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SATURDAY MASS

5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES

8:30 am
10:15 am - Children's Liturgy
12 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday to Friday - 8:00 am
Wednesday and Friday - 7:00 pm
Saturday morning - 9:00 am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Wednesday 8:30am to 11:00am

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon or by appointment.

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PARISH MINISTRY

There are many groups and activities in our Parish. We hope you can join one. Visit our website to find out more. Get Involved!
www.stjosephguelph.com/ministries

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PARISH STAFF

Very Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor
Tracy Bolzon, Office Administrator
Zofia Gadzinska, Bookkeeper



Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JP II



Pray

Let us pray the Rosary with our families

Join us every morning before mass as we pray the Rosary.



**TUESDAY, September 26th – St John Brebeuf,
St Isaac Jogues and Companions**

8:00am Deceased members of Dinh and Tran Family
+ Debbie Forester
+ Jack Mervart
+ Maria O'Donoghue
+ Rita Da Maren

WEDNESDAY, September 27th – St Vincent de Paul

8:00am + Tony Orlando
8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm + Frank Haley
+ Loretta Simmons
+ Fausto Tabor
+ Sr Kathleen Haley, SSND
+ Marcello Montin

THURSDAY, September 28th

8:00am All Parishioners

**FRIDAY, September 29th – St Michael, St Gabriel and
St Raphael, Archangels**

8:00am + Reynaldo Lopez
7:00pm Intentions of Tran Family

SATURDAY, September 30th – St Jerome

9:00am + Harry and Margaret Woods and Deceased
Family Members
5:00pm + Peter Think Vu

SUNDAY, October 1st

8:30am Intentions of Leslie Janisse
10:15am Intentions of Tran Family
12:00noon All Parishioners



May God's peace be with those who have recently died, and those being persecuted for their faith & race, and those killed in natural disasters & their families. Please remember our parishioners who are sick and homebound and those in our Prayer Network in your prayers.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 24, 2023

"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, or consecrated virgin? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Candle #1 – + NICOLA and GRACE DeNARDIS

Candle #2 – INTS of VINH and HANG TRAN

Please use the envelopes provided or one of your own to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle. The requested offering is \$10 each. You may place the envelope in the collection or drop it in the Parish Office.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Envelope Offering September 16/17 \$5,389.80
Thank you for your contribution and God Bless!

If you would like a receipt for your contribution, we need your name & full address. If you would like envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Donations, please call the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.



SUNDAY REFLECTION

If we look at life, we will most likely be able to relate to the workers in today's Gospel parable. Some days we are the early workers in the vineyard: putting in the effort to live good and holy lives,

having "borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat," but seeing other people receive the same rewards without putting in the same amount of work. We start comparing and get stuck in an "it's not fair" mindset. Other days, we might relate more to the workers who started late: we realize the Lord blessed us when we least deserved it, and we are made aware of God's merciful nature. We live in a culture that focuses heavily on rewards. And we sometimes apply this to our relationship with God: do a certain work, receive certain blessings. But God's ways are not our ways, and his thoughts are above our thoughts.

The Father's heart is full of compassion: he sees us waiting, he sees us struggling to find our place. He knows we're worried, and he's aware of the burdens we are carrying. The Lord has called us to work in his vineyard. What a privilege it is to have been chosen! Isn't being chosen by the Lord a reward in itself? Take a moment to thank the Father for choosing you today. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PENAFRANCIA

The Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia will be celebrated this year with a Eucharistic celebration at 9:00 am. on Saturday, September 30th. Our Lady of Penafrancia is the patron saint of Bicol, a region in the Philippines and originated from Salamanca, Spain. Everyone is invited to attend the mass and pay homage to our Lady.

**FORMED PRESENTS:
ETERNAL REST – The Art of
Dying Well**

Eternal Rest explores the mystery of death, the afterlife and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. Furthermore, the art of dying well is also the art of living well. By understanding who we are and what we are made for, we can order our lives and values according to God's design for our true fulfillment. Join us to watch this series and experience the art of living well: St Joseph Parish Hall, October 5, 19, 26 and November 2 at 7pm. Please contact Tracy at the parish office to register. Study books will be provided.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM –
IN-PERSON CLASSES REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

St Joseph Church is providing in-person Religious Catechism Classes for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for students who attend Public or Private schools from Grade 1 through to Grade 7. It is also open to those children whose parents wish to have their children learn more about their Catholic Faith. Classes are **every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm starting September 19, 2023 and runs through to April 2024**. For more information please contact Donna Haley at 519-831-6451. Registration forms are on the website under Parish Life/Ministries

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FIESTA- RETURNS

Once again, we are having our International Family Fiesta on **Saturday, September 30th** following the 5pm Mass. If you “live” your culture and cook traditional foods, we would love to experience them in the Church Hall that evening. This will be a potluck style event where each group will have their own table of foods, flags and favours – come sample their foods! Also, if you want to contribute musically, we are encouraging this. Good will offering is accepted. We hope to see you there.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – FAMILY BINGO

Come out and join the Knights of Columbus sponsored Fun Family Bingo nights - **Saturday October 21, 2023** in the parish hall. Doors open at 6pm. Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm, so arrive early to save your spot! Please bring your own snacks, drinks, bingo dabbers, tape and markers. Entrance fee is \$2.00 (to cover expenses). Bring your family and friends for a fun evening!

