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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

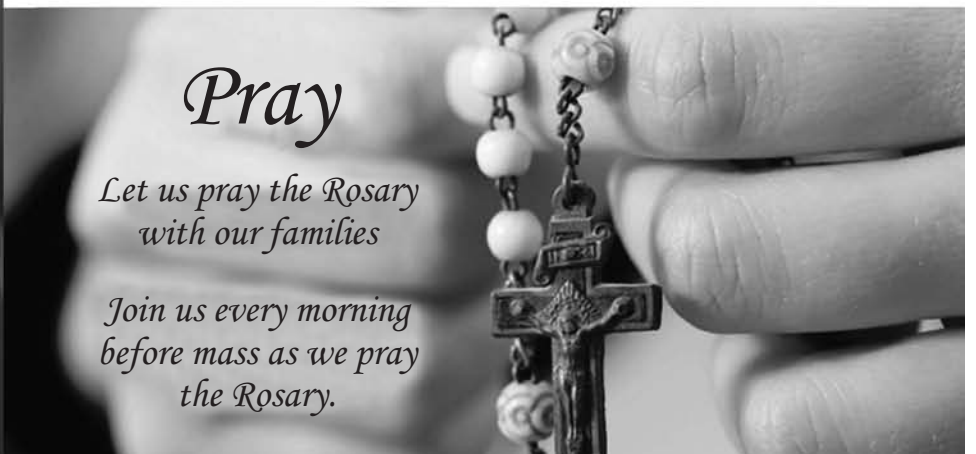
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Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JP II



Pray

Let us pray the Rosary with our families

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, January 23rd

8:00am + Necita Estorco
+ Louise Kirva
+ Michael McCluskey
+ Isagani Banez
Intentions of the King Family
Intentions of Mary Ryan

WEDNESDAY, January 24th

8:00am Intentions of Paul Joseph Ladano
8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm + Lucy and Pat Kelly
+ Ellen Hughes
+ Bob Cigrang
+ Giuseppe Anselmini
Intentions of Annette Weber

THURSDAY, January 25th

8:00am + Steven Kun

FRIDAY, January 26th

8:00am + Joseph
7:00pm + Paulo Entice

SATURDAY, January 27th

9:00am Intentions of Elyse Mazzorato and Trevor Hebert
5:00pm Intentions of Therese Tran

SUNDAY, January 28th

8:30am + Raul Flores
10:15am + John Mandolesi
12noon + Patricia Allerton
4:00pm Eritrean Mass



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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 21, 2024

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of January 21, 2024

Candle #1 – + ANTHONY TRAN

Candle #2 – INTENTIONS of NHAN TRAN and FAMILY

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 January 13/14 \$4,757.90

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

In my late teens, I read William Thomas Walsh's *Our Lady of Fatima*. It prompted me to quit a job that was lacking some ethics. Afterward, I was in a spiritual fog. I went for one of those long walks in an attempt to reconnect with the Lord. At an intersection I saw a yellow Volkswagen with these words boldly painted on it: *Pray the Rosary, Fatima 1917*.

In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar story of how Jesus called his first disciples to be fishers of people. If we fast forward today's Gospel into the present day, we can imagine Jesus walking through an office complex and asking us to leave our desks. Do we drop everything and go? The apostles' response was immediate. There was an expectation of the coming of the Messiah, so perhaps they were ready. And Jesus chose humble people whose hearts, he knew, were receptive to the call.

Through the sacraments, prayer and Scripture we seek the Lord and anticipate his call. God can also speak via a billboard, a bumper sticker, a song, a conversation and even a yellow Volkswagen. This is the all-powerful voice of Love that spoke creation into existence. We are prudent to seek it, listen for it and trust that it indeed will come in the manner God chooses for us. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

2024 ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

Your 2024 envelopes are now available after all masses in the church hall. **NUMBERS HAVE BEEN RE-ORGANIZED please look for your last name alphabetically not by your number.** If you do not see your envelopes or would like envelopes, please call the office and speak to Tracy.

2023 TAX RECEIPTS – NOW AVAILABLE

2023 Tax receipts are now available for pick-up at the back of the church after all Masses.

HELP NEEDED: FUNERAL USHERS

We are in need of volunteers to assist Fr Bergsma with funerals. There are usually three servers needed at each funeral Mass, which occur typically weekday mornings, - each with special responsibilities to ensure that the funeral runs smoothly. Training

will be provided. If you are able to help, please contact Tracy the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.

CWL MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

Mother Daughter lunch will be held Sunday February 4 after 12:00 noon Mass in church hall. Please to Helen Synnott at 519-821-1782 or Marti Valeriotte 519-836-6093.



MARK YOUR CALENARS - THE IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

We are inviting *all the Irish and those who wish to be*, to a fun night of Irish Dance, Music, Food and Frolicking. Please mark your calendar for **Saturday March 16th, 2024 at Guelph Country Club. Details to follow for ticket pricing.** All families and friends are

invited.

FUN FAMILY BINGO!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10631- Saturday evening February 3, 2024 and March 2, 2024, St Joseph's Parish 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!**

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! For more information visit guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life or call Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311.

Young Adults Night - Saturday, February 3rd – Waterloo

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 3rd at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

MEDITATIONS – HENRI

NOUWEN SOCIETY –

You Belong to God

At issue here is the question: "To whom do I belong? God or to the world?" Many of my daily preoccupations suggest that I belong more to the world than to God. A little criticism makes me angry, and a little rejection makes me depressed. A little praise raises my spirits, and a little success excites me. It takes very little to raise me up or thrust me down. Often, I am like a small boat on the ocean, completely at the mercy of its waves. All the time and energy I spend in keeping some kind of balance and preventing myself from being tipped over and drowning shows that my life is mostly a struggle for survival: not a holy struggle, but an anxious struggle resulting from the mistaken

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henri J. Nouwen".

idea that it is the world that defines me. . .

As long as we belong to this world, we will remain subject to its competitive ways and expect to be rewarded for all the good we do. But when we belong to God, who loves us without conditions, we can live as he does. The great conversion called for by Jesus is to move from belonging to the world to belonging to God. **"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it."** JOHN 17:15,16 (NIV)

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

SMART STEPS

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? This program is designed to offer practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. Sessions are held at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: Saturday, March 9, 2024. Register on line at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 8, 2024!

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children;

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2024 to attend Year 1 Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2024 to attend Year 2 Kindergarten

During the registration process, school administration is available to assist you with any questions you may have. To assist administrators with registering your child for kindergarten, we ask that you have the following documents available;

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Parent Or Child's Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Tax Support for Families New to the System (i.e. Most Recent Tax Bill)
- Proof of Address (Government Document, Mortgage or Rental Agreement, Hydro Bill, Credit Card Statement)
- Immigration Documentation (If Applicable)
- Custody Documents (If Applicable)

Please note:

- Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Year 1 Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Year 2 Kindergarten.
- Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please contact your local Catholic school.

"The patient and humble endurance of the cross, whatever nature it may be, is the highest work we have to do. – St Katherine Drexel



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