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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.

## **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)

## **PARISH STAFF**

Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor  
Tracy Bolzon, Office Administrator  
Zofia Gadzinska, Bookkeeper



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.*



## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### TUESDAY, February 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00am All Souls  
+ Wilhelmina Donkers

### WEDNESDAY, February 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Silvio Valeriote  
8:30am to 11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00pm + Mohinder Banwait  
+ Frank and Doris Vella  
+ Adriana Ballerras  
Deceased Members of Brazotti Family  
Intentions of Law and Gemin Families

### THURSDAY, February 13<sup>th</sup> –

8:00am Souls in Purgatory

### FRIDAY, February 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Ray Litwak  
7:00pm + Benito Soligo  
7:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

9:00am + Silvino and Nicoletta DiPaolo  
5:00pm + Brigitta and Thomas Tran

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

8:30am + Grazietta Finoro  
10:15am + Constantino Bellisario and Anna Domenica  
12noon 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.

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9, 2025

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact 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 9, 2025

Candle #1 – + ANTHONY TRAN AND ALL SOULS

Candle #2 – INTS of VINH and HANG TRAN FAMILY

Please use the envelopes provided 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

|  |            |
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| Sunday Offering February 1/2                   | \$6,008.55 |
| Seminary Education Fund                        | \$1,095.70 |
| 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

There once was a student who was intent on making his teacher's life difficult. Supply teachers were given a hard time too, to dissuade them from returning. The student sat at the back; did not participate; and due to his behaviour, was regarded poorly by classmates. Knowing these challenges, his teacher prayed and committed to love him no matter what.

Following the prayer, she was filled with an unexpected love. When the student exclaimed that he'd throw a pie at her, she smiled and replied that it would be fine, as long as it was an apple pie. The teacher involved him, prevented students from insulting him, and assisted him despite his attitude. In the days that followed, the student began to change: he moved up front, keenly participated in discussions and started having a positive attitude. The love that God imparted in her produced fruit that helped the student realize he was loved. This true story is reflected in today's Gospel.

Peter toils all night and catches nothing; yet, when Jesus intercedes, there are so many fish that the nets begin to break. Jesus shows that there is little fruit in self-reliance – we need Jesus. Unite with God – like the teacher with her prayer for her student – our efforts bear abundant fruit in service of God and others. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

### 2024 TAX RECEIPTS – NOW AVAILABLE

Your 2024 tax receipts are now available at the back of the church for you to pick up. If you cannot find your receipt, please contact Tracy at the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.

### ST VINCENT de PAUL – Red Bag Collection

Thank you for your support in January. It has enabled us to help three additional families. If you can find it in your heart, please support SVDP's Red Bag Collection once again on **February 22/23 after all Masses**. We will be present at the exits of the church with our red bags. God Bless all of you for your assistance.

### POTLUCK DINNER

There will be a potluck dinner held on Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the church hall. All are welcome to attend – this is a

gathering of our faith community. If you plan to attend or need more information, please contact Victoria at 519-546-1754.

### **Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession**

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please join us for five sessions starting **Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church hall. The following Thursdays are February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Please call the parish office to register so that we have enough materials for everyone.**



### **ST PATRICK'S DINNER – TICKET ON SALE NOW!**

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Guelph Country Club. Details to follow for ticket pricing. Tickets are \$45 each and available at the parish office or through Brian Brady 519-836-0993/519-362-9999, Marti Valeriotte 519-362-0555 or Pat Grosicki 519-830-3465. All families and friends are invited.**

### **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FAMILY BINGO NIGHTS**

Knights of Columbus has a fantastic event lined up that promises fun and fellowship for the entire family. **On Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm**, we will be hosting another FAMILY BINGO NIGHT at the church in the hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, enjoy some friendly competition and create lasting memories. Whether you are a seasoned Bingo player or trying for the first time, there's something for everyone. Doors open at 6pm. Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm, so arrive early to save your spot! Please bring your own snacks, drinks, bingo dabbers, tape and markers. **Entrance fee is \$3.00 for children and \$5 for adults.** So, mark your calendars, invite your family and friends for an evening of fun! **Future dates: April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>.**

### **PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

The Parish Life Committee is in the full swing of strengthening our community here at St Joseph.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW** for the following upcoming initiatives:

**Family Day Mass – February 19 at 9am:** after Mass everyone is welcome to join us in the parish hall for coffee/tea/juice and muffins.

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast – Sunday March 2:** Breakfast is served after all Sunday Masses. Good will offering accepted.

**WORLD DAY of PRAYER – Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00am**

**ST JOSEPH NOVENA – Tuesday March 11 to Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**ST PATRICK'S IRISH DINNER - Saturday March 15:** Join us in celebrating St Patrick with an Irish Feast at the Guelph Country Club. Tickets are \$45 per person (available at parish office)

**MARTYR SHRINE SMALL RELIQUARY TOUR – Saturday March 29, 9am to 3pm:** Join us as we welcome Fr Bert

Foliot from the Shrine in an all-day talk about their 100 years and a 400-year story of love and discovery with St. Jean de Brébeuf and his companions. The day begins with Mass at 9am with blessings from the relics, discussion on the Martyrs and a synodal spiritual discussion after. Lunch is provided. **No cost to attend. RSVP required.**

For more information on upcoming events please contact the Parish Office 519-822-4614.

### **DEANERY MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

The Deanery of Wellington County, which includes St Joseph Parish, will be putting together a team of couples to run the Marriage Preparation course for those who are getting married in the Diocese of Hamilton. We are looking for married couples in the parish who would be interesting in becoming part of this team. We are holding an information session on **Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church hall** for all couples who are interested finding out more information. Please call the parish office if you can join.

### **ATTENTION ALL YOUNG ADULTS!!**

Are you interested in spending time with other young adults (20s and 30s) who are striving to live the Faith? If so, the Wellington Deanery's young adults' group, Frassati's Carabiners, is for you! Named after Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, the Carabiners take a page out of Frassati's playbook, focusing on faith formation, camaraderie, and of course, lots of fun!

If you are interested in learning more about the group and/or want to become involved, please contact Elise ([frassaticarabiners@protonmail.com](mailto:frassaticarabiners@protonmail.com)). The group posts their events and events of other local groups on a Facebook Messenger group chat. There is something for everyone, and it's a great way to become connected!

### **MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY**

#### **Peeling off our Blind-Folds**

We are called to be contemplatives, that is see-ers, men and women who are called to see the coming of God. The day of the Lord is indeed always coming. It is not a coming which will occur in some distant future, but a coming here and now among us. The Lord's coming is an ongoing event around us, between us, and within us. To become a contemplative, therefore, means to throw off – or better, to peel off – the blindfolds that prevent us from seeing his coming in the midst of our world. *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”*

– Hebrews 12:1,2

### **16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference**

This conference will bring together Catholic women to share in hearing informative presentations, enjoy delicious food and fellowship with all those present. The event will be held on Saturday March 22, 2025 from 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch) in Toronto. For more information see [Recharge Your Spirit at the Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025](#); to register go to [Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025](#); to register go to [Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025 Tickets, Sat, 22 Mar 2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#).





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