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# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Love



**Bishop:** Most. Rev. Daniel Miehm  
**Mass Times:** Sat 5 pm, Sun 10 am  
**Admin. Assistant:** Maryann Clancy  
**Office Hours:** Tues & Thurs 9am - 4pm  
**Knights of Col.:** Ray Johnston  
**CWL:** Mary McKeiver  
**Hall Rental:** Contact Parish Office

**Marriage:** By arrangement (min. 6 months prior)  
**Baptism:** By arrangement with the Parish Office  
**Reconciliation:** Sat 4:00—4:30 pm or by appointment  
**Home Communion:** Anytime upon request  
**Music Ministry:** Tina McCarthy & Amy Melanson  
**Cemetery Board:** Bob Condon 705-772-6071  
**Diocese Website:** www.peterboroughdiocese.org  
**St. Joseph's School:** Principal: Mark Collins 705-652-3961





# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### December 17, 18.

### St. Joseph's Parish Mass Intentions

- TUESDAY Dec 20 8:30 am** † Bernard Cain (by Bob & Maureen Sullivan)
- WEDNESDAY Dec 21 8:30 am** † Erin Sullivan (by Carl & Mary McKeiver)
- THURSDAY Dec 22 11:30 am** † Bernard Cain (by Mike & Rosemary Towns) **NEW TIME**
- FRIDAY Dec 23 8:30 am NO MASS**
- CHRISTMAS EVE Dec 24 5:00 pm** People of the Parish
- CHRISTMAS EVE Dec 24 7:00 pm** Deceased Loved Ones remembered by flowers
- CHRISTMAS DAY Dec 25 10:00 am** People of the Parish

We are currently booking masses in February

LECTORS	SAT – 5:00 PM	SUN –10:00 AM
Dec 17-18	Michelle Towns	Mike Moloney
Dec 24	5pm Gerard Sullivan	7pm Kelly Towns
Dec 25		Margie Morrissey
EUCHARIST		
Dec 17-18	Terry Pecoskie	Annette Dunford
Dec 24	5pm Wendy Tedford	7pm Rosemary Towns
Dec 25		Loretto Coones
USHERS		
Dec 17-18	Albert Heffernan	Ray Carlow
Dec 24	5pm Barry Condon	7pm Jim Holland
Dec 25		Frank Condon
CLEANERS		
Week of Dec 19	Darlene Sullivan	Suzanne Allen
Week of Dec 26	Jean Heffernan	Rosemary Towns

### Parish Stewardship

Dec 11, \$2,222 including \$858 of pre-authorized offering.  
We thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

If you are thinking of improving your TAX RETURN by increasing your giving please do so before our year end on December 31.



**ST. JOSEPH CWL** would like to thank everyone for your generous donations to the **Lakefield Food Bank**. Your gift to those in need is truly appreciated, especially at this time of year.

An early reminder that the first CWL meeting of 2023 will be on January 3 at 1:pm in the Parish Hall.

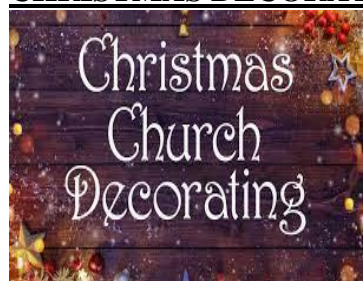


**CURRENT CANDLES ARE LIGHTED THE BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE**  
BURNS Dec 17-23 FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SCOTT FAMILY.



OUR ST. JOSEPH CANDLE IS LIGHTED Dec 17-23 FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE VAN ALLEN FAMILY.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING** We will be decorating the church for Christmas after the 10am mass on Sunday December 18th. Please join us if you can. Children are welcomed to help. Many hands will make light work!



### PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

**RETIREMENT** Father Stan Witczak retires as Associate Pastor from St. Anne's January 20. We wish him the best in his retirement.

