

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, February 23rd

8:00am + Alegene Tela
+ Marjorie and Edward Koebel
7:00pm + Brian McCulloch

WEDNESDAY, February 24th

8:00am Intentions of Huong Dao and Family
7:00pm + Edgardo C Ledesma

THURSDAY, February 25th

8:00am + Larry Valeriete
7:00pm + Doug Kinley

FRIDAY, February 26th

8:00am + Maria Manera
7:00pm + Charlie Cunningham

SATURDAY, February 27th

9:00am +
5:00pm + Brigitta Tam Tran

SUNDAY, February 28th

8:30am + Grazietta Finoro
10:15am + Alegene Tela
12:00noon Intentions of Parishioners



May God's peace be with those who have recently died 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 21st, 2021

Candle #1 – ISABEL MARTINS

Candle #2 – MOISES MARTINS

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 13/14, 2021 \$2,806.00
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 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.

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!

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts for 2020 have been mailed out to all parishioners who have contributed. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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: (Re)discover Development and Peace.

The Share Love, Share Lent campaign is inspired Pope Francis's encyclical, Fratelli Tutti and its call "for a love that transcends... geography and distance" and "allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person."

Please consider donating to the Share Lent Collection on the week-end of March 21st to help support the many projects around the world that Development and Peace take part in. Discover more activities and join Catholics across Canada on a journey of love and solidarity throughout the Lenten period. Follow our solidarity calendar at devp.org/lent.

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.

The Schedule for the Forty Hours Devotion is as follows:

Tuesday, March 16

Opening Mass of Exposition and Sermon 7:00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Wednesday, March 17 - The Feast of St. Patrick

Daily Mass 7:30am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00am – 7:00pm
Devotion Mass and Sermon 7:00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Thursday, March 18

Daily Mass 7:30am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00am – 7:00pm
Devotion Mass and Sermon 7:00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00pm – 10:00am

Friday, March 19 - The Solemnity of St. Joseph

Adoration 7:00am – 7:00pm
Solemn Mass of St. Joseph and Closing Sermon 7:00pm

Anniversary Mass 2021 Registration

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page - click on the icon and you can register your anniversary. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

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.