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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](http://www.stjosephguelph.com/ministries)

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**PARISH STAFF**

Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor  
Tracy Bolzon, Office Administrator  
Zofia Gadzinska, Bookkeeper



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.*

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**TUESDAY, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am + Hazel May Sitler  
 + James Harold Theaker  
 Deceased Members of Troy Family  
 Deceased Members of Berry Family  
 Intentions of Silvia Velez

**WEDNESDAY, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:00am + Felice Jesema  
 8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm Intentions of Annette Weber  
 Intentions of John Ndungu  
 Intentions of Nimesha Fernando  
 + Isagani Banez  
 + Alexandro Macatangay

**THURSDAY, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:00am + Necita Estorco

**FRIDAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00am + Irene Meagher  
 7:00pm + T.C. Varkey

**SATURDAY, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00am + Anthony and John the Baptist Tran  
 5:00pm Intentions of Therese Tran

**SUNDAY, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am + Jozef Femiak  
 10:15am + Alfred Vogel  
 12noon + Ronald LaFontaine



*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.*

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 28, 2024**

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

Week of January 28, 2024

**Candle #1** – + ANTHONY TRAN

**Candle #2** – INTS of KAM and CONCHITA BALCHAND

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 20/21	\$4,001.00
Lose Collection	\$1,103.90

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**

When I moved to the Maritimes, I planned to spend one of my first Sundays relaxing on a beach after Mass. However, not knowing where such a beach was, I sat in my parked car looking at a map. Thunk! Someone leaving Mass had backed into my vehicle. “No problem,” I thought. “I’m at church; this process is painless.” I had had a previous car mishap in a secular context which turned into quite an ordeal. My expectations of ease and that adversity would not reach into the church parking lot were false – our fallen humanity follows us everywhere. Thankfully, our faith ought not depend on anyone or anything apart from Jesus. No wickedness can snatch us from either his gaze or his hand; someone’s sins or poor choices do not affect that.

In today’s Gospel we hear how there was “in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit” who was crying out. Evil manifested itself in the holy place of God. And Jesus handled it. When we experience disappointing behaviour amongst the faithful or are even faced with larger scandals involving those in leadership, we need not lose our faith in Jesus. Such circumstances do not reflect Jesus’ authenticity, nor do they question his authority. Instead, we turn to the One who silences the voice of evil and casts it out. *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.

**RENOVATIONS – INTERIOR OF CHURCH**

After Easter, the plan is to start the interior renovations of the church. The carpets will be removed and replaced with linoleum flooring as per Diocese, pews will be refurbished and the walls will

be painted. The cost will come out of the One Heart One Soul Funds. Cost estimations will be posted as we are informed.

### **HELP NEEDED: FUNERAL SERVERS**

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.

### **POTLUCK DINNER**

We will be having a potluck dinner on Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship with parishioners. All are welcome to attend.

### **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 Valeriote 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### **MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY –**

**Your Life is Guided by God:** To walk in the presence of the Lord means to move forward in life in such a way that all our desires,

thoughts, and actions are constantly guided by him. When we walk in the Lord's presence, everything we see, hear, touch, or taste reminds us of him. This is what is meant by a prayerful life. It is not a life in which we say many prayers, but a life in which nothing, absolutely nothing, is done, said, or understood independently of him who is the origin and purpose of our existence. This is powerfully expressed by the nineteenth-century Russian Orthodox starets Theophan the Recluse: *Into every duty a God-fearing heart must be put, a heart constantly permeated by the thought of God; and this will be the door through which the soul will enter into active life. . . The essence is to be established in the remembrance of God, and to walk in his presence. "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water."* PSALM 63:1 (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](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

### **15TH ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE**

Saturday March 23, 2024; 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch). Opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins. Speakers: Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare. Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Co-creator with God, Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer. Special Guest Speaker: Tammy Peterson (wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson) Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group **TO REGISTER VISIT [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)**

### **CALLING ALL MOMS!**

Are you looking for a Free, Fun, Faith Filled afternoon for you and your little ones this Winter? **Meet Up Every First Wednesday of the Month 4:30pm - 6:00pm.** We have a retired Teacher, who will host a Saint Lesson and Craft, while you gather with Like-Minded Moms, to share hot chocolate and ideas on how to live out your Catholic Faith. This is a great opportunity to connect with other incredible Catholic Moms; It takes a village. Please Email: [st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com) St. John the Baptist (45 Victoria Rd. N, Guelph) for more information.

### **The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World**

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is happy to offer a three-workshop series this spring entitled, *The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World*. This new handbook created by David Wells and Bill Huebsch provides a comprehensive outline of the new vocabulary of pastoral ministry, and how to enact it in your local setting. This workshop series is designed for anyone who is working or volunteering in parish life including pastoral teams, parish councils, and youth ministry leaders. Registration for this workshop series is now open. You can register [here](#)

*"Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it." Mother Teresa*



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