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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](http://www.stjosephguelph.com/ministries)

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**PARISH STAFF**

Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor  
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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 JP II



*Pray*

*Let us pray the Rosary with our families*

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



### TUESDAY, February 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Intentions of John  
Intentions of Kyle  
Intentions of Bulusan Family  
Birthday Blessings of Angelo Rao  
All Souls

### WEDNESDAY, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday

8:00am + Ray Litwak  
8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
12:00noon + Soi Pham  
7:00pm + Jeanne D'Arc Truong Thi Sen  
+ Ramon Iboyet Flores  
+ Paul Flores  
+ Isagani Sanez  
Deceased Members of Pradas and Valera Family  
7:30pm Stations of the Cross

### THURSDAY, February 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Wayne Tessaro

### FRIDAY, February 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Hazel May Sitrler  
7:00pm + Anthony and John Baptist Tran

### SATURDAY, February 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00am + Patrick McCollam  
5:00pm Deceased Members of Piovesan and  
Montin Families

### SUNDAY, February 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30am + Grazietta Finoro  
10:15am All Parishioners  
12noon + Necita Estorco



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

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 11, 2024

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988** or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Candle #1 – + ANTHONY TRAN

Candle #2 – INTS TRAN FAMILY

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 Offering January 27/28	\$5,578.00
Lose Collection	\$1,088.80
Seminary Education Fund	\$1,004.00

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.



### WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's

Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

### Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent.

By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing.

By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will.

Teach me to find new life through penance.

Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love.

God of love, bring me back to You.

Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ.

Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness.

Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your

hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Starting February 14, 2024, we will be having Stations of the Cross every Wednesday evening following our 7pm Mass. There will be no Stations on the **Wednesday of Holy Week, but will take place Good Friday at 7pm.** Everyone is welcome!

### MARK YOUR CALENARS - THE IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

We are inviting *all the Irish and those who wish to be*, to a fun night of Irish Dance, Music, Food and Frolicking. Please mark your calendar for **Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Guelph Country Club.** Details to follow for ticket pricing. Tickets are \$45each and available at the parish office or through Brian Brady 519-836-0993/519-362-9999, Marti Valeriote 519-362-0555 or Pat Grosicki 519-830-3465. All families and friends are invited.



### TAX RECEIPTS and ENVELOPES

All tax receipts have been placed in the mail. If you are still needing to pick-up your boxed envelopes, please come by the parish office.

### RENOVATIONS – INTERIOR OF CHURCH

After Easter, the plan is to start the interior renovations of the church. The carpets will be removed and replaced with linoleum flooring as per Diocese, pews will be refurbished and the walls will be painted. The cost will come out of the One Heart One Soul Campaign Funds. Cost estimations will be posted as we are informed.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

February 14 - March 28, 2024 - 7 am to 7 pm daily City sidewalk in front of the Guelph Cenotaph, Woolwich St & Eramosa Rd, Guelph. 40 Days for Life is a 40-day prayer vigil, organized locally by Guelph & Area Right to Life, to pray for the ending of abortion. Prayer volunteers are currently needed! For more information visit [guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life](http://guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life) or call Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311.

### MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY –

#### Learn to Trust God

Most of us distrust God. Most of us think of God as a fearful, punitive authority or as an empty, powerless nothing. Jesus' core message was that God is neither a powerless weakling nor a powerful boss, but a lover, whose only desire is to give us what our hearts most desire.

To pray is to listen to that voice of love. That is what *obedience* is all about. The word obedience comes from the Latin word *ob-audire*, which means "to listen with great attentiveness." Without listening, we become "deaf" to the voice of love. The Latin word for deaf is *surdus*. To be completely deaf is to be absurdus, yes, absurd. When we no longer pray, no longer

listen to the voice of love that speaks to us in the moment, our lives become absurd lives in which we are thrown back and forth between the past and the future.

If we could just be, for a few minutes each day, fully where we are, we would indeed discover that we are not alone and that the One who is with us wants only one thing: to give us love. **"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."** PSALM 31:24 (NIV)

### LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY "Take Heart: By His Wounds We Are Healed"

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto. Join the Catholic Renewal Ministry on **Saturday, March 2, 2024.** Variety of speakers. Closing Mass celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leo. Tickets \$30 and bus tickets are \$20. **For tickets and bus transportation please call: Ana Percic 519 824 8456. For more information on the rally go to <https://www.ljhr.ca/>.**

### THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

### 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

Saturday March 23, 2024; 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch). Opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins. Speakers: Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare. Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Co-creator with God, Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer. Special Guest Speaker: Tammy Peterson (wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson); Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group. TO REGISTER VISIT [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)

### The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is happy to offer a three-workshop series this spring entitled, *The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World*. This new handbook created by David Wells and Bill Huebsch provides a comprehensive outline of the new vocabulary of pastoral ministry, and how to enact it in your local setting. This workshop series is designed for anyone who is working or volunteering in parish life including pastoral teams, parish councils, and youth ministry leaders. Registration for this workshop series is now open. You can register [here](#)

### Catholic in Recovery Ministry at Holy Rosary Parish



Holy Rosary Parish is hosting a Catholic in Recovery 12 step meeting Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the library. Do addictions, compulsions or unhealthy attachments impair your relationship with God, yourself and / or others? This "Catholic in Recovery" meeting will provide a safe place to share and heal. **Meetings will be strictly confidential and open to all (Catholic or non-Catholic).** Just show up or contact the Holy Rosary parish office at 519-822-4701 or contact Kevin at [cir.holyrosary@gmail.com](mailto:cir.holyrosary@gmail.com) for more information.



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