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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.

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

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



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offering November 16/17	\$5,128.75
Loose Collection	\$1,223.95
Pro-Life Offering	\$1,002.00
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.

SUNDAY REFLECTION



Today, as we mark the end of the liturgical year with a feast highlighting the kingship of Jesus, we can ask: what kind of king is Jesus?

In today's Gospel, Jesus is far removed from conventional kingship – in fact, he is a prisoner. And yet the interplay of words between Jesus and his interrogator is telling. Pilate's flippant reply ("I am not a Jew, am I?") is not the response of a self-assured leader. Pilate represents the power of the colonizer, and so he shows little respect for Jesus. Who is more kinglike – the insecure Roman functionary, or the humble servant-leader? Who testifies to the truth? From our vantage point in history and in faith, we believe Jesus' testimony that his kingdom is not of this world and know him to be truth incarnate.

These days, we live in confusing times: many voices claim to speak the truth, but their words do not ring true. This can cause us to question our faith, to have doubts about what is true, what is truth. "Fake news" is a phrase that can quickly heighten our anxiety levels. As we gather in our eucharistic communities this weekend, let us support one another in our belief that Jesus is Christ the King, and give thanks to God for Jesus' true and humble leadership. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

Offering Envelopes



2025 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

We are preparing the envelopes for the coming year and will have them ready for distribution on December 6/7 weekend in the parish hall. If you do not presently use envelopes and would like to have a set, please contact Tracy at the parish office at 519-822-4614 or fill out the registration form located at the back of the church or on our website www.stjosephguelph.com. You can drop off the registration forms at the office or via email at stjosephguelph@rogers.com.

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**



TUESDAY, November 26th

8:00am Intentions of Josephine Quintano
Intentions of Steven Forester
Intentions of Deb Griffith and Family
+ Dolores DeGuzman
+ Helena Arsenault
+ Cajitan Perera

WEDNESDAY, November 27th

8:00am + Erminia Lacivita
8:30am - 11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm + Moses DiCicco
+ Deby Fish
+ Ida Fogal
+ James, Mary and Stephen Ngungu

THURSDAY, November 28th

8:00am Intentions of Gabriel and Helen D'Souza

FRIDAY, November 29th

8:00am + Lomer Lauzon
7:00pm Intentions Conor Bosco
7:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY, November 30th

9:00am Intentions of Theresa Tran
5:00pm + Lucia Dinh Suy

SUNDAY, December 1st

8:30am + Elda Veri
10:15am Intentions of Austin Varghese
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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – November 24

Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our God. He Who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, then call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton** at **905-528-7988** or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of November 24, 2024

Candle #1 – INTS of NANCY LITWAK

Candle #2 – + RAY LITWAK

Please use the envelopes provided 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.

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 Thursday, December 19th. Thank you for your consideration.

ST JOSEPH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Children and Youth from Grades 2 to 12 are invited to join our new St. Joseph Parish Children's Choir which will sing at the 10:15am Mass on the first Sunday of every month during the school year. **We will also sing Parish Advent Concert on December 7 at 7:00pm and 5:00pm Christmas Eve!** Our first Sunday Mass will be on November 10 with two practices on Tuesday, November 5 and Thursday November 7th 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the church. Please contact Mrs. Gooyers via email at jaimelynn.gooyers@wellingtoncdsb.ca or by phone/text at 519-831-7191, or simply come to practice on November 5th at 6pm.



PARISH ADVENT CONCERT

On **Saturday December 7th at 7:00pm**, the children's choir will be singing Advent Hymns for the parish community. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Silvercreek

Community Market. We hope to see you all out in support of our Children's Choir.

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE – ST JOSEPH CHURCH

This committee was formed this month with fellow parishioners to help with growing our faith community here at St Joseph Church. The mandate is to collaborate with all groups in the church and in conjunction with the pastor to expand our teachings, events and overall strengthening of our faith community.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS – COATS FOR KIDS

As the cold weather approaches, you can help be there for those in need by supporting the Knights of Columbus fundraiser COATS FOR KIDS for St Joseph Parish. All donations can be put in an envelope clearly marked COATS FOR KIDS and drop in the Sunday collection or send an e-transfer to the Treasurer at coleri1955@icloud.com

CWL Membership News

Many thanks to all CWL members who have renewed their \$35 membership dues to date. Your timely payments are much appreciated and help to support our national office and the resources they provide for our parish activities. There will be another opportunity to renew at the CWL Christmas Potluck on Dec 10th. If you renew by then, you will be entered in a draw to receive a complimentary 2025 membership! Keep the membership momentum going! Any questions call Marie Thorne- Membership Chair- 519-780-1152.

CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WINNERS

Thank you to all who helped make the CWL Christmas Bazaar a very successful and fun event. Here are the three winners for the main draw: 1st Prize: Steve Musclow; 2nd Prize: Mariza Moyo; 3rd Prize: Nadia Stieninger. Congratulations to all three winners.

MOUNT MARY OPEN HOUSE

All are welcome to the annual Come Home for Christmas Festival at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre on Sunday December 1st, 2024 from 1:00 am – 4:00 pm. There will be activities for

children including cookie decorating, face painting, and ornament making. We will also have refreshments and local vendors selling small items. There is no entry fee; however, we are accepting donations of unused socks, gloves, hats, scarves and soap for the DeMazenod Door Outreach Centre. For more information please visit www.mountmary.ca. We look forward to seeing you there!

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT –

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH – BRANTFORD

During the Advent Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, 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 with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, December 7th at St. Basil's Church (50 Palace Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

MEDITATIONS – HENRI

NOUWEN SOCIETY –

God is at Work in the World

We have to learn how to think about the events of the day that take place in our community or in our larger world, and to see them as ways to come to know God in new ways. There is the spiritual life and the political world and the economic world, but somehow, we must really believe that God is a God of history who works in the events of the day. . . It is important that you learn to read the newspaper with a heart that sees God at work among his people and to be aware of the great struggle in which you are involved—struggles with the power of evil and the hidden love of God. God is present, but you have to be in touch with that very reality. . . You might know about Ireland, and Iran and Iraq, and know about communities in different places that suffer . . . but do not see them as a set of distracting things but see God is at work in this world. The world and the reality of daily events are there to be read with the mind and heart of God.

Prayer itself should gradually become more and more reality-oriented. To pray is not to sit there and fantasize and daydream. To pray is to look at Jesus who is real and to believe more and more. The greatest of all reality is the presence of God in the world. God is the core reality from which all things derive their reality. What is not real does not belong to God.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

There is much written these days about the positive affects on people, emotionally, mentally and physically, when they learn to develop an attitude of gratitude. This is true for marriage as well. When we learn to see our spouses as those we have a high regard for, we look at our spouse with a different set of eyes. We place great value in their attributes, those things they bring to the family and to us, and we learn to find moments every day of thankfulness for their gifts and presence in our lives. Life is about choices, choose gratitude for your spouse (on purpose) and life will be so much happier for both of you. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250).



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