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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

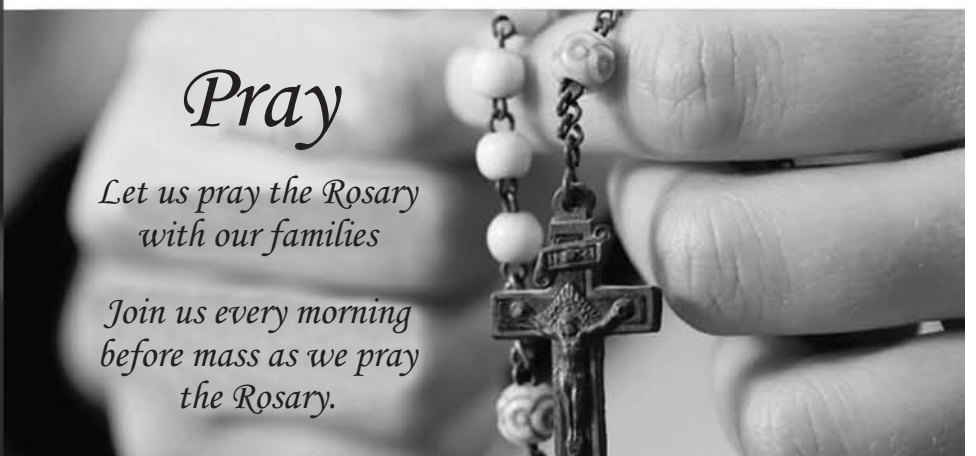
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- 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 4th

8:00am Conversion of Sinners

WEDNESDAY, March 5th – ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00am + Nicholas Law
 8:30am to 11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 12:00noon + Frances Raffle
 7:00pm Intentions of Gabriel and Helen D’Souza
 + Joan Ireland
 + Isabelle Martins

THURSDAY, March 6th

8:00am Intentions of Adele

FRIDAY, March 7th

8:00am + Augustin Tran
 7:00pm + Anthony Tran
 7:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY, March 8th

9:00am + Joseph Kuntz
 5:00pm Intentions of Therese Tran

SUNDAY, March 9th

8:30am + Ron and Peter Lefneski
 10:15am All Parishioners
 12noon + Jackie Williamson



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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – March 2, 2025

“In the Lord your labour is not in vain”. Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God’s call. 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of March 2, 2025

Candle #1 – + ANTHONY TRAN and ALL SOULS

Candle #2 – INTS of NHAN TRAN and 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.

“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.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offering February 22/23 \$5,865.00
 Loose Collection \$1,195.77
 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 is an inclination in human beings to support each other. Whether it’s parenting, teaching, donating or governing, part of our nature is to concern ourselves with the well-being of others. However, Christ wisely points out in today’s Gospel that if we lack sight, we will not be able to offer others direction or guidance. There is the old saying: we cannot give to others what we ourselves do not have. If we are blind, we won’t be able to show others the way. A person who cannot see the ultimate good (God) won’t be able to share goodness with others. However, an honest desire to guide others may be, for some, a point of conversion. If we recognize shortcomings in the world, in our peers and in ourselves, then this recognition of the need for God may spur us on to seek God more fully in our daily lives.

Jesus also says in the Gospel that only “the good treasure of the heart” can produce good. As challenging as change can be, may our experience at Mass today, where we open ourselves to an encounter with Christ, guide us in re-evaluating our life’s choices. Christ showed us, through this life, death and resurrection, how to obtain the glory of perfect life in God. May our hearts be ready to be filled with God’s goodness. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

LENT – A SEASON OF REFLECTION

Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life. That always involves giving up sin in some form. The goal is not just to abstain from sin for the duration of Lent but to root sin out of our lives forever. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in order to embrace new life in Christ. For catechumens, Lent is a period intended to bring their initial conversion to completion.

Lent is also the primary time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, because Lent is the season for baptismal preparation and baptismal renewal. Early Christian teachers called this sacrament “second Baptism,” because it is intended to enable us to start again to live the baptismal life in its fullness. Those who experience the loving mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation should find themselves standing alongside the newly baptized at Easter

filled with great joy at the new life God has given all of us. *Excerpt from Catholic Online*

ST JOSEPH NOVENA

Starting Tuesday March 11th – March 19th we will be having the nine-day novena for the intercession of St Joseph. Throughout the nine-day Novena we will be having the devotion during each evening Mass (7pm) and during all Weekend Masses (Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am and 12noon). Saint Joseph is the patron saint of many causes and professions, including; Universal Church, Families, Fathers, Workers, Expectant Mothers, Unborn Babies, Immigrants, Travelers, Carpenters, A Happy Death and Social Justice. Please join us for this Novena to St Joseph.

MARTYR SHRINE - SMALL RELIQUARY

Saturday March 29, 9am to 3pm: Join us as we welcome Fr Bert Foliot a Jesuit priest from the Martyr Shrine. He was ordained 52 years ago, been a pastor of numerous parishes in Toronto and Winnipeg. He has also done ministry among Indigenous Peoples for 25 years. He served as the rector of Regis College in Toronto and was the director of the Jesuit Infirmary in Pickering, Ontario. He was a superior of Jesuit Communities for 45 years. Presently, he is a member of the Jesuit staff at Martyrs Shrine and is pastor for the Beausoleil First Nation on Christian Island. For 7 years he walked from Guelph to Midland, Ontario with the Guelph Walking Pilgrimage. This all-day talk will be about the Shrine's 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 at the Parish Office by March 25.**



ST PATRICK'S DINNER – TICKETS 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 15th, 2025 at Guelph Country Club.** 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 April 5th 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: May 10th.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League invites you to this year's World Day of Prayer Service written by the women of Cook Islands on Friday, March 7th at 10 am at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 409 Paisley Road, Guelph. This global ecumenical movement brings together over 150 countries to observe a common day of

prayer. Join in solidarity as we pray in and with the women of Cook Islands. For more information, please call Sharon Huska (519) 821-4505.

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 27th 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.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION THIS LENT

As part of the ongoing Eucharistic revival in Wellington Deanery you are encouraged to participate in the Forty Hours Devotion this Lent. This year's Devotion, which is rather like a Parish Mission with a special focus on the Eucharist, will be preached by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate from March 10-13, 2025. There will be Mass at 7:00pm each evening, and forty hours of semi-continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout these days (hence the name "Forty Hours Devotion"). The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration at the Basilica from 7:30am until 10:00pm on March 11 and 12, and from 7:30am until 6:30pm on March 13. There will be a reception in the Basilica Parish Hall following the evening Mass on March 13. The complete schedule for the Forty Hours Devotion is on the website of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate.

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](#).

ARE YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER?

Join us for this complimentary educational event and discover the peace of mind that "Being Prepared" brings. Come and learn from our expert speaker what's essential to properly prepare an estate and how to best organize your important documentation! Gilbert MacIntyre & Son Funeral Home, Hart Chapel (1099 Gordon St, Guelph). **Wednesday March 12 from 6:30pm -8:00pm.** To register, call Gilbert MacIntyre & Sone Funeral Home at 519-821-5077.

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been marked as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.



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