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SATURDAY MASS
5:00 pm

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Thursday from 8:30am to 11:00am

CONFESSION TIMES
Tuesday 7:30pm
Saturday 4:00pm to 4:30pm or by appointment.

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

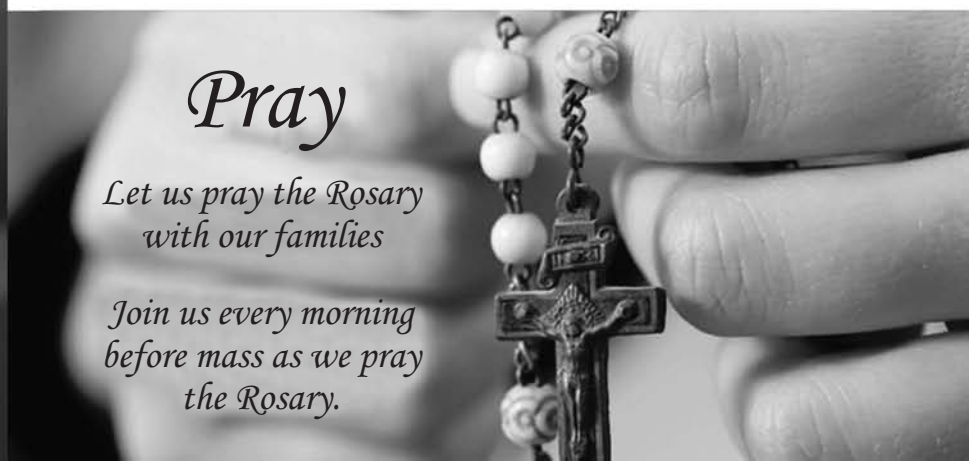
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JPII





Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY, November 24th -
8:00am **All Parishioners**
7:00pm **+ Phyllis Radford**
+ Peter Nguyen Van Canh
+ Anna Nguyen Thi Hanh
+ Nicoletta, Nicola and Nat Bornino
Intentions of Josephine Quintano

WEDNESDAY, November 25th
8:00am **+ Arcadio Sarmiento**
7:00pm **+ Domique Caravaggio**
+ Andrew Collins

THURSDAY, November 26th
8:00am **+ Dolores DeGuzman**
8:30am – 11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, November 27th
8:00am **+ Deceased Members of Zanon and Del Sal Family**

SATURDAY, November 28th –
5:00pm **Intentions of Peter Tran**
+ Ryan Driscoll
+ Anna Ruggiero
+ Lorenzo Ruggiero
+ Maria Ruggiero

SUNDAY, November 29th – First Sunday of Advent
8:30am **+ Tony Orlando**
10:15am **+ Tony Caravaggio**
12noon **All Parishioners**
4pm **Hungarian Mass**



May God's peace be with those who have recently died, especially 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.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 8, 2026
"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext. 2341 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of November 22nd, 2026
Candle #1 – + ALCUIN DEAN
Candle #2 – + ANITA AIMOLA
Please use the envelopes provided to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offering November 14/15	**$4,102.00**
Loose Offering	**$1,407.45**
Pro-Life	**$672.00**

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

Jesus always comes first. We would be nowhere without him. All our priorities grow out of an encounter and deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. But how does that happen? Christ has no hands, feet and voice in this world other than the ones we offer. Our relationship with Jesus occurs not so much when we try to be Jesus as when we encounter him in others.

Today's Gospel puts this to us directly. Matthew's account of the Final Judgment says Jesus is found in "one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine." In case you are confused about who "the least" are, Jesus is specific. They are people who are hungry, thirsty, unclothed. Jesus is also found in the stranger, the sick and prisoners.

In our times of polarization, gated communities and narrow individualism, we must reach beyond our personal boundaries to befriend those on society's margins. We should give money and out time to the least and to those organizations which come to their assistance. But Jesus seeks more from us. He asks us not to be Christ to them, but to find Christ in them. Then together we will raise our voices to call for a society that recognizes the equal dignity of all. With Jesus on our side, who could say "no"? ***Excerpt from Living with Christ.***

MOSAIC TREE TILES

This is an initiative for our Jubilee Celebration Year. This tree once completed will be displayed in the church hall for all to see now and the future. This mosaic is a collection of tiles that come together to create one overall piece of art. Each tile is an expression of the artist who paints it. When these different tile designs come together, a magnificent work of art is born - designed by fellow parishioners. Each painting kit contains everything you need to paint your tile including instructions. **Tiles will be on sale at the parish office or after each Mass on the weekends until they are all sold. Each tile is $25 – you can buy as many as you would like for your family.**

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE – NOVEMBER 28/29



We are once again supporting the Silvercreek Community Market in conjunction with All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church. Please bring items after all Masses **this weekend of November 28/29** in the bins provided at the back of the church. **Items that are needed include**: Breakfast cereal, Peanut Butter, Pasta (not KD please!), Pasta sauce, Canned fruit, vegetables and chickpeas, rice and red lentils. Also needed **is 1L bottles** of vegetable oil. **Please check each item for the "best before" date as we cannot give out food that is stale dated**. Thank you for supporting this endeavour.

