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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

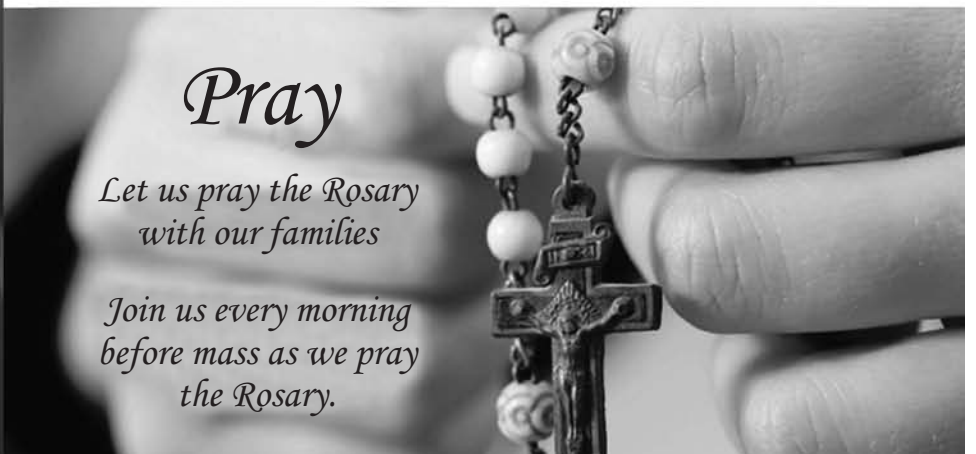
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Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JP II



Pray

Let us pray the Rosary with our families

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, December 5th

8:00am + Donald Forester
+ Rita Da Maren
+ Ramon Pradas
+ Tran Dinh Dieu
+ Judith Murphy

WEDNESDAY, December 6th

8:00am + Tom Jones
8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm + Maria Hoang This Hoa
+ Jozef Femiak
+ Vincent Toan Dinh
+ Virginia Abalos
+ Arturo Piacampo

THURSDAY, December 7th – St Ambrose

8:00am Intentions of Nguyen, King and Duong Families

FRIDAY, December 8th

8:00am Intentions of Fr Joseph LeClair
7:00pm + Anthony and John Baptist Tran

SATURDAY, December 9th

9:00am + Donna Dooling
5:00pm For those who have died and not prayed For

SUNDAY, December 10th

8:30am + Mario Mazzorato
10:15am + Felice Scarozza
12:00noon + Don Baran



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.

Serra Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind; grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of December 3, 2023

Candle #1 – LUIS MARTINS +

Candle #2 – INTS of MARTINS 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 Envelope Offering Nov 27/26 \$6522.95
Building Fund Month of November \$1129.00
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.



Extra Confession Times

Wednesday December 20th: 10:00am to 8pm

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th: 5:00pm, 7:00pm, and 12:00am (Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25: 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00(noon)

Mary Mother of God (New Year's) Mass Schedule Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 31st: 5:00pm
Sunday, January 1st, 2023: 8:30am, 10:15am and 12noon



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Bambinelli Sunday is an event that takes place in Rome on the third Sunday of Advent each year, and will be taking place here at St Joseph Parish after all Masses on **Sunday December 17, 2023**. The idea is to encourage everyone to bring their 'Bambinelli' to be blessed on the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. This blessing of the Christ Child is a way to help children focus on the real and true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. We also suggest that each family



take the 'Bambinelli' home after the blessing, place it in a special box and then wrap that box. On Christmas morning, before you open presents, place Jesus in the manger.

CWL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

The CWL Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner will take place on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 commencing with Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. Come out for a fun social evening with your CWL sisters. Bring your favourite hot or cold dish or dessert to share and your own plate and cutlery.

