

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, March 2nd

8:00am Deceased Members of Gil Family
All Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm + Larry Valeriote

WEDNESDAY, March 3rd

8:00am Intentions of Theresa Tran
7:00pm Intentions of Lodge Family
Intentions of Agnes Dufournaud

THURSDAY, March 4th

8:00am All Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm + Phyllis Henke

FRIDAY, March 5th

8:00am + Maria Manera
7:00pm + Donald Phillip Forester

SATURDAY, March 6th

9:00am Conversion of Sinners
5:00pm Living and Deceased Members of Koopmans
Family

SUNDAY, March 7th

8:30am Intentions of Parishioners
10:15am + Carlo and Tony Caravaggio
12:00noon + Anthony Tran



*May God's peace be with those who have recently died, **WILLIAM SYNNOTT** and especially 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.*

DO YOU HAVE A VOCATION?

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of February 28th, 2021

Candle #1 – HALEY FAMILY

Candle #2 – HUBER FAMILY

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: February 20/21, 2021 \$11,191.10
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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

The Premier of Ontario recently announced that the Province of Ontario will be easing the restrictions as of Tuesday February 16th. This means the church will be open for regular scheduling of Masses at 30% capacity. The same guidelines handed down by the Government and the Diocese of Hamilton will be in affect: mandatory mask wearing and using the sanitizer at the entrance.

As of Thursday February 18th, our regular schedule for Masses will commence: weekday's at 8am, 7pm and Saturday morning at 9am. Weekend Masses: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am (Live Streamed) and 12noon.

HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY

Please be advised that we will be using the ticket system for the liturgy's Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. They will be available starting Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 at the Parish Office.

LIVE STREAM MASS

Sunday Mass is now available for you to watch Live at 10:15am every Sunday during lockdown. By clicking on this link "[Watch Live](#)" you are able to connect live with the Mass that is being said by either Fr Bergsma or Fr Gregory. When you are on St Joseph YouTube Channel please subscribe so that you are updated with any changes or if you miss the Live Stream Mass you can access at a later time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND ROSARY

Stations of the Cross: Stations will be said after 7pm Mass on Thursday's during lent. Due to regulations, we are unable to have pamphlets in the church, please use go to our website to download them on your phone to use – located on the home page. As well, on our [YouTube channel](#) the stations have been recorded for you to follow.

Rosary: We will also have a Rosary to St. Joseph during Wednesday evenings of Lent at 7 pm over Zoom. If you wish to join in the Rosary, please email Fr Bergsma at jbergsma@hamiltondiocese.com. Father will email an invite to participate in the Rosary, and will email the document that we will be following.

CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

Fathers Jeff Bergsma and Gregory Merkley have decided that one way we as a parish will live out this special year of St. Joseph is to [consecrate](#)

[ourselves to him](#). This is simply to say that we will draw closer to St. Joseph and entrust ourselves to his spiritual and temporal care in our lives, receiving more of his protection and guidance. The saints are real, living people who now live in God's presence, but they are very interested in us. They pray for and guide us on our journey to Heaven. Therefore, if we consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph, we will open ourselves up to receive more of his heavenly help, since Jesus enjoys honoring his parents even in Heaven by working through them to help us.

Father Gregory Merkley will also help us make this journey with short weekly videos during our preparation for consecration (entrustment) to St. Joseph. As a result, all are encouraged to access the book (easily available from many sources, including [Amazon, where the Kindle edition is substantially cheaper than the paperback](#)), and join us as we prepare over 33 days, starting on February 15th, to make our consecration on March 19th, the great solemnity of St. Joseph. The Solemnity of St. Joseph is a special day in the Church where we celebrate St. Joseph's Sainthood, and so it is the perfect day to make this special act of entrusting ourselves and our parish to St. Joseph, asking His powerful protection and care for each of us and our parish community. Father Jeff Bergsma and Father Gregory Merkley will also be making the consecration that day!

ADORATION

Adoration will take place everyday from **8am to 6pm** in the church parking lot. The Monstrance can be viewed through the window between both brown doors on the side of the church.



Share Love, Share Lent: Solidarity with communities in crises.

