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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

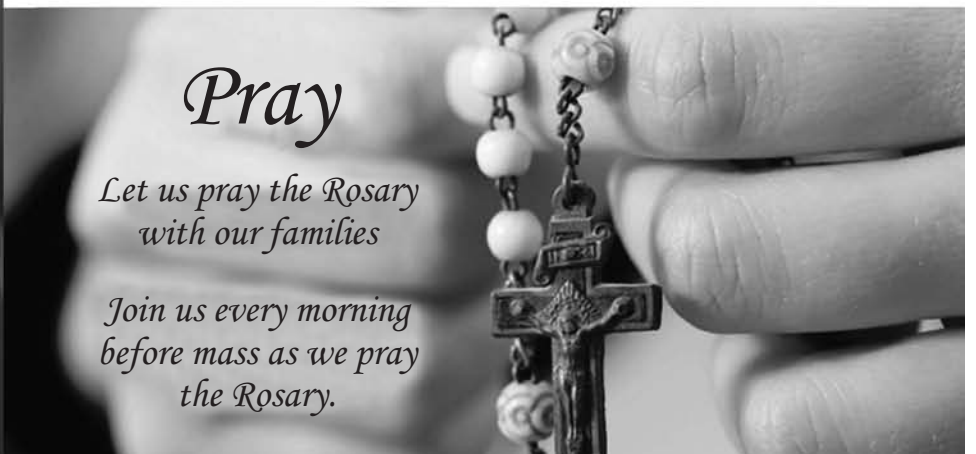
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Very Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JP II



Pray

Let us pray the Rosary with our families

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, August 22nd

8:00am + Elizabeth Blackie
+ Edwin Vergara Enriquez
+ Margaret Napier
+ Elise Watts
+ Dora Guidry

WEDNESDAY, August 23rd

8:00am + Maria Magdalena Quy Dinh
7:00pm + Connie and Emilio Flores
+ Amelia and Ralph Sare
+ Marites Fidelino
In Thanksgiving of Paul Nimeno
In Thanksgiving of Dante Entice and Family

THURSDAY, August 24th

8:00am + George Terrey

FRIDAY, August 25th

8:00am In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Czestochowa
7:00pm + Mary Matthew Nedumchira

SATURDAY, August 26th

9:00am All Souls
5:00pm + Anna Phuong Nguyen

SUNDAY, August 27th

8:30am + Tony Orlando
10:15am In Thanksgiving to God the Father
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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 20, 2023

"Woman, great is your faith!" It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives and sometimes it may not be what we expect. Is God calling you to life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother 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/

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of AUGUST 13, 2023

Candle #1 – IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD THE FATHER

Candle #2 – + ANTHONY TRAN

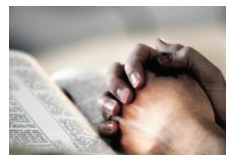
Please use the envelopes provided or one of your own to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle. The requested offering is \$10 each. You may place the envelope in the collection or drop it in the Parish Office.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Envelope Offering August 12/13 \$4,921.35
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

Our challenge that the Gospel writers leave with us is that they generally don't fill out their stories; we hear only the bare bones. In today's Gospel, we are not told about Jesus' facial expression or tone of voice or inner thoughts. Jesus' friends try to dissuade him from attending to the foreigner. Jesus ignores them; but what was Jesus thinking when he refers to the Canaanite woman and her daughter as dogs? What were his tone and facial expression? Was he teasing her? Or perhaps testing her faith?

To most of us, Jesus would seem shockingly rude, and the woman's persistence all the more remarkable. She might have walked away in a huff. Why does she demean herself by continuing her plea? The answer, of course, lies in her great love for her daughter and her conviction that Jesus is a holy person with healing powers. I imagine that Jesus' voice conveyed immense kindness the second time he spoke. Today's readings make clear that God's saving grace and care are for all nationalities, races and religions, not only for Jews or Christians. How do we respond to the outsider? Like the disciples, do we avoid acknowledging or being generous to needy strangers? Or do we emulate Jesus? And do we, like the woman, confidently bring the needs of those we love to Jesus? *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

Parish Picnic: THANK YOU

Last Sunday, we had our annual parish picnic; I was happy to see so many parishioners attend. As with any parish event, some volunteers make the event happen. I wish to thank Tracy and Donna for coordinating the picnic. The Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, and the Parish BLD group provided the food, drink, and cutlery, a big thank you to those groups for making the picnic enjoyable.

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 May 2024. For more information please contact Donna Haley at 519-831-6451. Registration forms are on the website under Parish Life/Ministries

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletins. The advertising will begin in **September 2023** and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

GARDEN OF GRACE

All are welcome to visit the Garden of Grace, a peaceful space for prayer, healing, and contemplation on the property of the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph. The garden is dedicated especially to women and families who are grieving after an abortion, and also those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or ectopic pregnancy. Visitors are welcome to stop by the garden any time during the summer and fall months to pray, remember, and have a peaceful moment. For more information, visit www.guelphforlife.com



MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY –

Let God Love You the Way God Wants

I know that true joy comes from letting God love me the way God wants, whether it is through illness or health, failure or success, poverty or wealth, rejection or praise. It is hard for me to say, "I shall gratefully accept everything, Lord, that pleases you. Let your will be done." But I know that when I truly believe my Father is pure love, it will become increasingly possible to say these words from the heart. Charles de Foucauld once wrote a prayer of abandonment that expresses beautifully the spiritual attitude, I wish I had.

*Father, I abandon myself into your hands,
do with me what you will.*

*Whatever you may do, I thank you;
I am ready for all, I accept all.*

Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures.

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

*Into your hands I commend my soul;
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands without reserve,
and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father.*

It seems good to pray this prayer often. These are words of a holy man, and they show the way I must go. I realize that I can never make this prayer come true by my own efforts. But the Spirit of Jesus given to me can help me pray it and grow to its fulfillment. I know that my inner peace depends on my willingness to make this prayer my own. **"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done."** LUKE 22:42 (NIV)

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, **Bishop Wayne Lobsinger** Saturday, September 2; **Thomas Cardinal Collins**: Saturday, October 7.

Rosary of the Nations Catholic Meditation

Please join us at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate the last Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. for a rejuvenating Rosary of the Nations sung by Harpa Dei. This unique 40-minute Rosary is sung in Latin, Hebrew, English, Spanish, German and French. A booklet will be provided so you can follow along and learn the prayers in these languages, or if you prefer, you can close your eyes and feel Our Blessed Mother's arms wrap around you as you rest and renew in the Holy Spirit. **Upcoming date - August 31.** Hosted by the Catholic Women's League. All are welcome to attend.

GUELPH SPIRITAN GROUP – HEALING MASS

A Mass with prayers for healing will be held on Wednesday August 30th at 7pm, Sacred Heart Church, Guelph - Fr Valentine Onwunjiogu will be the celebrant. Rosary starts at 6:15pm. The prayer group also welcomes all to their prayer and worship every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm, Sacred Heart Church.

ARE YOU A STUDENT?

Are you interested in pursuing medical school? The Dr. H. Patrick and Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham Medical Scholarship has been established to provide grants for Catholics who want to pursue medical school. If you are interested or know anyone who is, please encourage them to apply. The application deadline is July 28, 2023. If you have any questions please contact Mary Claire Morgan at mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com.

FRASSATI Leadership Program

Young people entering grade 10 in September are invited to register for the Frassati leadership program. This year long program is designed for young Catholic leaders who want to expand their Catholic leadership skills and grow in their relationship with Christ and their communities. For registration and more information please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/youth-ministry/frassati>.

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.

St Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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