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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

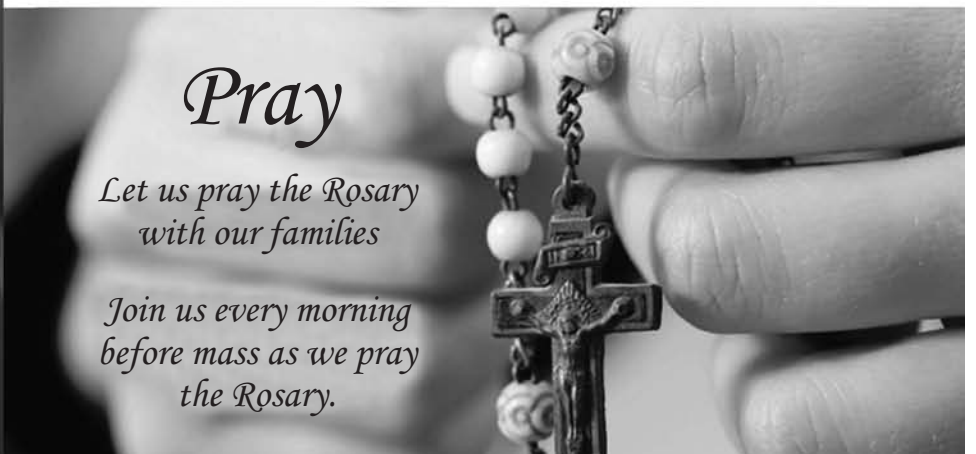
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Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor
Tracy Bolzon, Office Administrator
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect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

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, January 16th

8:00am Intentions of Hurlbut and McLaren Families
Thanksgiving for Don and Ellen McPhail
+ Eligio Alcantara
+ Necita Estorco
+ Tom Jones
+ Margarita Rodrigues Acosta

WEDNESDAY, January 17th

8:00am + Joseph Walden
8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Intentions of Anna Finoro
Intentions of Father Bergsma
Intentions of Estorco family and Friends
Intentions of Nguyen Family
+ Marcelo Balleras
+ Chris McCrae

THURSDAY, January 18th

8:00am All Souls

FRIDAY, January 19th

8:00am + Mary-Jane Warner
7:00pm Intentions of Alicia Pearson

SATURDAY, January 20th

9:00am + Anthony Tran
5:00pm Intentions of Phung Tran

SUNDAY, January 21st

8:30am In Thanksgiving to Mary Protectress of Faith
10:15am + Constantino and Anna Bellisario
12noon Intentions of Varghese Family

Please remember our parishioners who are sick and homebound and those in our Prayer Network in your prayers.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14, 2024

A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think 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

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of January 14, 2024

Candle #1 – + ANTHONY TRAN

Candle #2 – INTS of VINH and HANG TRAN

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 6/7 \$ 6201.10

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's gospel recounts the story of Jesus calling his first disciples. After spending a day with Jesus, Andrew immediately tells his brother Simon about the Messiah. Have you shared about your encounter with Christ with a friend or family member lately? Too often we keep these experiences to ourselves, worried what other people may think of us or afraid we won't say the right words. Andrew's example is simple: he shares with a loved one the joyful news of finding the Messiah.

Next, Andrew brings Simon to Jesus. He gives him the opportunity to meet the Lord and experience for himself the love of God. There are many ways we can bring others to Christ. Extending invitations to Holy Mass, adoration or Bible study can encourage people to meet Jesus in the Eucharist and in the Word.

These two simple yet life-changing acts undertaken by Andrew – telling Simon about the Messiah and inviting him to meet the Lord – had a meaningful impact on the entire Church. Through that invitation, Simon (now called Peter) was able to respond to his call to be a great leader among the early Christians, and ultimately became our first pope. Never underestimate what marvels God can work through our openness to share him with others! *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.

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 to help, please contact Tracy the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.

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 a 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. To RSVP please email: st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com. St. John the Baptist, 45 Victoria Rd. N, Guelph

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](mailto: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.

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.

MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY – Anchor Yourself in God's Love

When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, he heard a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). These words revealed the true identity of Jesus as the beloved. Jesus truly heard that voice, and all of his thoughts, words, and actions came forth from his deep knowledge that he was infinitely loved by God. Jesus lived his life from that inner place of love. Although human rejections, jealousies, resentments, and hatred did hurt him deeply, he remained anchored in the love of the Father. At the end of his life, he said to his disciples, "Listen: the time will come—indeed has come already—when you are going to be scattered, each going his own way and leaving me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me" (John 16:32).

I know now that the words spoken to Jesus when he was baptized are words spoken also to me and to all who are brothers and sisters of Jesus. My tendencies toward self-rejection and self-deprecation make it hard to hear these words truly and let them descend into the center of my heart. But once I have received these words fully, I am set free from my compulsion to prove myself to the world and can live in it without belonging to it. Once I have accepted the truth that I am God's beloved child, unconditionally loved, I can be sent into the world to speak and to act as Jesus did. **How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!**
1 JOHN 3:1 (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.



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