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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
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Chad Magwood, Maintenance



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, March 7th

8:00am + Francis Raffo
 Intentions of Nguyen, Duong and King Families
 + Elaine Ladouceur

WEDNESDAY, March 8th

8:00am + Anna Raco
 8:30am to 11:00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm + Anthony Tran
 + Eliza Geremia
 + David Caribo
 + Patricia Allerton
 Intentions of David and Anne Marie Turilija

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- after Mass

THURSDAY, March 9th

8:00am + Mathew Nedumchira

FRIDAY, March 10th

8:00am + Giuseppe Anselmini
 7:00pm + Maria Then Nguyen and Joseph Khai Tran

SATURDAY, March 11th

9:00am + Don Daly
 5:00pm + Antonio Nini and Deceased Members of Nini Family

SUNDAY, March 12th

8:30am + Daniel Buccella
 10:15am + Helen Christie
 12:00noon + Josefino Del Poso Sanez



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.

Second Sunday of Lent - March 5, 2023

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of February 26, 2023

Candle #1 – ANTHONY TRAN +

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 February 25/26	\$5,769.30
Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal	\$ 282.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 920.90

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

Today's readings invite us to ponder in our hearts our experience of God's call. Many of us are given occasional mountain-top experiences, which we usually do not talk about. Yet it is

important to revisit often these special moments and reclaim the insights and graces received.

During the Transfiguration, Jesus hears again the call that he heard at his baptism, to trust that he is God's "beloved" one, an invitation also meant for us. We all carry one questions hidden in our hearts during our whole lives. "Am I loveable as I am?" This touches on our experience of what it means to be human, with our gifts and weaknesses. It is so easy to judge ourselves as not being "enough" in a variety of ways. What if we dared to accept the challenge to believe that God loves us passionately, unconditionally and forever? Isn't that the deepest desire of our hearts?

Like Jesus and his disciples, we must claim and embrace our beloved-ness again and again without fear, as this choice will surely shape our happiness and priorities in life. It is in our ordinary daily life, rooted in family, work and community, that the truth of our beloved-ness will continue to grow in us. Let us today ask for this grace so that we may encourage others as well.

Excerpt from Living with Christ.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Starting March 1st, we will be having Stations of the Cross every Wednesday evening following our 7pm Mass. There will be no Stations on **Wednesday March 29 but held on Friday March 31 and Holy Week when it takes place Good Friday at 7pm.** Everyone is welcome!



LENTEN MISSION RETREAT

Guelph and Wellington Catholic Parishes presents a Lenten Mission Retreat – "The wisdom of the desert, Flee, be silent, pray without ceasing." Starting Monday March 27 to Wednesday March 29th. Each night will begin with holy hour from 6pm to 7pm followed by a Spiritual Talk by Father Michael King. Tuesday March 28 with have a Penance Celebration following the talk (multiple Priests will be available) and Wednesday March 29 will

have Mass at 7pm with Extended Homily. This mission will take place at St Joseph Catholic Parish, Guelph. All are welcome to attend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10:15 Mass – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to get this program up and running. Children are brought down to the church hall for a simplified message of the Scripture readings for that day and encouraged to share that message with their parents after Mass. If you have questions or would like more information on this program, please contact Donna Haley at 519-822-9742.



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 by Travel-Worn, dancers from Finnigan School of Irish Dance, Food and Frolicking. Please mark your calendar for **Friday March 17, 2023 at Guelph Country Club. Cocktails at 5:30pm and Dinner at 6:30pm.** Tickets are

\$40 each 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – EASTER RAFFLE 2023

Knights of Columbus Council 10631 will again hold an **Easter Raffle** with all proceeds going to the **Ukraine Solidarity Fund**. There are **35 great prizes in the raffle** such as baked goods, household items, gift cards, bicycles and three \$100 cash prizes. Go to our website at <https://kofcguelph.com/> to see all the prizes. **The draw will be at a Pot-Luck dinner on Sat., April 22nd at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Raffle Numbers (tickets) are available for \$5 for 1 or \$10 for 3.** You will be able **purchase numbers or donate funds** by phoning or e-mailing one of the following: Ray Bolton at 519-261-1850 (raymondbolton402@yahoo.com); Larry Colero at 519-827-9737 (coleri1955@icloud.com); Harry Jansen at 519-564-9804 (harry_j_jansen@hotmail.com); Savio DeSouza at 416-618-3791 (savioleon@gmail.com) or Jim Gouin at 548-988-6294 (jgouin12011@gmail.com).

ST JOSEPH HEALTH CARE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Gift shop Volunteers Needed for St. Joseph's Health Centre. Join an amazing team of volunteers who manage the Silver Maple Gift Shop. The Gift Shop offers patients, residents and visitors beautiful gift items along with assortment of drinks and snacks. Shifts are 3 hours a week - Monday to Friday between 10am to 4pm. No experience required. Training will be provided. Please contact Donna Marion, Volunteer Services at 519-824-6000 x 4359 or the Foundation Office at 519-767-3424 or visit <http://www.sjhcg.ca> All proceeds from the Gift Shop support the purchase of vital equipment and programming at St. Joseph's Health Centre.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE GUELPH

The 40 Days for Life Guelph Campaign begins **Wednesday, February 22, 2023!** Unite together for 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil. Learn more, get involved and sign up for prayer times by visiting 40daysforlife.com/guelph. or by calling 519-836-6311.

ST VINCENT de PAUL

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to St Vincent de Paul. In 2022 we were able to assist 486 adults and 326 children at a cost of \$58,742 with the help from your donations. We have 25 dedicated volunteers and would gratefully welcome

new members. Thanks to everyone for your gifts of time, money and prayers. Please continue to support us – the need in our community is great.

ReSTART: Moving Forward

Join us for our new and updated program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. **The program runs from Tuesday, March 21st to May 23rd.** The sessions take place from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join using our zoom classroom. Cost is \$25 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register on line at [ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](http://ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com)).

GREIF RELIEF

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Join us on Thursdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. from April 13th - May 18th, 2023 to learn more about what you are feeling and how to gently move forward. You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton program will be offered online using Zoom. To register, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com and look for April 13th under Upcoming Events. To find out more, please call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT – April 1st – Guelph

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, April 1st at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph)**. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY –

A Lenten Prayer

The Lenten season begins. It is a time to be with you, Lord, in a special way, a time to pray, to fast, and thus to follow you on your way to Jerusalem, to Golgotha, and to the final victory over death. I am still so divided. I truly want to follow you, but I also want to follow my own desires and lend an ear to the voices that speak about prestige, success, pleasure, power, and influence. Help me to become deaf to these voices and more attentive to your voice, which calls me to choose the narrow road to life.

I know that Lent is going to be a very hard time for me. The choice for your way has to be made every moment of my life. I have to choose thoughts that are your thoughts, words that are your words, and actions that are your actions. There are not times or places without choices. And I know how deeply I resist choosing you.

Please, Lord, be with me at every moment and in every place. Give me the strength and the courage to live this season faithfully, so that, when Easter comes, I will be able to taste with joy the new life that you have prepared for me. Amen.

“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me” (John 15:4).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henri J. Nouwen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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