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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY, December 30th

7:30am Intentions of Louise Hynes
 + Leon Suzon
 + Peter Phung Tran
 + Siva Pararajasingham

WEDNESDAY, December 31st

5:00pm Intentions of Phung Tran Family

THURSDAY, January 1st - MARY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00am All Parishioners
 11:00am Intentions of Tran Family

FRIDAY, January 2nd

7:30am + Jerry Guidolin
 7:00pm + David Collins

SATURDAY, January 3rd

9:00am Intentions of Ward Family
 5:00pm Intentions of John Tran

SUNDAY, January 4th - EPIPHANY of OUR LORD

8:30am All Parishioners
 10:15am + Peter Phung Tran
 12noon + Mark DiCarlo
 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.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 28, 2025

By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

SANCTUARY CANDLES**Week of December 28, 2025****Candle #1 – INTS of VINH and HANG TRAN and FAMILY****Candle #2 – + ANTHONY TRAN and ALL SOULS**

Please use the envelopes provided to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle.

"O Holy Family, bless and protect all the families of the world; safeguard their unity, fidelity, integrity, and dignity. Enable them to live according to God's law that they may fulfill their sublime vocation. May their lives be a reflection of yours and may they enjoy your presence forever in heaven. Amen."

**COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK**

Sunday Offering December 13/14, 20/21, Christmas Day Collection December 24/25, December 27/28, New Year's Day Collection December 31 & January 1, and January 3/4, 2026 will be posted January 12th due to deadlines for submissions of our bulletin over the next few weeks. 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.

*****PARISH OFFICE HOURS*****

The parish Office hours over the holidays are: Christmas Eve – December 24th open 9am to 1:30pm. The Office will be closed December 29th to January 2nd and will re-open Tuesday January 6th at regular hours 9am to 5pm.



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

Wednesday, December 31st: Adoration 4:00pm

Wednesday, December 31st: 5:00pm

Thursday, January 1st, 2026: 9:00am and 11:00am

**MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Dear Parish family,

The story of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ is a reminder to us all that God came to live among us, "the Word took flesh and dwelt among us" Jn1:1, God to be close to us, and to save us from our sins. Jesus gave us himself as a gift to us. It is a story that still rings true today. "Emmanuel: God with us" Jesus is close to us because he lives in our hearts where he continues to be a gift to us. Jesus does not keep us at a distance from Him. Because of His presence in each one of us, we are also present and connected to one another.

As we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus, we remain eternally grateful to God for all the blessings, especially for the gifts of life, family, faith community, friends and neighbors. I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely as you have been such a

blessing to our parish St Joseph, Guelph by being active and supporting us with your gifts of time, talents and timely financial help. My special gratitude goes to all the volunteers in our different ministries who do such a wonderful job in serving the various needs of our parish with much enthusiasm and commitment. I hope and pray that you will have a wonderful and blessed time during this Christmas Season.

May God bless you abundantly during this Christmas Season as well as during the New Year 2026. Merry Christmas!

May this season be full of light and laughter for you and your family. Wishing you peace, joy, and unconditional love at Christ as and always. May your days ahead be as vibrant as this festive season.

May your shine as bright as the Christmas lights because you deserve it all. Have a great year and a wonderful life ahead. May the true spirit of Christmas shine in your heart and light your path wishing you a season that's merry and bright with the light of God's love. I wish you all Merry Christmas and blessed New Year 2026. Prayerfully, Rev Lourdu

2026 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

Sunday Offertory Envelopes are **now ready** for you to pick up in the Parish Hall. If you do not presently use envelopes and would like to have a set, please contact Tracy at the parish office at 519-822-4614 or fill out the registration form located at the back of the church or on our website www.stjosephguelph.com. You can drop off the registration forms at the office or via email at stjosephguelph@rogers.com.

Regina Caeli Academy

Regina Caeli Academy thanks you for your support at the recent parish outreach. If you missed the chance to buy the Christmas cards, Advent candles, T-shirts, or homemade jam, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at info@reginacaeliacademy.ca. Limited quantities remain. Our upcoming planning meetings are on Tuesday, Friday, January 9, at St. John Church, as well as Thursday, February 12, and Thursday, March 12, in the Lourdes Room at the Basilica. The meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT

During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, January 3rd at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton)**. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board is now accepting new registrations for Kindergarten students! Our two-year Kindergarten program allows our young learners to learn, grow, and explore through play and inquiry in a faith-based environment.

Children who were born in 2022 may attend Year One Kindergarten (Junior Kindergarten), and children born in 2021 may attend Year Two Kindergarten (Senior Kindergarten). If your child is currently attending Year One with Wellington Catholic

DSB, you do not have to re-register for Year Two at the same school.

We invite families to register their child for Kindergarten by following these steps:

- **Find your school.** Visit findmyschool.ca find your local Catholic school using your home address
- **Pre-Register.** Complete the [online pre-registration form](#) available at wellingtoncdsb.ca. Once submitted, you will receive a unique registration code by email. Use the code and link provided to complete the online registration forms
- **Schedule a meeting with school administration.** Book a meeting with the school to meet the staff, submit required documents, and finalize your child's admission

Wellington Catholic DSB is happy to support you throughout the registration process. For more information, please visit wellingtoncdsb.ca or contact your local Catholic school. We look forward to welcoming your family into our school community this fall!

PARENTING TIP

Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus, through stories, Mass, prayer and discussions, on the joy of Christ's birth and the real reason for the season. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

GIVE THE GIFT OF GIVING

We rely entirely on donations from our parishioners to help us fulfill our mission of providing a spiritual home where people can come to worship God, receive the Sacraments, and learn about His teachings. Leaving a gift to the Church is a profound way to return to the Lord a share of the blessings you received during your life. A bequest to the Church helps accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ. As the Church was there for you in your lifetime, you can now provide for your Church's future ministry to others. **THANK YOU** for considering to make a donation to our Parish.



4 WAYS TO GIVE TO ST JOSEPH PARISH

1. **ONLINE DONATION:** make a donation by going to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/12980>
2. **PRE-AUTHORIZATION:** this allows you to set up weekly or monthly donations to the parish. If you are interested in donating this way, please contact the Parish Office for more details
3. **BEQUEST:** A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime.
4. **LIFE INSURANCE:** Giving a gift through life insurance is a unique way to provide the Church with truly meaningful support in a very economical way by naming St Joseph as its beneficiary.

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