**PLEASE SEE THE COMPLETE LIST ON THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE.**

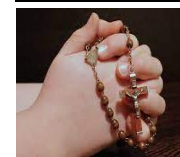
**THANK YOU TO SO MANY** We would like to take this opportunity at this special time of year to thank all of those who contribute their time and talents to bring so much to our parish. All of our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors Ushers and Altar Servers. Those in the choir whose music allows us to "pray twice". Also the church decorators and cleaners. We thank them for bringing beauty to our beloved church.



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE** We invite everyone to come to Christmas masses and bring your friends or relatives to share the joy of Christmas.  
CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM AND 7 PM  
CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00AM  
NEW YEARS EVE 5PM  
NEW YEARS DAY 10:00AM

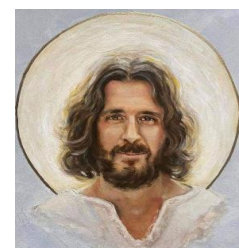


### PRAY THE ROSARY AT HOME FOR YOUR FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS:



**Danny Ross, Cathy Millen, Kevin Heffernan, Wyatt Moloney, Barbra Wallace, Patti Simmons.** Add a stone to our stone bag so that we can count how many members are praying the rosary to our Blessed Mother for our parish and parishioners.

**"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1**



We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship here today on Fourth Sunday of Advent. To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and

friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we are glad you're here and hope that you come back again. The doors of our parish and our hearts are open to you. Please be in touch.

**Please note:** I will begin to hear confessions Sunday morning from 9a.m. -9:30 a.m. as well as Saturday 4p.m. - 4:30 a.m. help prepare you for the Christmas season.

**On Dec 21 from 9a.m till 7p.m.** all day confession at **St. Alphonsus**. During the day there will be different priests present to hear confessions. (This will be the last chance before the celebration of Christmas within the city area).

### Holy Eucharist – Did you know? This week's theme:

**Trust** St. Joseph trusts in God's mysterious plan for salvation in today's Gospel. (Matthew 1:18-24) Joseph came to believe that Mary had conceived her Child through the power of the Holy Spirit. St. Joseph therefore took Mary into his home with Faith.

**Reflection:** We too are called to trust as St. Joseph did. Do you trust that it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that Jesus is present to you in the consecrated Host? How strong is your Faith in the Word of God i.e., Jesus, the LIVING WORD?

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

**GROW:** In our family's department-store Nativity set, Joseph blends into the background: Mary and the infant Jesus steal the scene, she in her blue robes and looking over the sweet, tiny and vulnerable Son of God. Even the Magi stand out more than humble Joseph. Yet today's Gospel focuses on Jesus' earthly father, whom many of us Catholics grew to know a little better during the Year of St. Joseph in 2021. Imagine Joseph's shock at learning Mary was pregnant! Rather than quietly divorcing her, he accepts the angel's words at face value: "For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Joseph takes Mary into his home and embraces her and the child Jesus she bears. As we celebrate this fourth Sunday of Advent, we can all do well to follow Joseph and Mary's example by saying "yes" to God, even though it may turn our lives upside down. We can dust off our Nativity scenes and ask the Lord to help us prepare our hearts and homes for Jesus.

### GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

**GO:** I remember our first trip to the pediatrician with our newborn. Our job as parents, he said in so many words, was to raise him so that he'd be ready to leave us at 18. As our youngest approaches that milestone, I'm having a hard time letting go. In his apostolic letter Patris Corde, Pope Francis holds up St. Joseph as an example of what it means to be a father (and I think this applies to mothers, too): "Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes 'useless,' when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care." Joseph and Mary loved Jesus in this way, accepting that Jesus did not "belong" to them but to all of us. Whether or not we are parents, we can learn from their example, entrusting our lives and those of our loved ones to God. As St. Paul reminds us, we "belong to Jesus Christ."

**ACTION:** "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" As you light the Advent candles or say evening prayers this week, reflect on the ways Jesus has made his presence known to you today and give thanks.