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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](http://www.stjosephguelph.com/ministries)

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**PARISH STAFF**

Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor  
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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.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### MONDAY, March 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm + Armando Mascarenhas and  
Deceased Family Members

### TUESDAY, March 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Mary Finoro  
+ Cadjitan Perera  
+ Vladsmila Vurgr  
+ Gerrit Kistemaker  
7:00pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

### WEDNESDAY, March 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Alina Carere  
8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00pm Intentions of Joseph Phong Duong  
In Thanksgiving to St. Jude Thaddeus  
All Souls  
+ Deceased Members of Aimola Family  
7:30pm Stations of the Cross

### THURSDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Maria Tuyet Nguyen

### FRIDAY, March 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00am For the Conversion of Sinners  
7:00pm + Necita Estorco

### SATURDAY, March 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00am All Parishioners  
5:00pm + Brigitta and Thomas Tran

### SUNDAY, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30am + Rogelio Eyo Matutino  
10:15am + Rosario Gantioqui  
12noon Mary Finoro



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

### Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 10, 2024

St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **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 March 10, 2024

**Candle #1** – + ANTHONY TRAN

**Candle #2** – + ANTONIO TAMARA

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 Offering February 24/25	\$4,463.00
Loose Collection	\$1,231.35
Easter Flowers	\$1,362.00

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

That God loved the world so much as to send the Only-Begotten Son to save and not condemn the world is not as easy a message to receive as it appears. If it were, would not everyone by now have embraced such a loving offer to salvation, wholeness and quality of life?

Testimony about the steadfast love of God, such as we hear in today's first reading and about the extent and results of the saving mercy of God that Paul's letter to the Ephesians describes, is certainly helpful, but the Gospel reading encourages us to be even more personally engaged. Nothing short of a life-altering encounter with Jesus, involving honesty and repentance – and the cross – will do. Such an encounter is difficult, because seeing our lives in the light of Jesus and his self-sacrificial love reveals the truth of who we are, and requires of us a life-determining choice to become who we were meant to be.

We know that to accept Jesus as the gift of God who gives all for the sake of our salvation is life-giving beyond our imagination. We ask for the grace to receive this gift wholeheartedly. We give thanks, too, for the Scriptures, each other, the Eucharist, and all the means by which we live make it easier for others to meet and follow him. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

### Watch on FORMED!!



### Lent Week Four | Return: Lent with Fr. John Burns

Fr. John Burns reflects on weeping and lamentation as a remedy for coming to terms with the reality that things in life do not always go as we want. In the Bible, the Israelites cried out to the Lord when things went wrong—not as an accusation against God—but as a display of their continued faith in the him. In preparation for Good Friday, Fr. John reflects on the truth that God allows certain things to happen to bring about a greater good—without the cross there is no resurrection.

Therefore, we are called to unite our suffering to Christ and trust in the divine will of the father. How can you be steadfast and trust in the Lord even through difficult times? To watch [click here](#)



**Lent Week Four | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT**

In week four of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give—not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love—to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you. To watch [click here](#)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Starting February 14, 2024**, we will be having Stations of the Cross every Wednesday evening following our 7pm Mass. There will be no Stations on the **Wednesday of Holy Week, but will take place Good Friday at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome!

**LENTON MISSION – FR GARY SCHLACK**  
**MARCH 9, 10, 11 and 12th**

The Shroud of Turin is considered by many to be the actual burial cloth of Jesus. It is the single most studied artifact on the planet. More than 2,000 scientists have put in over 600,000 of peer reviewed scientific investigations on the Shroud. Come and find out what incredible things science has discovered about the Shroud and why the Shroud has been called the 5<sup>th</sup> Gospel. Find out how our reflections on the Shroud can help us deepen our faith in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. **(Will take place during the Homily of the weekend Masses and Monday-Tuesday evening at 7pm)**

