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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

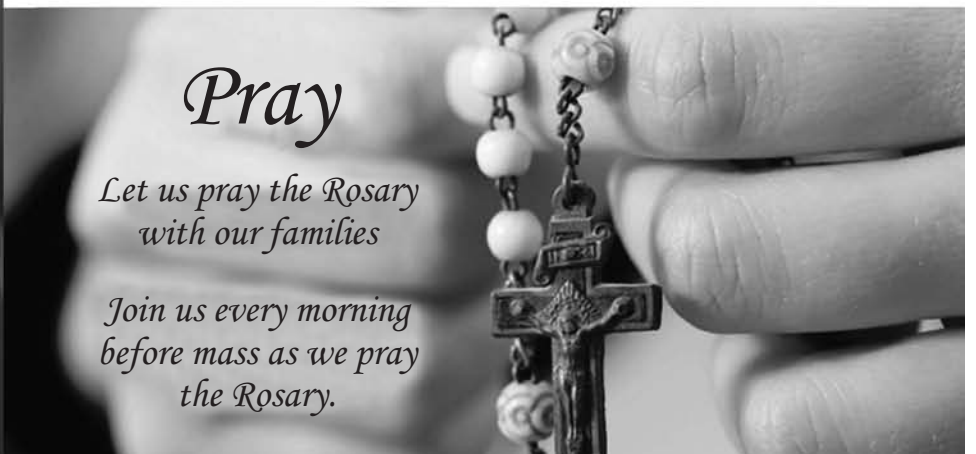
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JP II



Pray

Let us pray the Rosary with our families

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, September 19th

8:00am + Edward Hogan
+ Cathy Chornoboy
+ Michael Mervant
All Souls
Intentions of Geline Quintano

WEDNESDAY, September 20th – St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions

8:00am + Peter Long Tran
8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm + JeSusa and Ramon Lores
+ Tedfilo Flores
+ Marites Fidelino
+ John and Pat Fischer
+ Raul Flores

THURSDAY, September 21st – St Matthew

8:00am + Amanda Anne Fletcher

FRIDAY, September 22nd –

8:00am + Efren Lacsamana
7:00pm + Marites Fidelino

SATURDAY, September 23rd – St Pius of Pietrelcina

9:00am + Barb Fanon
5:00pm + Peter Lefneski

SUNDAY, September 24th

8:30am + Umberto and Nicoletta Veri
10:15am Intentions of Frances and Maria Gobbi
12:00noon + Maria Luis



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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept 17, 2023

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin. If God is calling you, 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 SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Candle #1 – + ANTHONY TRAN

Candle #2 – INTS of ANN FORESTER

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 September 9/10 \$5,564.60
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

There's an old adage, "if you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there." In today's Gospel, Jesus gives Peter (and us) clear directions and terms that he requires of us. We must forgive with our hearts. When we have been hurt deeply, forgiveness can be daunting. Acknowledging all the emotions that come from being wounded often makes forgiveness humanly unbearable. When we realize we lack the strength to do what God is asking, we turn to Jesus.

Step 8 of the 12 Step program is "make a list of all persons we have harmed and become willing to make amens." There is an abundance of evidence that this approach really works. Hundreds of thousands of alcoholics have recovered from hopeless state of mind and body and found freedom from resentments by doing this step. It has a healing effect and can lead us from the seat of judgment to the throne of mercy. God calls us to himself through many situations. Our struggle to forgive is in our human nature. Surrender leads us to the abundant transforming grace that he offers us through the Holy Spirit. We receive this powerful gift in the Eucharist, his Body and Blood. The rocky and narrow road to Good Friday leads us on to Easter Sunday! *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

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 April 2024.** For more information please contact Donna Haley at 519-831-6451. Registration forms are on the website under Parish Life/Ministries

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FIESTA- RETURNS

Once again, we are having our International Family Fiesta on **Saturday, September 30th** following the 5pm Mass. If you "live" your culture and cook traditional foods, we would love to experience them in the Church Hall that evening. This will be a potluck style event where each group will have their own table



of foods, flags and favours – come sample their foods! Also, if you want to contribute musically, we are encouraging this. Good will offering is accepted. We hope to see you there.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – FAMILY BINGO

Come out and join the Knights of Columbus sponsored Fun Family Bingo nights - **Saturday September 23 and October 21, 2023** in the parish hall. Doors open at 6pm. Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm, so arrive early to save your spot! Please bring your own snacks, drinks, bingo dabbers, tape and markers. Entrance fee is \$2.00 (to cover expenses). Bring your family and friends for a fun evening!

FORMED PRESENTS: **ETERNAL REST – The Art of Dying Well**

Eternal Rest explores the mystery of death, the afterlife and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. Furthermore, the art of dying well is also the art of living well. By understanding who we are and what we are made for, we can order our lives and values according to God's design for our true fulfillment. Join us to watch this series and experience the art of living well: St Joseph Parish Hall, October 5, 19, 26 and November 2 at 7pm. Please contact Tracy at the parish office to register. Study books will be provided.



Benediction at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and Tea will be available. Presiders will be, **Cardinal Thomas Collins: Saturday, October 7.**

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.

Struggling After an Abortion?

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

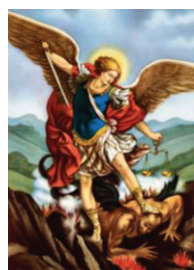
As summer ends and school begins, it is time to get back to a more scheduled lifestyle. As you organize your family, remember that our priorities are what we give the most time to and what we schedule time for, so do not forget to schedule family time, prayer time and Church attendance into your schedule. Place these items on the calendar because they matter to your whole family and seeing them there raises up their importance!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

When asked what matters most to someone who is married, people often answer my wife/husband and children. It is important to see if your actions reflect that belief. Do you spend time together daily talking about your day and important matters? Do you plan a date night with your spouse (even if it is from home), so your children see the love you share? Do you do little tasks that need doing without being asked? Do you compliment your spouse and tell them you love them? What we do tells others what matters – be sure your spouse knows they do!

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.ihtours.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.



St Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

ST VINCENT de PAUL STORE – JOB OPPORTUNITY

The St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store is looking to hire a part-time employee to assist with pickups and deliveries on the truck and assisting in the store. Must be physically able and comfortable lifting large items and moving furniture on a regular basis. Must be able to pass background check. If interested, please call Brendan at: 519-836-5829.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Join thousands across Canada to make a public, prayerful and peaceful stand for life. Guelph & Area Right to Life will be hosting Life Chain in four locations. Plan to join us at the location nearest you! **Sunday, October 1, 2023** 1-2 pm, Guelph: Stone Rd at Edinburgh Rd S 2-3 pm, Rockwood: Main St between Alma St and Cobblestone Pl at Waterside Park 4-5 pm, Fergus: Hwy 6/Tower St at Belsyde Ave 4:30-5:30 pm, Elora: Colborne St at Geddes St (MacDonald Square).

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

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



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