Ramon Pradas  
8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00pm + Jeanne D'arc Truong This Sen  
+ Carlo Deola Fortin  
+ Marisa Mattucci  
+ George, Regin, and Frank Vettor  
For Good Health of Eugenia and Tadeusz Lyko  
Intentions of Dante Entice Family

### THURSDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup> – St John of the Cross

8:00am + David Lamburt

### FRIDAY, December 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Vincent Toan Dinh  
7:00pm + Jennie Beitz

### SATURDAY, December 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Intentions of Veronica Klein  
5:00pm Living and Deceased Members of Haley Family

### SUNDAY, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am + Soul of Zofia  
10:15am + Andre Giardino  
12:00noon Maria Ricci  
4:00pm Hungarian Mass



*May God's peace be with those who have recently died, and those being persecuted for their faith & race, and those killed in natural disasters & their families. Please remember our parishioners who are sick and homebound and those in our Prayer Network in your prayers.*

### Serra Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind; grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.

### SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of December 10, 2023

Candle #1 – INTS of NECITA

Candle #2 – + RAY LITWAK

Please use the envelopes provided or one of your own to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle. The requested offering is \$10 each. You may place the envelope in the collection or drop it in the Parish Office.



### COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Envelope Offering December 2/3 \$6,041.55  
Pro-Life \$1,177.00  
Thank you for your contribution and God Bless!

If you would like a receipt for your contribution, we need your name & full address. If you would like envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Donations, please call the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.



### Extra Confession Times

Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>: 10:00am to 8pm

### Christmas Eve- Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm, 7:00pm and  
12:00am (Midnight Mass)

### Christmas Day – Nativity of Our Lord

Monday, December 25: 8:30am, 10:15am  
and 12:00(noon)

### Mary Mother of God (New Year's) Mass Schedule Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: 5:00pm  
Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024: 9:00am and 11:00am



### BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Bambinelli Sunday is an event that takes place in Rome on the third Sunday of Advent each year, and will be taking place here at St Joseph Parish after all Masses on **Sunday December 17, 2023**.

The idea is to encourage everyone to bring their 'Bambinelli' to be blessed on the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. This blessing of the Christ Child is a way to help children focus on the real and true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. We also suggest that each family take the 'Bambinelli' home after the blessing, place it in a special box and then wrap that box. On



Christmas morning, before you open presents, place Jesus in the manger.

### MOVIE NIGHT AT ST JOSEPH

Back to the movies at St Joseph: The third movie on **December 14 at 7pm is Entertaining Angels – the Dorothy Day Story:** Chronicles the life of Dorothy Day who dedicated herself in service to her socialist beliefs and her adopted faith of Catholicism. The movement she created continues to thrive to this day, with more than 200 communities across the United States and another 28 communities abroad. The title of the movie is taken from a phrase which means to treat all guests, whether they be kings or peasants, like they were visiting angels. All are welcome to attend – **FREE** to attend. Popcorn and drinks provided.

### FLORAL TRIBUTES – IN MEMORIUM

Would you like your loved one(s) remembered at Christmas? Just make a donation towards the Christmas flowers, and we will post their names on our website and remember them in the prayers at Christmas. **Please use the envelope in your box or one marked “Flowers” in the Sunday collection or drop off at the Parish Office. Be sure to print your loved one’s name clearly on the envelope. Please submit these donations by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your consideration.



### Offering Envelopes



### 2024 ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

Your 2024 envelopes are now available after all masses in the church hall. **NUMBERS HAVE BEEN RE-ORGANIZED please look for your last name alphabetically not by your number.**

If you do not see your envelopes or would like envelopes, please call the office and speak to Tracy.

### CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE – DECEMBER 16/17

We are once again supporting the Silvercreek Community Market in conjunction with All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church. Please bring items after all Masses **the weekend of December 16/17** in the bins provided at the back of the church. **Items that are needed include:** Breakfast cereal, Peanut Butter, Pasta (not KD please!), Pasta sauce, Canned fruit, vegetables and chickpeas. Rice and Red Lentils. Also needed is **1L bottles** of vegetable oil. **Please check each item for the “best before” date as we cannot give out food that is stale dated.** Thank you for supporting this endeavour.



### “SIMBANG GABI” AT ST. JOSEPH...

This Christmas tradition is coming to St. Joseph Parish once again, and will be celebrated starting **Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** during the 7:00 pm mass up to **Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Other masses designated for this novena are; **December 16<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00 pm, **December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 noon, **December 18<sup>th</sup>** to December **22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 pm and Saturday, **December 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 5:00 pm.

The traditional Christmas custom of “**Simbang Gabi**” in the Philippines, is a devotional 9-day novena (series of masses), practiced by Roman Catholics in anticipation and preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to honour our Blessed Mother. “**Simbang Gabi**” is not just an old custom that is celebrated because we want to, but rather it is a way of asking “favor or blessings” from the Lord, as it is believed that if one completes the whole series of nine masses, prayers and/or

intentions will be granted. There will be breaking of bread and fellowship at the church hall following each **Simbang Gabi** masses. Everyone is welcome to join this 9-day mass novena/celebration at St. Joseph’s to experience an old but popular Filipino tradition. Hope you can join us.

### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY

In the month of November and December there will be a collection of items that will be given out to those in need. The **Knights of Columbus** will be collecting puzzles, pop-up books, colouring books, crayons, CDs for Community Living Guelph-Wellington. The **Religious Education Ministry** will be collecting underwear, socks, mittens, hats etc for the less fortunate that use the resources at THE BENCH and the RED DOOR downtown Guelph. Two separate bins at the back of the church for this collection.

### CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN: HOLY NIGHT

A young mother labeled impure. A shepherd boy considered “unclean.” Experience Jesus’ birth through their eyes as CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN: HOLY NIGHT blends The Messengers and The Shepherd into one special remastered and re-scored story. Plus, a never-before-seen performance from Andrea and Matteo Bocelli highlights seven musical performances and two beautiful new monologues. In theaters – Guelph Cineplex – Woodlawn Rd – for show times click here: <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/christmas-with-the-chosen-2023/>

### VOCATIONS MASS AND YOUNG ADULTS’ NIGHT

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all parishioners to attend a Mass for vocations at 6:00pm. Following the Mass, Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:30pm), praise night and vocations talk (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at Annunciation of Our Lord** (280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton, ON L9C 2V2). Co-sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for “Evenings with His Excellency.” An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann’s YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

### ADVENT PRAYER NIGHT FOR YOUTH MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship. Join us on **Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelon** for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email [youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com)