**Adult and Youth LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
Sponsored by: BLD-GVO St. Joseph Guelph DIP**

Starting **October 6th to November 5th, 2023 on FRIDAY'S** (October 6th at 7:00 p.m., other Fridays @ 8:00 p.m.) for those 14-18yrs (youth) and 18-and older (adults). **LSS Proper Weekend: November 3rd to 5th, 2023 at St. Peter School, 150 Westwood Road, Guelph. It will be held at St Joseph Church Hall. FREE OF CHARGE.** If you know of anyone interested and who would benefit from this seminar or need further information and/or, to register, please call or e-mail: Siby and Felicita Verghese: 519-835-6571 or (uluthuva@gmail.com); Ed and Susan Reyes: 519-821-7555 or (sl.reyes@hotmail.com); St. Joseph Rectory: 519-822-4614 (Tracy) or (stjosephguelph@rogers.com).

**MEDITATIONS – HENRI
NOUWEN SOCIETY –**

God Is Mercy

The older we become, the more we realize how limited we are in our ability to love, how impure our hearts are, and how complex our motivations are. And there is a real temptation to want to look inside of ourselves and clean it all out, and become people with a pure heart, unstained intentions, and unconditional love. Such an attempt is doomed to failure and leads us to ever greater despair. The more we look into ourselves and try to figure ourselves out, the more we become entangled in our own imperfections. Indeed, we cannot save ourselves. Only Jesus can save us. That is why it is so important to remove your inner eye away from the complexities of your own broken heart toward the pure but broken heart of Jesus. Looking at him and his immense mercy will give you the ability to accept your own imperfections and to really let yourself be cared

for by the mercy and love of Jesus.

I remember how Thomas Merton once wrote: “God is mercy in mercy in mercy.” This means that the more we come to know ourselves, the more we come to know God’s mercy, which is beyond the mercy we know. Letting go of the desire to be perfect lovers, and allowing God to love our people through us, that is the great spiritual call that is given to you and to me. There in the pure heart of God, embraced by his unconditional love, you will find the true joy and peace your heart is longing for. **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."** MATTHEW 13:44 (NIV)

ST VINCENT de PAUL STORE – JOB OPPORTUNITY

The St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store is looking to hire a part-time employee to assist with pickups and deliveries on the truck and assisting in the store. Must be physically able and comfortable lifting large items and moving furniture on a regular basis. Must be able to pass background check. If interested, please call Brendan at: 519-836-5829.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Join thousands across Canada to make a public, prayerful and peaceful stand for life. Guelph & Area Right to Life will be hosting Life Chain in four locations. Plan to join us at the location nearest you! **Sunday, October 1, 2023** 1-2 pm, Guelph: Stone Rd at Edinburgh Rd S 2-3 pm, Rockwood: Main St between Alma St and Cobblestone Pl at Waterside Park 4-5 pm, Fergus: Hwy 6/Tower St at Belsyde Ave 4:30-5:30 pm, Elora: Colborne St at Geddes St (MacDonald Square).

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

The Catholic Moms Group Ministry at **St. John the Baptist Parish** is geared towards uplifting the Vocation of Motherhood.



Meetings take place on the **first Wednesday of Every Month from 4:30pm to 6:00pm**. It takes a village to raise children, and as Moms we are not meant to figure it all out on our own. All moms welcome!

Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days

These days will be celebrated from June to October 2023 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day will start with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m., Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m., Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis at 1:00 p.m. The day will close with Benediction at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and Tea will be available. Presiders will be, **Cardinal Thomas Collins: Saturday, October 7.**

PILGRIMAGE to EGYPT and HOLY LAND

This 12-day excursion begins **February 18 to February 29, 2024** under the spiritual leadership of Fr Jeff Bergsma. Your journey will begin in Cairo, Egypt and ending in the ancient city of Jerusalem. For more information, please see insert in this week’s bulletin or by going to International Heritage Tours website: <https://www.ihtours.com/tour/pilgrimage-to-egypt-holy-land-5>. The price for this pilgrimage is \$4590.00, which includes: hotel, transportation during excursion, breakfast, dinner and taxes.



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