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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

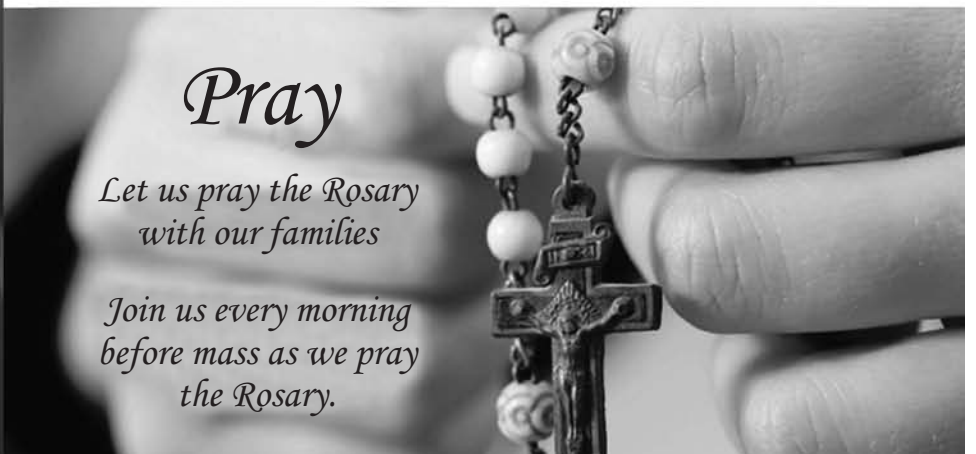
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JP II



Pray

Let us pray the Rosary with our families

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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, August 29th – St John the Baptist

8:00am + Leon Gois Amican Sr
 + Felisa C. Jesena
 + Elise Watts
 + Susan Martines
 Intentions of Thuy Nguyen

WEDNESDAY, August 30th

8:00am + Joseph Trinh Dinh
 7:00pm + Margaret Napier
 + Barb Fanon
 + Leno Parisotto
 + Salvatore Cicco
 Intentions of Sonia Porter

THURSDAY, August 31st

8:00am Intentions of Zofia

FRIDAY, September 1st

8:00am Intentions of Therese Tran
 7:00pm + Nguyen Manh Tuat

SATURDAY, September 2nd

9:00am + Bishop Ed Troy
 5:00pm + Anthony and John Baptist Tran

SUNDAY, September 3rd

8:30am + Emilia Finoro
 10:15am + Sidonio Marchiori
 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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 27, 2023

"For who has known the mind of the Lord?" Sometimes our mind is not necessarily the mind of the Lord. If God is calling you to serve 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 27, 2023

Candle #1 – INTS of ANABELA MARTINS

Candle #2 – INTS of NANCY LITWAK

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 19/20 **\$5,648.05**
 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

In today's Gospel, we see grace operating in Peter's heart as he realizes Jesus is the Son of God. When we reflect on our own lives, we can certainly pinpoint such moments. Moments where God makes clear to us deep truths that we were once unable to grasp. "For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven." We must never forget that our faith is a gift; it is infused into our soul by Christ himself. It is not something we figured out on our own. We all have loved ones who just don't seem to get it, who either don't believe or don't practice their faith, and we often ask why? It is tempting to become frustrated with loved ones who have fallen away – to turn away from them – but see how Jesus never cuts off the disciples as they work through their difficulties and thoughts. He lovingly guides and questions them. His accomplishment opens up their hearts, allowing Peter to receive the gift of faith, proclaim Jesus as Lord, and become the foundation upon which the future church will be built. Never cease to pray for your loved ones; put them into the hands of our heavenly Father, so that one day Christ's true identity will be revealed to them and the faith made clear.
Excerpt from Living with Christ.

THANK YOU – FROM MICHAEL HOUSE

St Joseph Parish's gift through the Baby Bottle Campaign was the largest gift ever given from one parish family to Michael House in their 18-year history. Together our parish community raised **\$3517!!** All together the campaign raised **\$44,189.**

**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 Go

The world is only evil when you become its slave. The world has a lot to offer - just as Egypt did for the children of Jacob - as long as you don't feel bound to obey it. The great struggle facing you is not to leave the world, to reject your ambitions and aspirations, or to despise money, prestige, or success, but to claim your spiritual truth and to live in the world as someone who doesn't belong to it... All the good things our world has to offer are yours to enjoy. But you can enjoy them truly only when you can acknowledge them as affirmations of the truth that you are the Beloved of God. The truth will set you free to receive the beauty of nature and culture in gratitude, as a sign of your Belovedness. That truth will allow you to receive the gifts you receive from your society and celebrate life. But that truth will also allow you to let go of what distracts you, confuses you, and puts in jeopardy the life of the Spirit within you. **"But I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me."** PSALM 131:2 (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.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED



Come along with Brother Francis as he explores the special role Mary plays in our lives! Young viewers will learn all about the amazing, Immaculate Conception; why Mary is called the Ark of the New Covenant; and how Jesus took her home to Heaven and crowned her queen!

Footprints: The Path of Your Life:

Eleven young men from the United States walk 1,000 kilometers on their Way of St. James pilgrimage. They are looking for answers, not beautiful scenery: How do you deal with pain and suffering? Do the weak quit or do they find meaning on the Camino? How much baggage is enough or too much?



RESTART: MOVING FORWARD

Event Date: **September 25, 2023**. Our 10-week program offers support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. Sessions will run on Monday evenings from September 25 – December 4, 2023 and take place from 7-9pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. W in person, or you are welcome to join our Zoom classroom. Cost is \$35.00 for materials, but no one is turned away.

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.ihstours.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.

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, PORTUGAL, SPAIN & ITALY

Join Fr. Valentine Onwunjiogu, Pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Guelph on a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi in Italy, Fatima in Portugal, Santiago de Compostela and Burgos in Spain and Lourdes in France from April 1-11, 2024 — 11 Days. \$4,490.00 (if booked by September 15, 2023). For information and registrations please call: International Heritage Tours 1-877-999-8868, Stan, ext. 339, stan@ihstours.com.



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