**CWL ANNUAL BANQUET**

The CWL annual banquet will be held at the Ariss Valley Golf & Country Club on April 9th, 2024. Doors open at 5pm and dinner is at 6pm. Tickets will be available for purchase from Tracy at the Parish office, from Wendy Synnott at (519) 222-2848 and at the back of the church after each Mass on **March 16 & 17**. Tickets are \$42 each. Come join us for a lovely evening as we honour our CWL members for their dedicated years of service.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus St Joseph Church will be holding a Charity Bottle Drive on April 6, 2024, from 9.00 am. to 3.00 pm. Drop off your empty beer cans & bottles, wine & liquor bottles to St. Joseph Church parking lot. Home pickup is also available if needed. You can cash in your bottles & cans before April 6 and drop the donation off at the Church office in an envelope marked Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive or drop the envelope in the church collection basket. If you wish to e-transfer your donation you can visit the St Joseph Knights of Columbus website [www.kofcguelph.com](http://www.kofcguelph.com) and follow the directions under Donate. For more information, you may contact Ray at 519-261-1850 [raymondbolton402@yahoo.com](mailto:raymondbolton402@yahoo.com) or Jim at 548 988-6294 [jgouin1210@hotmail.com](mailto:jgouin1210@hotmail.com)

**FUN FAMILY BINGO!**

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10631- Saturday evening April 6, 2024, in our church hall. Opens at 6pm. Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm. Please bring your own snacks, drinks and Bingo dabbers. Entrance Fee \$3. This is a no cash prize

Bingo. So bring your family and friends and join us for an evening of fun!

**ST VINCENT de PAUL**

Many thanks to all of you who donate to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Your generosity enables us to continue to follow the call to provide food to the hungry, clothes for the cold, and furniture for those making a home. We were also able to provide gift bags to a senior's home to brighten up their Valentine's Day and will provide dinner at the Royal City Mission next month.

The start of the year is always a rough time for people, as expenses from school, winter clothing, heating, increased food costs and more pile up. Please consider donating either using your green envelopes (or any envelope marked "St Vincent de Paul" in the collection basket) or using Canada Helps to donate online.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL**

**February 14 - March 28, 2024 - 7 am to 7 pm daily** City sidewalk in front of the Guelph Cenotaph, Woolwich St & Eramosa Rd, Guelph. 40 Days for Life is a 40-day prayer vigil, organized locally by Guelph & Area Right to Life, to pray for the ending of abortion. Prayer volunteers are currently needed! **St Joseph Parish Day has been set for Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 5pm**. For more information visit [guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life](http://guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life) or call Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311. **Sign-up sheets will be at the back of the church March 2/3.**

**40 Days for Life Mass with Bishop Lobsinger**

As the 40 Days for Life Guelph prayer vigil draws to a close, Bishop Lobsinger will be visiting the Basilica of Our Lady for a special 40 Days for Life mass. All are welcome to attend! Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 7 pm Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate 28 Norfolk St, Guelph

**YOUNG ADULTS' MOVIE NIGHT**

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to attend a movie night with pizza, snacks, and discussion on Saturday, March 23 at 7:00 pm at the parish hall of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. We will be watching the 2008 historical fiction film *The Stone of Destiny*, based on the 1950 heist at Westminster Abbey carried out by a group of Scottish students. The film contains relevant thematic content for young Catholics navigating the modern world together. Come out for a great evening and the chance to connect with other young Catholics in the city!

**MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY**  
**God's Kingdom Is Within**

The words of Jesus "Set your hearts on God's kingdom first . . . and all other things will be given you as well" summarize best the way we are called to live our lives. With our hearts set on God's kingdom. That kingdom is not some faraway land that we hope to reach, nor is it life after death or an ideal state of affairs. No. God's Kingdom is, first of all, the active presence of God's Spirit within us, offering us the freedom we truly desire.

And so the main question becomes: how do we set our hearts on the Kingdom first when our hearts are preoccupied with so many things? Somehow a radical change of heart is required, a change that allows us to experience the reality of our existence from God's place. **However, as it is written, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9,10 (NIV)**



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