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SATURDAY MASS
5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES
8:30 am
10:15 am - Children's Liturgy
12 noon

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Thursday from 8:30am to 11:00am

CONFESSION TIMES
Tuesday 7:30pm
Saturday 4:00pm to 4:30pm 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

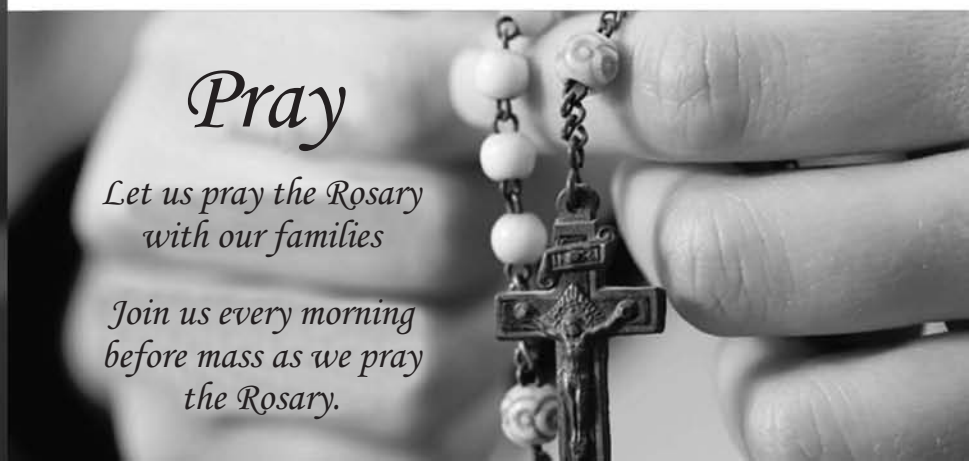
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JPII





FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY, December 1st
8:00am **Intentions of Matteo Tessaro**
7:00pm **+ Jim Dudley**
+ Patricizio "Pat" Della Croce
+ Franco DeFavero
+ Father Joseph LeClair
Intentions of Willie and Vivian Saguil

WEDNESDAY, December 2nd
8:00am **+ Ernie DiCarlo**
7:00pm **Intentions of Lisa Forester**
+ Don Forester

THURSDAY, December 3rd – St Francis Xavier
8:00am **+ Terry Brandt**
8:30am – 11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, December 4th
8:00am **+ Ramon-Teofilo Flores**

SATURDAY, December 5th
5:00pm **+ Peter Phung Tran**
+ Maureen Craigen
+ Ramon and Julita Pono
+ Algerico and Errinda Juanico
+ Adi Lindog

SUNDAY, December 6th – Second Sunday of Advent
8:30am **+ Elda Veri**
10:15am **For our Parishioners**
12noon **+ Lido and Elisa Bot**



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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 8, 2026
"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext. 2341 or email **vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**

SANCTUARY CANDLES
Week of November 28th, 2026
Candle #1 – Intentions of the DiGravio Family
Candle #2 – Intentions of DiRenzo Family
Please use the envelopes provided to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offering November 21/22	**$3,819.00**
Loose Offering	**$1,402.95**
Pro-Life	**$80.00**

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.

Extra Confession Times
Saturday December 12th: 9:30am to 4:30pm

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24th: 5:00pm, 7:00pm, and 12:00am (Midnight Mass)
Christmas Day
Friday, December 25: 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00(noon)

Mary Mother of God (New Year's) Mass Schedule
Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, December 31st: 5:00pm
Friday, January 1st, 2027: 9:00am and 11:00am



2027 SUNDAY ENVELOPES
Sunday Offertory Envelopes are **now ready** for you to pick up in the Parish Hall. If you do not presently use envelopes and would like to have a set, please contact Tracy at the parish office at 519-822-4614 or fill out the registration form located at the back of the church or on our website www.stjosephguelph.com. You can drop off the registration forms at the office or via email at stjosephguelph@rogers.com.

FLORAL TRIBUTES – IN MEMORIUM



Would you like your loved one(s) remembered at Christmas? Just make a donation towards the Christ mas flowers, and we will post their names on our website and remember them in the prayers at Christmas. **Please use the envelope in your box or one marked "Flowers" in the Sunday collection or drop off at the Parish Office. Be sure to print your loved one's name clearly on the envelope**. **Please submit these donations by Thursday, December 17th.** Thank you for your consideration.

MOSAIC TREE TILES

This is an initiative for our Jubilee Celebration Year. This tree once completed will be displayed in the church hall for all to see now and the future. This mosaic is a collection of tiles that come together to create one overall piece of art. Each tile is an expression of the artist who paints it. When these different tile designs come together, a magnificent work of art is born - designed by fellow parishioners. Each painting kit contains everything you need to paint your tile including instructions. **Tiles will be on sale at the parish office or after each Mass on the weekends until they are all sold. Each tile is $25 – you can buy as many as you would like for your family.**

RCIA PROGRAM – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Share Your Faith. Walk Alongside Others. Make a Difference! Have you ever thought about helping someone discover or deepen their Catholic faith? St Joseph Parish will be starting the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** program and we are looking for volunteers to accompany individuals on their journey of faith as they explore the Catholic Church and grow in their relationship with Christ. We welcome parishioners who are willing to share their faith, offer encouragement, help -with sessions, or simply walk alongside those discovering the beauty of our Catholic faith. No special experience is necessary—just a welcoming heart and a willingness to serve! **If you feel called to be part of this meaningful ministry, we would love to hear from you.**
For more information, please contact Tracy at the Parish Office.
Together, let us help others discover the joy of knowing Christ and belonging to His Church.

CWL Membership News

Your timely dues payments are much appreciated and help to support our National, Provincial and Diocesan offices, plus all the resources they provide for our Parish activities. There will be another opportunity to renew at the CWL Christmas Potluck on Dec 8th with Mass at 5pm, followed by our potluck at 5:30pm. If you have renewed by the 8th, you will be entered in a draw to receive a complimentary 2027 membership! Keep the membership momentum going! Invite a friend to join our League! Any questions? Please call Marie Thorne- President at 519-780-1152

Calling Volunteers!

Guelph Catholic Moms Group Ministry is Growing & Needs Your Help: We are looking for Co-Leader, Set Up/Take Down, Children's Activities Table, Hospitality & Snack Table. We Meet Every **First Wednesday of the Month St. John the Baptist** 45 Victoria Rd. North, Guelph 4:30pm - 6:00pm email: st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com. *Must be 16+ to Volunteer. www.catholicmomsgroup.com

Permanent Deacon Information Session:

For anyone who is interested in the Diaconate and/or wants more information about what is required and what is involved in the admission process and Formation program, are invited to either of two Information Sessions:

1. Nov. 22nd, 2026, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 620 Rymal Rd. E, Hamilton after 11am mass.
2. Dec 6th, 2026, at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener after 11am mass.

You are welcome to attend the 11am Sunday Mass where Deacon Tom Vert, the Associate Director of the Deacon program will be preaching. Afterwards we will have the Information Session in the parish Hall. There will be a short presentation and then a question-and-answer session, with light refreshments. Also, we will be available for anyone wanting to speak privately. For more information about this session, feel free to contact: Deacon Tom Vert, Associate Director Deacon Formation Program, tvert@hamiltondiocese.com OR Fr. Mark Gatto, Director of the Deacon Formation Program, mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com

CCCB Letter-Writing Campaign

The CCCB is inviting Catholics to make their voices heard by contacting their Members of Parliament.
Access the CCCB letter-writing campaign and email your MP
Resources
The following resources provide further information about Bill C-41, the Church's concerns, and the importance of compassionate care and accompaniment for those facing serious illness:

- CCCB Parliamentary Brief on Bill C-41
- CCCB Fact Sheet: Advance Requests for Euthanasia
- Full Text of Bill C-41
- Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care
- Samaritanus bonus: Letter on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life (especially sections III and V.1–5)

For information about palliative care, end-of-life care and support for individuals and families facing serious illness, please visit the Diocese of Hamilton's Palliative Care Information page or contact Teresa Hartnett in the Family Ministry Office (thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988 x2250).

"I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." - *John 16:33*.

CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT

During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, January 3rd at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton**. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/ For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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