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Feast of the Holy Family

**Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph**
December 31st, 2023



Jan 1 to Jan 7

New Year's Day – January 1

- 9:00 am OS – Frances Walser +
- 11:00 am OS – Michelle Wieber +
- 9:00 am Chatsworth – Raymond Trudell +
- 11:00 am Meaford – James & Ilona Allan +
- 9:00 am Hepworth – Wojtek Kuzma (Int)
- 11:00 am Wiarton – Debbie Heard (Int)
- 1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

Tue 9:00 am For all the souls in Purgatory

- 7:00 pm** Patricia Armstrong +
- Private Mass: Maureen Cahoon +

Wed 9:00 am Rene Chaput +

- Private Mass: Frank Foch +
- Private Mass: Logan Taggart +

Thu 9:00 am Kaye Keffer +

- 7:00 pm** Art Dias +

Fri 9:00 am Ray Chafe +

- Private Mass: Marie Gariepy +

Saturday – January 6

- 9:30 am Lion's Head – Ed & Marlene Burnette & Family (Int)
- 11:30 am Tobermory – In Thanksgiving for the lives of unborn children (Int)
- 5:00 pm Owen Sound – Stephen Rovers +

Sunday – January 7

- 9:00 am OS – St. Mary's High School students & staff (Int)
- 11:00 am OS – Bogumila Powichrowska +
- 9:00 am Chatsworth – William Donald LaFlamme +
- 11:00 am Meaford – Robert Taylor +
- 9:00 am Hepworth – John McKenna (Int)
- 11:00 am Wiarton – Donna Blakelock +
- 1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar
This week we pray for:

- Mon **Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**
- Tue Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
- Wed Diocesan Priests
- Thu Rev. Jason Kuntz
- Fri Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
- Sat Rev. David Perrin

*** Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick:
Available upon request. Please call the office. ***

From the Pastors Desk:

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy family. It's a beautiful feast that commemorates the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

In particular, this feast highlights those silent years of which we know almost nothing about. The years Jesus spent living a normal life in Nazareth. He was obedient to his mother. He learned carpentry from his father. So normal was his life that when he started his public ministry, people wondered, "isn't this the carpenter's son?" They had never seen anything special in him.

While these years were silent for us, they were not silent for the Holy Family. These were the rich years when Mary and Joseph came to know and love ever more deeply their Divine Son.

This is the reason we rely so heavily upon Mary and Joseph in our prayers. They spent **THIRTY YEARS** with Jesus. And they weren't just his neighbour, they were his Mom and Dad.

Mary and Joseph know Jesus in a way you and I can only imagine. While they were minor characters in scripture, they were major characters in the life of Christ.

We pray to the Holy Family with confidence, knowing that what is spoken to one is shared by all.

God Bless,

Fr. David Reitzel

** In the Parish **

2023 Christmas Schedule

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31st

- Lion's Head _____ 3:00 pm
- Owen Sound _____ 5:00 pm

New Year's Day – Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1st

- Owen Sound _____ 9:00, 11:00 am
- Chatsworth _____ 9:00 am
- Hepworth _____ 9:00 am
- Meaford _____ 11:00 am
- Wiarton _____ 11:00 am
- Cape Croker _____ 1:00 pm

Parish Office Closure – Our Parish office will be closed for Christmas starting at noon on Friday, December 22, 2023. The office will open again on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 9:00 am. Merry Christmas to all our parishioners and to your families near and far and Happy New Year!



2024 Offering Envelopes - Boxed sets of envelopes for 2024 are now available. Please note that we are putting out fewer boxes than in previous years; your favourite number might not be available. Please choose any number but be sure to print your name and address on the first few you use.

Warton Food Bank/Christmas Jam - St. Mary of the Rosary, Hepworth and St. Thomas Aquinas, Warton, TOGETHER, collected 219 jars of jam for the area Food Bank Christmas shelves.

Many thanks to all who shared, it is truly appreciated.

Alpha is back! – Starting **January 9th, 2024, at 10 am to 12 noon** at St. Mary's Parish Centre, Owen Sound. Registration forms are in the foyer of the Church, or you can call the Parish office at 519-376-0778.



What is Alpha? We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore faith, ask questions, and share their point of view.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

Alpha is enjoyed all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. It runs in cafes, churches, universities, homes – you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: Connection, Content, and Conversation. Come and see.

Adoration every Friday – Adoration of the Holy Eucharist occurs every Friday beginning after the 9 am Mass and ending at 8 pm. If you can commit for an hour from 5 pm to 6 pm, please call the parish office. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to come to the Church and spend time in the presence of our Lord.

* In the Diocese *

Feast of the Holy Family – December 31, 2023 - 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 God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or visit the website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Vocations Mass and young adults' night – January 5th – Hamilton - 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 5th 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

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who need our prayers:



Connie Bell, Cheryl Watters, Lincoln Hogan, Maciej Zielinski, Lydia Foch, Alwyn D'Silva, Joan West, Colleen Wright, Andrew Gambal, Mike Adams, Bernadette Lewis, Lyn Hannigan, Becki Knisley, Marlene Ryerson, Tom McDonnell, Sharon Cantlon, Brad Cahoon, Ben Meissner, Helen Hunter, Yvette Fournier, Felix Poole, Matt Bell, Maynard Dietrich, Eunice Blom, Arnold Hodgkinson, Landon Archer, and Mike Couture.
We pray to the Lord.

Donations received the week of Dec 16/17, 2023

Owen Sound	\$ 6, 262
Sauble Beach	283
Meaford	934
Warton	2, 228
Hepworth	550
Chatsworth	407
Tobermory	131
Lion's Head	<u>324</u>
	\$ 11, 119

Donations received from the weekend of December 23rd & 24th, 2023, were unavailable at the time of printing.

God bless you for your generosity.

When Mary and Joseph had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke 2. 39-40

When the heart is pure and simple it cannot help loving, because it has discovered the source of love which is God.

St. John Mary Vianney

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