

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, April 26th

8:00am + Leonard Terrey
+ James Pezoulas
+ Sr. Efigina Yohannes
+ Silvino Velasquez

WEDNESDAY, April 27th

8:00am + Helen Morin
7:00pm Intentions of Elizabeth Augustine
+ Danuta and Jan Sabat
+ Pierina Cassagrande
+ Marlina Tamarra
+ Helen Christie

THURSDAY, April 28th

8:00am + Eduardo Larios

FRIDAY, April 29th

8:00am Intentions of Thomas Tran
7:00pm Intentions of Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki

SATURDAY, April 30th

9:00am + Don Baran
5:00pm + Bev Steffler

SUNDAY, May 1st

8:30am + Don and Frances Walinga
10:15am + Felice Scarozza
12:00noon For 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.

Second Sunday of Easter - April 24, 2022

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? If God is calling you contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

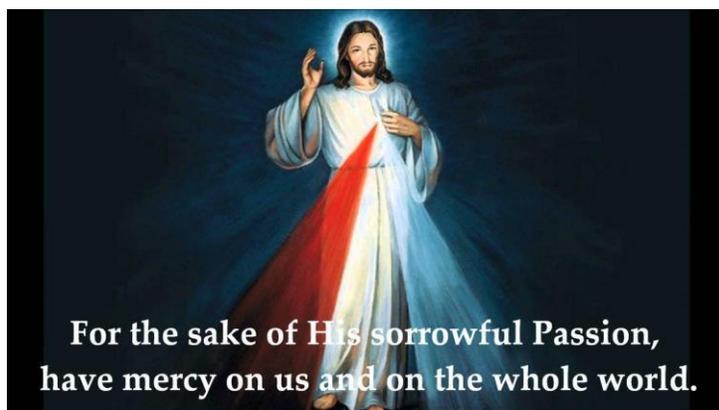
INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of April 24, 2022

Candle #1 – MARLINA TAMARRA

Candle #2 – KAY LYNCH

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 Offerings for April 9/10	\$6,876.30
Share Lent	\$1,375.00
Good Friday	\$4,123.35
Easter Sunday April 16/17	\$12,338.35

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – ST. FAUSTINA

Divine Mercy Sunday points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave. As Pope John Paul II pointed out in his Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995: "the whole octave of Easter is like a single day," and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of "thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery."

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Divine Mercy is also described in St Faustina's Kowalska diary: Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world. (Diary, 47)"

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory. (Diary, 48)"

"I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. (Diary, 49)"

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION- THIS SUNDAY APRIL 24

The Divine Mercy Celebration at St. Joseph Parish will begin 2:00pm today beginning with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to join.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

God's love for us is unlimited. Easter is the ultimate demonstration of that. So why do we sometimes limit what we can receive from God?

In Grade 8, my favourite sport was basketball and I was happily surprised to make the school team. I didn't enjoy the experience, though, because I felt I didn't know what I was doing and would be found out at any moment. Similarly, in today's Gospel, Thomas closed himself off to God's gifts.

When Jesus appeared to the disciples, they were afraid and

uncertain. He brought them the comfort and sense of purpose they needed. Thomas was not present for this encounter, but he too was probably afraid and longed for reassurance. He had seen Jesus perform miracles and knew that Jesus was capable of rising from the dead. The disciples' words could have been enough for Thomas to receive the peace and purpose that Jesus wanted to give him. Instead, he chose to remain in fear and doubt for a whole week longer than everyone else.

Jesus didn't give up on Thomas. He came back just for him. This time, Thomas responded eagerly and open-heartedly. Let us have an eager and open faith and guard against fear and doubt so that we can enjoy the limitless gifts God has for us. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

BACK AGAIN – LET'S GO TORONTO BLUE JAYS



This is what you have all been waiting for - St Joseph Parish is once again offering a trip to see the Toronto Blue Jays in action on **Saturday June 18th vs New York Yankees**. Tickets are \$100 which included bus transportation to and from the church parking lot. Bus will be leaving church parking lot at 12:30pm. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Brian Brady at 519-836-0993 or Marti Valeriotte at 519-836-6093 or Pat Grosicki at 519-821-4104 the Parish Office. Come and enjoy a day of fun with fellow parishioners and friends of St Joseph Parish.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH PASTA DINNER RETURNS

Join us for our annual Pasta Dinner that will take place on **Sunday, June 26 at 5:00pm at Italian Canadian Club of Guelph (135 Ferguson St, Guelph)**. Doors open at 4:30pm with dinner being served at 5:00pm Parish family and friends are invited to this annual dinner of Pasta, sausage, salad, and dessert. Refreshments will be available as well. **There will be a cash bar for those who would like a glass of wine with their dinner. Pasta Tickets will be sold at the Parish Office starting the week of April 24th.** Tickets are \$30.00 each.



