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Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 27, 2020



Dec. 28 – Jan. 3

Mon – Laura Payne (Int)
In Honour of Our Blessed Mother;
Terry Hyslop (Int)

Tue – Stacey Jones +
Wayne S. (Int)
Joseph Bergeron +

Wed– Michael George Arndt (Int)
Anne Elliott +
Martin Schnurr +

New Year's Eve – December 31st

Fr. Ray Jackson +
Chuck Sloat +
Don Fisher (Int)

Mary, Mother of God – January 1st, 2021

Theresa Dwyer +
Donna Morris (Int)
Mike O'Neil +

Saturday – January 2nd

Ron Semenuk +
Pro Populo
Monica Romanowich (Int)

Epiphany of the Lod – January 3, 2021

Bill Carey +
Raymond Trudell +
Julius & Catharina van Aalst +

From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

This week we pray for:

Mon Fr. Joseph Michel
Tue Fr. Kiwook Kim
Wed Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne
Thu Fr. Arpee Urquico
Fri Fr. Pawel Jamroz
Sat Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

*** Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick:**
Available upon request



From the Pastor's Desk: This year we begin the Season of Christmas with an Ontario wide shutdown, again! Let's continue to pray to God for a quick return to normal. The Season of Christmas should be filled with joy, and perhaps we must look a bit harder this year to find ways to be joyful. Let's try anyway, let's continue to cook, bake, pray, sing, and celebrate the great Season of Christmas already singing God's praises. Nothing should take away our peace, but only when it

is rooted in our life of faith, in God's gift of eternal life offered to us through the coming of Jesus. Please keep connected to our website, and perhaps subscribe to my YouTube channel so that you don't miss out on any of the live-streams that I have planned for the season of Christmas. We will pray, but we will also sing together, listen to my accordion, and enjoy pierogis together in the upcoming Christmas edition of Live Streams. I hope you can join me. Blessings to you and your loved ones, and remember: **DON'T LOOSE YOUR PEACE AND JOY!**

Fr. Wojtek Kuzma



BISHOP OF HAMILTON

Dear friends, Christmas 2020
As the Christmas feasts begin, I am pleased to send you greetings in the form of an excerpt from the 2019 Christmas homily of Pope Francis:

"A charming legend relates that at the birth of Jesus the shepherds hurried to the stable with different gifts. Each brought what he had; some brought the fruits of their labour, others some precious item. But as they were all presenting their gifts, there was one shepherd who had nothing to give. He was extremely poor; he had no gift to present. As the others were competing to offer their gifts, he stood apart, embarrassed. At a certain point, Saint Joseph and Our Lady found it hard to receive all those gifts, especially Mary, who had to hold the baby. Seeing the shepherd with empty hands, she asked him to draw near, and she put the baby Jesus in his arms. That shepherd, in accepting him, became aware of having received what he did not deserve, of holding in his arms the greatest gift of all time. He looked at his hands, those hands that seemed to him always empty. They had become the cradle of God. He felt himself loved and, overcoming his embarrassment, began to show Jesus to the others, for he could not keep for himself the Gift of gifts. ... Dear brother, dear sister, if your hands seem empty, if you think your heart is poor in love, this night is for you. The grace of God has appeared, to shine forth in your life. Accept it and the light of Christmas will shine forth in you!"

Christmas is God who comes to us! Christmas saves us, lifts us up, fills us, and frees us! During this time of

profound fear and suffering, I wish you the experience of light, life and love!

Merry Christmas! *Douglas Crosby*, OMI

Bishop of Hamilton



Christmas Office Hours: Please note the office will be closed at noon on Thursday, December 24th and all through the Christmas Octave, reopening on **Tuesday, January 5th**. Christmas blessings to all!

**In the Parish **

2021 Offering Envelopes - Boxed offering envelopes for the New Year are available at the back of the church for pick up. Box numbers are not assigned; pick up whichever number you like best! (Please only touch the box you plan to take.) When you start using the envelopes in January, print your name and address on the first 3 or 4 envelopes you use so that we can match our records with your new envelope number.

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Granottier Council 2092 & Assembly would like to reach out to all parishioners of St Marys and the Missions who may be suffering through these challenging times. We are ready to assist however we can. Call 519 270 9535 anytime.



Sunday Missals 2020-2021 - Missals are now available at all of our churches. Parishioners can also purchase them in the church office during regular office hours. Still \$5 apiece.

Please Note: **Reaching the parish by email** – the email address has changed from smm@bmts.com to stmaryowensound@hamiltondiocese.com

** In the Diocese **

Feast of the Holy Family - By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Michael King,

Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, call 905-528-7988 ext. 2246, or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

Anniversary Mass 2021 - As the restrictions from COVID-19 continue and for the safety of all concerned, a decision has been made to cancel the annual Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021. Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021, so you will be able to register your anniversary on line and we will send you the certificate. More information will be sent in January about how to register.

A Walk Through Fratelli Tutti – 'Fratelli Tutti': With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives. These are the opening words from Pope Francis in his latest encyclical, On Fraternity and Social Friendship. Join us on **Wednesday, January 27th** for a 90 minute Zoom webinar to walk through this beautiful document. Written by Pope Francis to "all people of good will." Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Family Ministry Office - register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com or by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who are in need of our prayers: for – Kay Keffer, Pat McIntyre, Lynn Gilmour, Rosaleen Engel, Brenda Richter, Maynard Dietrich and Bradley Bishop, **We pray to the Lord.** *We are rebuilding our prayer list. If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please call the office. Each September, we will begin our list anew.*

Donations received from December 19/20, 2020

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