MOVIE NIGHT AT ST JOSEPH

Back to the movies at St Joseph: **Second movie on Thursday December 7 at 7pm is The Star:** A small but brave donkey named Bo yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day, he finds the courage to break free, embarking on the adventure of his dreams. On his journey, he teams up with Ruth, a lovable sheep who has lost her flock, and Dave, a dove who has lofty aspirations. Along with three camels and some eccentric stable animals, Bo and his new friends follow the Star and become accidental heroes in the greatest story ever told -- the first Christmas. **The third movie on December 14 at 7pm is Entertaining Angels – the Dorothy Day Story:** Chronicles the life of Dorothy Day who dedicated herself in service to her socialist beliefs and her adopted faith of Catholicism. The movement she created continues to thrive to this day, with more than 200 communities across the United States and another 28 communities abroad. The title of the movie is taken from a phrase which means to treat all guests, whether they be kings or peasants, like they were visiting angels. All are welcome to attend – **FREE to attend.** Popcorn and drinks provided.

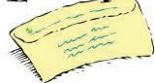


FLORAL TRIBUTES – IN MEMORIUM

Would you like your loved one(s) remembered at Christmas? Just make a donation towards the Christmas flowers, and we will post their names on our website and remember them in the prayers at Christmas. **Please use the envelope in your box or one marked “Flowers” in the Sunday collection or drop off at the Parish Office. Be sure to print your loved one’s name clearly on the envelope. Please submit these donations by Friday, December 15th.** Thank you for your consideration.



Offering Envelopes



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.

“SIMBANG GABI” AT ST. JOSEPH...

This Christmas tradition is coming to St. Joseph Parish once again, and will be celebrated starting **Friday, December 15th** during the 7:00 pm mass up to **Saturday, December 23rd**. Other masses designated for this novena are; **December 16th** at 5:00 pm, **December 17th** at 12:00 noon, **December 18th** to December 22nd at 7:00 pm and **Saturday, December 23rd** at 5:00 pm. The traditional Christmas custom of “**Simbang Gabi**” in the Philippines, is a devotional 9-day novena (series of masses),

practiced by Roman Catholics in anticipation and preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to honour our Blessed Mother. “**Simbang Gabi**” is not just an old custom that is celebrated because we want to, but rather it is a way of asking “favor or blessings” from the Lord, as it is believed that if one completes the whole series of nine masses, prayers and/or intentions will be granted. There will be breaking of bread and fellowship at the church hall following each **Simbang Gabi** masses. Everyone is welcome to join this 9-day mass novena/celebration at St. Joseph’s to experience an old but popular Filipino tradition. Hope you can join us.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY

In the month of November and December there will be a collection of items that will be given out to those in need. The **Knights of Columbus** will be collecting puzzles, pop-up books, colouring books, crayons, CDs for Community Living Guelph-Wellington. The **Religious Education Ministry** will be collecting underwear, socks, mittens, hats etc for the less fortunate that use the resources at THE BENCH and the RED DOOR downtown Guelph. There will be two separate bins at the back of the church for this collection. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

“A CHRISTMAS PRESENCE” – SACRED HEART, GUELPH

Our annual Christmas Memorial will be held on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church.** Once again, your donations for the Memorial rosary, will be donated to the Chalice Christmas Fund, the Catholic Sponsorship program. If you never been to this beautiful event, be sure to put it on your Advent List!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA 2023

Starting: Wednesday, November 29 – Thursday, December 7, 2023. Beginning with Morning Prayer at 7:00am followed by Novena Mass at 7:30am at The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. Meditations on Our Lady in Sacred Scripture will be: November 29 – The Annunciation; November 30 - The Visitation and the “Magnificat; December 1 – The Nativity; December 2 – The Presentation in the Temple; December 3 – The Finding in the Temple; December 4 – The Wedding at Cana; December 5 - “Who is My Mother”; December 6 - The Crucifixion; December 7 – The Resurrection and Pentecost”; **Friday December 8 – Solemn Mass of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7:00pm** (note – A Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions is offered to Pilgrims who faithfully visit the Basilica on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

VOCATIONS MASS AND YOUNG ADULTS’ NIGHT – JANUARY 5TH – HAMILTON

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all parishioners to attend a Mass for vocations at 6:00pm. Following the Mass, Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:30pm), praise night and vocations talk (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Friday, January 5th at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton, ON L9C 2V2). Co-sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



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