We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Nick Finoro and his family for providing wonderful pasta dinners for over 30 years here at St Joseph. Their commitment in making the dinner a fantastic parish community event will never be forgotten. Many blessings to Nick and his family.

THANK YOU- FOOD DRIVE

We want to thank St. Joseph's Parish Community for their generosity on the food drive on April 9/10 weekend. We collected over 1000lbs of food from your parish. This food will help reduce the food insecurity that many in the community of both our churches reside. Thank you for your continued support of our market. Julianna Stephens, Silvercreek Community Market.



WALK TO MARY TO JESUS PROCESSION

The annual Marian procession, crowning and devotion will take place this year on Sunday, May 1, at 2 PM. Please join us to honour Mary and ask her to intercede with her Son for our country, province and city. With the new advances of the Culture of Death, it becomes more obvious that we need to publicly acknowledge our faith and pray for the establishment of the Culture of Life. Please meet at the Basilica of Our Lady at 1:45 PM and dress for the weather. For more information, please call Stella Mott, 519-763-9991.

BUS to NATIONAL MARCH TO LIFE - May 12, 2022

Join the National March for Life in Ottawa with thousands of other pro-life Canadians! A bus will be departing the Walmart Supercentre

in Cambridge at 5 am, with a stop at the Basilica of Our Lady parking lot in Guelph at 5:30 am. Tickets are \$40 each and must be purchased in advance. For tickets, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life. 519-836-6311, info@guelphforlife.com

MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY –



Everything Good Comes from God

Trusting in the unconditional love of God: that is the way to which Jesus calls us. The more firmly you grasp

this, the more readily will you be able to perceive why there is so much suspicion, jealousy, bitterness, vindictiveness, hatred, violence, and discord in our world. Jesus himself interprets this by comparing God's love to the light. He says:

Though the light has come into the world people have preferred darkness to light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, to prevent his actions from being shown up; but whoever does the truth comes out into the light, so that what he is doing may plainly appear as done in God.

Jesus sees the evil in this world as a lack of trust in God's love. He makes us see that we persistently fall back on ourselves, rely more on ourselves than on God, and are inclined more to love of self than love of God. So, we remain in darkness. If we walk in the light, then we are enabled to acknowledge that everything good, beautiful, and true comes from God and is offered to us in love.

"But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love..." PSALM 33:18 (NIV)

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Parents can become exasperated by the behaviour of their children, yet may unknowingly be contributing to it by not practicing more control in some areas of their children's lives. You can help your child to be the best version of themselves by ensuring a balanced diet, by making sure they get enough rest (something severely lacking in many children), by ensuring they have lots of active movement each day and by praying as a family daily. Besides these proven benefits to children, there are other actions also proven to help: controlling screen time (all screens) to the recommended time for their age, spending quality time with parents every day, sharing meals as a family, ensuring they have downtime and are not too activity heavy and by knowing the right expectations to have for the age of your child. Many poor behaviours can be turned around when parents take on a strong leadership role in their families. (Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Warmer weather brings with it "spring cleaning and maintenance" for our homes and gardens, so they can provide us with continued pleasure through the year. It is a perfect time to provide a little of that same maintenance to your marriage. Plan a quiet and relaxed time to talk about the care your marriage needs: are you spending enough time together, are you communicating well and on many topics, are you handling conflict in ways that won't harm your love, are there feeling that something is lacking? Take the time to ask what may need to be "tidied up" and then plan active solutions so that, like a well-maintained garden, your love will continue to flourish. (Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022 Registration

The Wedding Anniversary Mass, which would normally have been scheduled for June of 2022, will not occur this year due to the continued concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and we will be happy to send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. The Wedding Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page under Upcoming Events.