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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

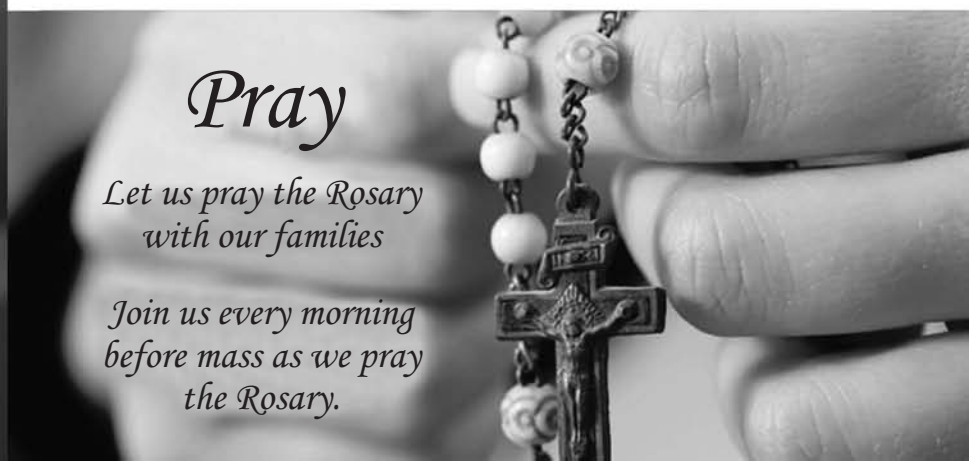
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JPII





THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY, November 10th
8:00am + Digna Mariano
7:00pm Intentions of Willie Saguil
Intentions of Lina Mascarenhas
Intentions of Mary Cooper
+ Sandra Brown
+ Teresa Pham Thi Le Hang

WEDNESDAY, November 11th
8:00am + Peter Phung Tran
7:00pm Intentions of Margaret Zandstra
+ Martin Gobbi

THURSDAY, November 12th
8:00am Intentions of Nimesha Fernando
8:30am – 11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, November 13th
8:00am + Thomas Tam Tran

SATURDAY, November 14th
5:00pm Intentions of David Lay
+ Benito Soligo
+ Josefino Sanez
+ Siva Anton Pararajasingham
+ Franco DeFavero

SUNDAY, November 15th
8:30am + Living and Deceased Members of DeMaren Family
10:15am + Elzbieta and Jerzy Polaski
12noon All Parishioners



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 8th, 2026
Candle #1 – + JOSE and ANGELINA MARTINS
Candle #2 – + MAUREEN BOLZON
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 October 31/November 1	**$4,057.00**
Loose Offering	**$1,469.80**

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

As we journey along the spiritual path, over time we gain human wisdom and experience. But divine wisdom offers us much more. Both human and divine wisdom are found in today's readings.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about wise and foolish bridesmaids, and their foresight or lack thereof. In researching why bridesmaids needed oil, I learned that, at that time, one task of the bridesmaids was to accompany the bridegroom at night, leading him through dark streets to his waiting beloved. If the bridesmaids ran out of oil, their lamps were useless.

Jesus' teaching about the bridesmaids is asking more of us as believers than simple vigilance. We too are invited to be aware and to prepare, as we continue to seek a deeper union with our Beloved. The way of faith, as we follow Christ is as winding as a forest path. It takes human effort and divine wisdom to know what is ours to do along this path. It takes planning and awareness, patience and foresight as we journey towards the ultimate wedding banquet awaiting us.

What more am I being asked to do at this time, to be better prepared for union with my Beloved at the Eucharist What deeper wisdom is available to me as I continue on my journey, towards everlasting divine union? ***Excerpt from Living with Christ.***

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 (one per family).**

CWL MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League membership campaign is in full swing this month. 2027 membership dues are $40. Cash, cheques and e-transfers accepted. You can also use your November 8 collection envelope and download a copy of the 2027 Membership form from our Parish website. https://www.stjosephguelph.com/parish-life Please join this vibrant group of dedicated ladies for growing in faith, supporting our Parish and to witness the love of God through ministry and service!

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

DATE: SAT NOVEMBER 14, 2026
TIME: 10:00AM TO 2:00PM

Come out, bring a friend and shop. Support and celebrate the season – Baked goods, Attic Treasures, Silent Auction, Penny Table, Main Cash Draw Tickets (cash prize), Santa photos, Touch & Take Gift Table and Delicious Lunch Menu. Main Cash Draw we accept Cash, Cheque or e-transfer cwlstjosephguelphtreasurer@gmail.com.

DONATIONS for the Attic Treasures, Silent Auction, Penny Table and Craft Table can be dropped off at the church hall on **Thursday November 12th from 12noon to 6pm & Friday November 13th from 9am to 6pm. DONATIONS** for the Bake Table – pies, squares, tarts, muffins, cookies, cakes, scones, loaves, fudge or and preserves can be dropped off on **Friday November 13th from 9am to 6pm. Please remember to bring your own shopping bags.**

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWNG ITEMS: used clothing, hard cover books, heavy items, small electronic appliances or furniture. NO DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL – SPARK OF JOY

St Joseph School is hosting a Christmas Makers Market on Saturday November 14 from 10am to 2pm. Drop by after visiting our CWL Christmas Bazaar and see what they have to offer. Share in the spirit of Christmas with our school community.

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.

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

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

October is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, a chance to remember all that we are grateful for in our lives. It is a perfect time to have children focus on the good things in their lives: the people they love and care for and who love and care for them, their friends, the ability to go to school, having a place to live and food to eat, to name a few. It is also a time to remind them to thank God for their gift of life and faith. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

An attitude of gratitude has proven to bring more happiness and contentment to a person's life. Expressing gratitude to your spouse for their love and all they bring to your life has a two-fold benefit, it makes them feel respected and appreciated and it helps you see the goodness in your relationship. Sometimes we forget to recognize the many wonderful things our spouse brings to us, so take the time to do so and see how your relationship can flourish! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

AI AND HUMAN DIGNITY

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us as we explore Pope Leo's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas and our call to protect human dignity in an age of technological revolution. It will take place on Wednesday, November 25th, 2026 (1:00 – 3:00pm) at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. Registration and more information can be found here: https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/ai-andhuman-dignity-workshop.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

O most compassionate Jesus have mercy on the Holy Souls detained in Purgatory, for whose redemption You did take upon yourself our nature and endure a bitter death. Mercifully hear their sighs, look with pity on their tears, which they now shed before You, and by virtue of your Passion and Divine Mercy release them from the pains due to their sins. O most merciful Jesus, let your Precious Blood reach down into Purgatory, and through the purifying power of your healing love may their suffering be remitted. Bring them forth into your presence where they will dwell with You forever in light
and peace. Amen.

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