

# ST. AGATHA CHURCH BULLETIN

**December 26<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

	<b>Fri Dec 31</b> <b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Sat Jan 1</b> <b>11 am</b>	<b>Sun Jan 2</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sun Jan 2</b> <b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Lector/Commentator:</b>	Dee S.	Andy D.	John L.	Mary Anne G.

At this time, lector/commentators are the only ministries being scheduled.

<b>Masses:</b> Fri, Dec 31	5:00 pm	+ Don Eby requested by Marilyn Eby
Sat, Jan 1	11:00 am	Special Intention
<b>Note: There is no 7 pm Mass on Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day.</b>		
Sun, Jan 2	9:00 am	+ Carl Haid
	11:00 am	For Our Parishioners

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** Total Last Week: **\$3,436** (Including \$75 Christmas Flowers & \$400 Building Fund)

**PREAUTHORIZED GIVING:** Please pick up the pre-printed form at the back of the church, fill out and return by placing in the collection basket in a sealed envelope. Please ensure that you are a registered parishioner to enable tax receipt creation.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** We encourage everyone who regularly attends St. Agatha parish to become a registered parishioner. Forms are located at the back of the church.

### **PARISH EMAIL & CONTACT INFORMATION:**

We're currently updating our Parish Data System since many phone numbers & email addresses have changed in recent years. Please email the parish office at [info@stagathachurch.ca](mailto:info@stagathachurch.ca) with current contact information (phone numbers, email addresses as well as home addresses, if those have changed) so that we can update our parish records.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available at the back of the church. Please do not use the 2022 envelopes until the New Year. Any offerings made in 2022 collection envelopes cannot be deposited in 2021, and so they would not be on this year's tax receipt.

### **CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION:**

Please contact the parish office at [info@stagathachurch.ca](mailto:info@stagathachurch.ca) regarding sacramental preparation for your children who wish to receive the sacraments of Confirmation or First Communion in 2022. Sacramental preparation will be scheduled in the New Year.

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT** - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com).

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Regular office hours are Tuesday & Thursday from 10am to 2pm. Due to COVID-19 regulations, the Parish Office is open by appointment only at this time.

# Merry Christmas!

*"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us:*

*authority rests upon his shoulders;*

*and he is named*

*Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,*

*Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

**Isaiah 9:6**

### **THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Friday, December 31st at 5:00 pm & Saturday, January 1st at 11 am. The Blessed Virgin Mary said "yes" to God and gave birth to His Son, Jesus. As we welcome this New Year may we be blessed by God and experience the peace that can come to us only through Christ.

**CWL NEWS:** Our next meeting will be Feb 2 in the afternoon. Stay tuned for more details.

**EVENSONG (Evening Prayer):** hosted by *The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr* (a Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton). **Sunday, December 26** (Last Sunday of each month) at 5 pm at Sacred Heart Church, 66 Shanley Street, Kitchener. For more information, email [info@stedmund.ca](mailto:info@stedmund.ca)

### **YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY-HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES**

The kick off to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church.. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today.

Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

### **SERRA CLUBS "VOCATION SEEDS": Nativity of The Lord-December 25, 2021**

We celebrate the birth of Our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of Our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover The Lord, you may be called to a priest, religious, or permanent deacon. If God is calling you, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

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