Did you know that Development and Peace provides humanitarian aid to communities coping with climate change, conflict and natural disasters in over a dozen countries?

This week, the Share Love, Share Lent campaign looks at how your solidarity is meaningful for Rohingya refugees and their host communities in Bangladesh.

Please pray for communities affected by crises and help us to keep supporting

them by contributing to the collection on March 21. Consider donating one or two dollars for each day in Lent! Please visit devp.org/lent for more information.

GUELPH AND AREA RIGHT TO LIFE – 40 Days for Life

Join fellow parishioners on March 4th, from 7am-7pm for the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil, where we be praying for an end to abortion. The campaign involves praying outside of the abortion pill clinic in Guelph. This is a powerful prayerful witness to the clinic's patients and employees, in addition to the entire community, showing our love and care for all parents and their preborn children.

During past prayer vigils, we have had the opportunity to talk to people that have been impacted by abortion. This gave people the opportunity to share their stories, and allowed volunteers to pray with them and direct them to resources to help them on their healing journey. Over 18,000 lives have been saved since the start of this international campaign in 2007, 107 abortion centres have closed, and 211 abortion workers have quit.

Due to COVID-19, we will also be taking precautions such as requiring that individuals be physically distanced at a minimum of 6ft, and are strongly recommending that volunteers wear masks. To sign up for a vigil time, visit 40daysforlife.com/guelph. Alternatively, you can contact the Right to Life office at 519-836-6311 or by email at info@guelphforlife.com.

Forty Hours Devotion in Honour of St. Joseph

The "Forty Hours Devotion" is a traditional devotion of the Catholic Church, which is marked by an extended time of intense prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. In this Year of St. Joseph, it is apt that we implore St.

Joseph, the Patron of Canada and the Patron of the Universal Church to intercede for us in our country, and, together with our Blessed Mother, to implore their Divine Son for an end to the COVID-19 virus in Canada and throughout the world. Our Forty Hours Devotion will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate and preached by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of Hamilton. To see schedule of Forty Hours Devotion, please visit: <https://basilicaofourlady.com/mass>

Pornography: The Threat, Impact and Catholic Remedy

Pornography is one of the most important issues to understand in our world today. With the ease of its availability on the internet, it has affected people of all ages and backgrounds, whether male or female. Pornography today is violent and degrading and often involves young people who have been sex-trafficked. **Join us on zoom (by internet or phone) March 25th from 7-8:30 P.M.** and hear more about the threat and impact of pornography on children and adults, how we can educate ourselves and our children to counter its negative influence and how our Catholic faith provides hope to those impacted. Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett and Deacon Joseph Di Loreto. Registration is required so we can send you the zoom link, but the session is free of charge. This is an important issue which will not go away unless we provide tools for people (including parents) to end its destructive use. Consider registering to learn how more on this issue at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help>.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Two kinds of love are on display in the month of February this year – one on Valentine's Day celebrating romantic love and one on Feb. 17th, Ash Wednesday, celebrating the infinite love of a merciful God. When we recognize the depth of God's love, so powerful that nothing can separate us from it, we feel secure that God is always with us. Both these loves are important and this is a great month to help children understand that God is responsible for both. Talk to them about how He created us to want to be in relationships, care about others and love important people in our lives. Help them to understand that the six weeks of Lent ends with the celebration Easter. Easter, the day we rejoice over Christ's resurrection and through his love, our ability to spend eternity in Heaven.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

In February we celebrate Valentine's Day, a day created to celebrate love and a great month to think back to the days of dating we experienced with our spouses! Days when we flirted, complimented, spent endless hours talking, hated to be apart and planned and went on dates! Now compare it to your time together today – have you given up all or most of these actions? Marriages that continue to have relationships that reflect their dating days feel connected, vitalized and loved. Why not consider making February a month of renewal for your marriage? Purposely create a relationship with your spouse where you give them your time and attention by making them your number one priority and ignite that same spark of love you felt in those early days of dating.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

BLESSED Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. Thou protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as thy son, thou rescued Him from danger of death. Defend the Church, the Household of God, purchased by the Blood of Christ.

Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May thy prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.