CWL MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Many thanks to all CWL members who have renewed their 2027 membership dues to date. Your timely payments are very much appreciated. They help to support our CWL national, provincial and diocesan offices, plus all the resources they provide for our local Parish activities. Please visit our Membership table at the back of the church after all Masses this weekend! You can also renew or join at our members meeting on November 24th. Let's keep the sisterhood strong and the membership momentum going! Invite a friend to join our League! Any questions? Please reach out to Marie Thorne- President at 519-780-1152 or cwl.rmthorne@gmail.com

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger Appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough

The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has appointed Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough. The announcement was made on Friday, November 13, at 12:00pm in Rome (6:00am local time).

Bishop Lobsinger commented on the announcement: "*It is with humble gratitude that I accept the appointment of the Holy Father, Pope Leo, to be the Bishop of Peterborough. It will be hard to leave the Diocese of Hamilton, having lived and served in this Diocese my entire life, however I look forward to my new ministry in Peterborough with excitement and joy*."

The faithful are invited to join in a Mass of thanksgiving to celebrate Bishop Lobsinger's appointment on **Sunday, November 29, at 11:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King (714 King Street West, Hamilton).

We give thanks for Bishop Lobsinger's generous service to the Church and ask the faithful to keep him in their prayers as he prepares to begin this new chapter of ministry. May the Lord bless him with wisdom, strength, and joy, and may Mary, Mother of the Church, accompany him as he shepherds the people entrusted to his care.

RCIA PROGRAM – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Share Your Faith. Walk Alongside Others. Make a Difference! Have you ever thought about helping someone discover or deepen their Catholic faith? St Joseph Parish will be starting the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** program and we are looking for volunteers to accompany individuals on their journey of faith as they explore the Catholic Church and grow in their relationship with Christ. We welcome parishioners who are willing to share their faith, offer encouragement, help -with sessions, or simply walk alongside those discovering the beauty of our Catholic faith. No special experience is necessary—just a welcoming heart and a willingness to serve! **If you feel called to be part of this meaningful ministry, we would love to hear from you.**
For more information, please contact Tracy at the Parish Office.
Together, let us help others discover the joy of knowing Christ and belonging to His Church.

Calling Volunteers!

Guelph Catholic Moms Group Ministry is Growing & Needs Your Help: We are looking for Co-Leader, Set Up/Take Down, Children's Activities Table, Hospitality & Snack Table. We Meet Every **First Wednesday of the Month St. John the Baptist** 45 Victoria Rd. North, Guelph 4:30pm - 6:00pm email: st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com. *Must be 16+ to Volunteer. www.catholicmomsgroup.com

Permanent Deacon Information Session:

For anyone who is interested in the Diaconate and/or wants more information about what is required and what is involved in the admission process and Formation program, are invited to either of two Information Sessions:

1. Nov. 22nd, 2026, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 620 Rymal Rd. E, Hamilton after 11am mass.
2. Dec 6th, 2026, at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener after 11am mass.

You are welcome to attend the 11am Sunday Mass where Deacon Tom Vert, the Associate Director of the Deacon program will be preaching. Afterwards we will have the Information Session in the parish Hall. There will be a short presentation and then a question-and-answer session, with light refreshments. Also, we will be available for anyone wanting to speak privately. For more information about this session, feel free to contact: Deacon Tom Vert, Associate Director Deacon Formation Program, tvert@hamiltondiocese.com OR Fr. Mark Gatto, Director of the Deacon Formation Program, mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com

CCCB Letter-Writing Campaign

The CCCB is inviting Catholics to make their voices heard by contacting their Members of Parliament.
Access the CCCB letter-writing campaign and email your MP

Resources

The following resources provide further information about Bill C-41, the Church's concerns, and the importance of compassionate care and accompaniment for those facing serious illness:

- CCCB Parliamentary Brief on Bill C-41
- CCCB Fact Sheet: Advance Requests for Euthanasia
- Full Text of Bill C-41
- Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care
- Samaritanus bonus: Letter on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life (especially sections III and V.1–5)

For information about palliative care, end-of-life care and support for individuals and families facing serious illness, please visit the Diocese of Hamilton's Palliative Care Information page or contact Teresa Hartnett in the Family Ministry Office (thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988 x2250).

"I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." - *John 16:33*.

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