

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, May 4th

8:00am + Serafin Gonzales
+ Elizabeth Blackie
Deceased Members of Dao Family
Living and Deceased Members of Gil Family
7:00pm Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, May 5th

8:00am + Ralph and Margorie Goodwin-Wilson
7:00pm + Annamna Joseph
+ Marie Bolzon
Intentions of Derrick Correa
Mary, Refuge of Holy Love

THURSDAY, May 6th - St Francois de Laval

8:00am + Edmund Sharratt
7:00pm + Maria Monteiro

FRIDAY, May 7th

8:00am Intentions of Fr Jeff Bergsma
7:00pm + Maria Manera

SATURDAY, May 8th

9:00am + Bui Kha
5:00pm + Francis Walinga

SUNDAY, May 9th

8:30am + Elda and Nicoletta Veri
10:15am + Felice Scarozza
12:00noon Intentions of 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.

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 May 2, 2021

Candle #1 – JOSEPH OROBONO

Candle #2 – NECITA ESTORCO

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 for April 17/18 \$7,718.00
April 24/25 \$0.00

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 announced yesterday, more restrictions on the Stay-at-Home Order to help control the spread of COVID in the Province. **On Monday April 19th, 2021**, all the Churches in the Diocese of Hamilton will be **closed for Public Mass** for the current Stay at Home Order.

The Parish Office will be closed during Stay-at-Home Order. If you need to contact the office, please do so by email at stjosephguelph@rogers.com – Tracy will be checking daily.

We will continue to LIVE STREAM the 10:15 Mass on Sunday's. Please go to our YouTube Channel – [WATCH LIVE](#)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available from the parking lot daily from 7 am until 9 pm. **Please stay in your cars.**

Confessions will be by appointment only. Please call the office to make an appointment to see Fr Bergsma or Fr Gregory.



SUNDAY REFLECTION

He Tried to join the disciple. (Acts 9:26). There's a lot of adventure in today's first reading, isn't there? Paul, fresh from escaping death threats in Damascus, arrives in Jerusalem, where he faces suspicion from Christians and an attempted murder from some Greek-speaking Jews. Why so much drama? Quite possibly God was using all this upheaval to "prune" Paul, to further him from remnants of his old life (John 15:1-3). We are so used to talking about the saints as if their holiness were a given, but that's rarely the case. For many of them, the road to holiness was as long and winding as it is for many of us. After all, we know that Paul had a strong, assertive personality. Humility doesn't always come easily! By his own admission, Paul was "an arrogant man" before his conversion (Timothy 1:13). You can imagine how some of that arrogance might still have been present as he tried to convert people. Maybe the man who had once spent his life "breathing murderous threats" against Christians still needed to learn Jesus' teaching about being poor in spirit (Acts 9:1). So, it's possible that God was using the chaos Paul encountered

in Jerusalem to help him examine his heart and see where he still needed to change.

Anyone who has lived more than a few decades will tell you how valuable it is to be pruned by the Lord. They probably didn't enjoy it at the time, but looking back, they could appreciate the fruit of such pruning. Coming face-to-face with our selfishness or arrogance or resentments can move us to turn to Jesus and ask him to purify us and set us free. So let Jesus prune you from time to time. He promises that if you do, you will bear "more fruit" (John 15:2). You'll become more like him just as Paul did. "Jesus, you are a wise and gentle gardener. Keep pruning me so that I can become more like you." *Excerpt from the Living with Christ.*

BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER was ordained Bishop last Sunday, April 18th. When we learned about the impending restrictions on church services to be imposed on Monday, April 19 at 12:01 a.m., we thought it best to proceed with the ordination rather than risk a similar restriction in June. Several phone calls and email messages later and it was all arranged. Even Monsignor Matjaž Roter, Chargé d'Affaires at the Apostolic Nunciature in Ottawa was able to attend, bring the Papal Bulla (Apostolic Letter signed by Pope Francis announcing the appointment), and offer greetings and good wishes on the Pope's behalf. We pray that the Bishop's ministry will be richly blessed!

CWL MEMBERSHIP

Dear CWL Ladies we really miss you! Unfortunately, due to COVID19, we are unable to have our regular monthly meetings and sadly we missed having our Christmas Bazaar and Spring Market and Annual Dinner. Please continue to pray that going forward with everyone getting a vaccine and continuing with masks and social distancing, hopefully we can get back to our regular CWL activities as soon as permitted. Also, please be assured that all our Sister members are still praying strongly for each other. If you have not paid your \$25.00 Membership for 2021 you may drop it off or mail it to the parish office in an envelope marked CWL MEMBERSHIP including your name and address. Contact Pat Grosicki at 519-821-4104 or Sharon Huska 519-821-4505 if you have any questions or wish to make arrangements to pay another way. Thank you so much.

DAILY MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

To pray means to open your hands before God. It means slowly relaxing the tension that squeezes your hands together and accepting your existence with an increasing readiness, not as a possession to defend, but as a gift to receive. Above all, prayer is a way of life that allows you to find stillness in the midst of the world where you open your hands to God's promises and find hope for yourself, your neighbor, and your world. In prayer, you encounter God not only in the small voice and the soft breeze, but also in the midst of the turmoil of the world, in the distress and joy of your neighbor, and in the loneliness of your own heart.



Prayer leads you to see new paths and to hear new melodies in the air. Prayer is the breath of your life that gives you freedom to go and to stay where you wish, to find the many signs that point out the way to a new land. Praying is not simply some necessary compartment in the daily schedule of a Christian or a source of support in a time of need, nor is it restricted to Sunday mornings or mealtimes. Praying is living. It is eating and drinking, acting and resting, teaching and learning, playing and working. Praying pervades every aspect of our lives. It is the unceasing recognition that God is wherever we are, always inviting us to come closer and to celebrate the divine gift of being alive.

In the end, a life of prayer is a life with open hands—a life where we need not be ashamed of our weaknesses but realize that it is more perfect for us to be led by the Other than to try to hold everything in our own hands.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

COVID-19 continues to dominate and control much of our lives. All of this affects children, but since they take their cues from adults in their lives, we can help them to feel resilient. Remind them of how happy you are, despite all that is happening that you are together as a family. Remind them of the beauty of nature that is all around for them to see and enjoy, that technology lets them connect with other family and friends and that through all of this we can continue to pray and ask for God's blessings. When they hear anger and frustration, they feel worry and concern; when they hear optimism and calm, they too feel those emotions as well. Let us remind our children how much we love them; help keep them strong during the pandemic. From: Family Ministry Office.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Listening may be the most important aspect of any relationship, but it is also the hardest part for us to get right! Listening requires our full attention, not just to the words spoken, but also to the emotions attached. Doing so allows us to understand how our spouse is feeling and, if we listen attentively, to repeat back what we are hearing. When we do this without first making a defensive reply, issues get resolved and our spouse feels supported. Then we can reverse roles, expressing our thoughts and feelings on the issue, as our spouse becomes the listener. Happy couples work on these skills until they become second nature, thus keeping their relationship bond strong. From: Family Ministry Office.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

The following Prayer was prayed by Pope Francis on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph:

Prayer to St Joseph
Protect, O Holy Guardian, this our nation.

Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know — like you do — how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility.



Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters.

Sustain those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick.

Bless, O St Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

Accompany, O St Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest.

Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement.

Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor.

With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic.