



## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Mass Times** : Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.,  
Masses during the week, see the chart in other column.

**Confessions:** during the pandemic, by request.

**Baptisms:** Usually Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass by prior arrangement

**Weddings:** Any day except Sunday. Six months' notice and preparation required.

**Anointing of the Sick:** There is a priest on call at the hospitals. Please ask a nurse to contact him. If anyone is seriously ill at home, please call the parish. Anointing is given only when someone is in danger of death. It should not be delayed until a person's last hours.

**Funerals:** when a loved one has died, a funeral mass in the presence of the body should be arranged with Fr. Stuart in consultation with the funeral home. For cemetery questions, please call Mike Collee 905-384-2505 or Paul Brunning 905-382-2927.

**Sunday Offerings:** December 5 & 6 : \$ 1020

Please remember the Covid-19 rules : we must distance sitting and coming to communion, sanitize our hands

upon entering and leaving the Church, and wear a mask. If you are not feeling well, or have lost the sense of smell, taste, have a headache, runny nose, cough -- we ask that you do not attend mass. As Covid-19 is transmitted through human contact, the church is sanitized after each mass.

**Reconciliation/Confessions in preparation for Christmas:** December 17 at 7 p.m. in Church. There will be two priests hearing confession.

### Mass intentions during the week

Third Week of Advent Year B ☸☸☸			
Sat. Dec. 12	5 p.m.	Dr. Anthony Benchina	Ed & Frances Benchina
Sun. Dec. 13	9 am	Vance Marriott	Louanne & Alice
Sun. Dec. 14	11 a.m.	Pro populo	
Mon. Dec. 15	11 a.m.		
Thur. Dec. 17	11a.m.	Shirley & Bill Maksinuk, Vince & Maria Ioannoni	Bruno Ionnoni
Fri., Dec. 18	11 a.m.		
Fourth Week of Advent Year B ☸☸☸			
Sat. Dec. 19	5 p.m.	Steve Tykolis	family
Sun. Dec. 20	9 a.m.	Elizabeth, Rudolf Nepp; Irene Brown	Roy & Marion Brown
Sun. Dec. 21	11 a.m.	Pro populo	

**Christmas Mass Times** (Please note, attendance at the Christmas masses is by registration only). Register for the mass of 8, midnight, 9 and 11 .... site is **eventbrite Niagara Region Ontario Canada Events St. Joseph Church Snyder** scroll down the page to find the mass you wish to attend and register in the green box. Indicate the number of tickets you want, hit red box at the bottom and print your name, and e-mail address. You will then receive a confirmation for the mass you requested. To find all the mass times : the 11 am Christmas morning go to the bottom of the page.

**Thursday, December 24 Masses are at 5 p.m., 8 p.m. & 11:55 pm.**

**Friday, December 25 Masses are at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

Upon arrival at the following masses you will have to sign in.

**The Feast of the Holy Family** is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday December 26, and 27. (The mass times are the regular weekend mass times : 5 (Saturday afternoon) ; 9&11 Sunday morning.

**New Year's Day, the celebration of Mary, the Mother of God**, in Canada is a holy day of obligation. Masses on **Thursday, Dec. 31 is at 5 p.m. and Friday, January 1 at 9 & 11 a.m.**

**Epiphany** (the visit of the Magi) is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday (**2 and 3 January 2021**) at the **regular weekend hours**.

**The Baptism of Jesus** is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday **9 and 10 January 2021** at the **regular hours**.

**On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis** issued an Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" (With a Father's Heart) to mark the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being named the Patron Saint of the Universal Church. He established a 'Year of St. Joseph' in order to celebrate this anniversary. In the letter the Holy Father describes this great saint as a beloved Father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows who always focuses on Mary and Jesus. This Year of St. Joseph is a gift to the Church during these difficult days. The Holy Father writes that it is his hope that, "Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," St. Joseph provides an excellent role model for us, especially for husbands and fathers. He ended his Apostolic Letter with a prayer: **"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."** The Holy Father has also granted certain indulgences to mark the year. I include a link to an article that provides a list prayers and actions.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/fifteen-ways-to-gain-an-indulgence-in-the-year-of-st-joseph-81304>

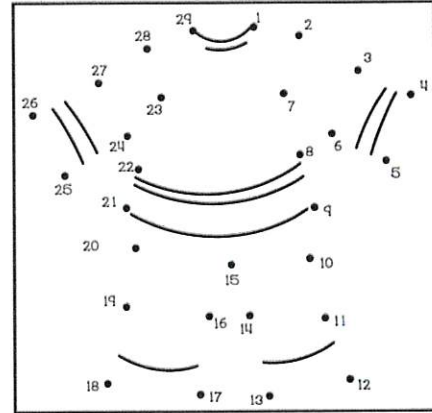
As we enter **the final week of Advent** and begin our immediate preparations for Christmas, I know that this can be a very busy time and, thanks to Covid-19, also a stressful time. It is my hope and prayer that you will be able to spend some quiet time to prayerfully ponder the significance and beauty of this feast. In doing so, you will not only deepen your relationship with our Lord, but you will also be more effective in touching the minds and hearts of others, especially those who join us for our Christmas Masses.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society** is asking for volunteers to help at their store on Queenston St. in St. Catharines. The society is an international lay organization founded by French university students and led by Blessed Frederic Ozanam. He was a lawyer, author and professor dedicated to the service of the poor. Through the society, his work continues today. The organization is open to those who desire to live their faith in love and service of their neighbours. The store sells a wide variety of goods and all proceeds, with the exception of the salary of the manager, are used to aid the poor and needy in our community. The work involves sorting and organizing the many donations brought to the store and thus, no experience is necessary. The

store is open Monday to Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Volunteers work a three hour shift, once a week. If you are interested in helping this most worthy charitable service, please contact the store manager at 905-684-2042.

## CONNECT the DOTS

Colossians 3 says we are to wear compassion, kindness, patience, humility, and love as our clothes. Connect the dots to form this new outfit! On the clothes, write or draw some ways you can show these qualities today.



## Christmas Word Search Puzzle

Courtesy of Christmas-Projects.com



TYULETIDEMCHRISTMASLIGHTSPACBNG  
 NSLIHAOAHVHSNBGESNOWFLAKEBDKHC  
 CRHDCVCGSCTIGNTOMOTATHREEWISEMEN  
 STOYSYUHAOMEDHEWNUTCRACKERVFJWG  
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|--------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Angels       | Bells            | Glitz            | Bow            | Candles        |
| Candy Canes  | Cards            | Carols           | Cheer          | Chestnuts      |
| Chimney      | Christmas Dinner | Christmas Lights | Christmas Tree | Church         |
| Cornel       | Cookies          | Cupid            | Dancer         | Dasher         |
| Donner       | Elves            | Family           | Festive        | Fireplace      |
| Frosty       | Garland          | Gingerbread Man  | Holidays       | Holly          |
| Ivy          | Jack Frost       | Jesus            | Jingle Bells   | Jolly          |
| Jay          | Manger           | Mary             | Mistletoe      | Nativity       |
| Noel         | North Pole       | Nutcracker       | Ornaments      | Peace          |
| Prancer      | Presents         | Reindeer         | Ribbon         | Rudolph        |
| Santa Clause | Scrooge          | Season           | Sled           | Sleigh         |
| Snowflake    | Snowman          | Spirit           | Sockings       | Three Wise Men |
| Tinsel       | Toys             | Vixen            | Winter         | Wreath         |
| Yuletide     |                  |                  |                |                |