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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.*



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY



TUESDAY, April 29th – St Catherine of Siena

8:00am + Dave and Joan Ireland
Intentions of Peter Phung Tran
Intentions of Anna Pratt

WEDNESDAY, April 30th St Marie De L'Incarnation

8:00am + Marilyn Langlois
8:30am to 11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm + Gliceria Mariano
+ Luigi DiGravio

THURSDAY, May 1st

7:00pm + Romano Di Genova

FRIDAY, May 2nd – St Athanasius

8:00am + Vang Lon
7:00pm + Bev Steffler

SATURDAY, May 3rd – St Philip and St James

9:00am Our Lady of Czestochowa
5:00pm Intentions of Theresa Tran

SUNDAY, May 4th

8:30am + Dave Ireland
10:15am + Felice Scarozza
12noon Intentions of Benito Monico



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.

Second Sunday of Easter - April 27, 2025

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of April 27, 2025

Candle #1 – INTS of NANCY LITWAK and FAMILY

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.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offering April 20/21	\$4,386.00
Loose Collection	\$3,986.55
Easter Offering	\$5,423.00
Good Friday – Holy Land	\$4,153.25

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – ST. FAUSTINA

Divine Mercy Sunday points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave. As Pope John Paul II pointed out in his Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995: "the whole octave of Easter is like a single day," and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of "thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery."

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Divine Mercy is also described in St Faustina's Kowalska diary: Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world. (Diary, 47)"

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory. (Diary, 48)"

"I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. (Diary, 49)"

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Once again, we wish to thank our very supportive and committed volunteers. This is our first night to celebrate our volunteers since COVID and we hope that you will all attend. St Joseph Parish has over 200 volunteers. Please plan on attending our event on **Saturday, May 24th starting with Mass at 5pm** followed by reception. Lights snacks and refreshments provided. Join us so we can celebrate you!

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE – SAVE THE DATE

Recycle your empty beer cans, bottles, wine & liquor bottles for St Joseph Knights of Columbus Charities Fundraiser. Start saving

your empties, notify your neighbours and friends to drop their empties at St Joseph Parish back parking lot **on May 24th, 2 from 9:00am to 2:00pm**. More details to come closer to the date

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for the following upcoming initiatives:

May 24th - Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive: 9am to 2pm in parking lot beside the rectory.

May 24th - Volunteer Appreciation Evening: After 5pm Mass

May 25th – Knights of Columbus Breakfast: after all Sunday Masses.

June 21st and 22nd - Good bye celebration for Fr Bergsma. All are welcome to come down after every Mass on the weekend to wish Fr Bergsma many blessings in his new assignment at St Anne's in Kitchener and to thank him for all the blessings he has given us over the 7years at St Joseph Parish.

June 29th - Pasta Dinner Fundraiser: Join us for a fabulous dinner at the Italian Canadian Club, Guelph. Tickets for the dinner will be \$70 – this covers the cost of food and you will also receive a **\$35 tax receipt**. The dinner will also include a silent auction, music, door prizes and more. These added touches will enhance the evening of fellowship and we can't forget the great tasting food that will be provided.

July 19, 2025 - Blue Jays Game: Come join us for a fabulous day at the ball park! Blue Jays vs San Francisco Giants. Tickets are \$120 (includes admission and bus).



WALK WITH MARY to JESUS PROCESSION

The annual Marian procession, crowning and devotion will take place this year on Sunday, May 11, at 2:30 PM. Please join us to honour Mary and ask her to intercede with her Son for our country, province and city. With the new advances of the *Culture of Death*, it becomes more obvious that we need to publicly acknowledge our faith and pray for the establishment of the *Culture of Life*. Please meet at the Basilica of Our Lady front steps at 2:15 PM and dress for the weather. For more information, please call Stella Mott, 519-763-9991. Shuttle service back to Our Lady's for **drivers only** will be provided

SEPARATED or DIVORCED?

Struggling with the impact of divorce or separation? You're not alone! Join the award-winning Critical Mass for an inspiring two-day retreat, where music, testimonies, and faith-filled discussions will guide you toward hope and healing. Don't miss this chance to reconnect with your faith and find strength in community—space is limited to 25 participants, so register early! We are offering a choice of two retreat weekends: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo on May 23/24 **or** St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton on May 30/31. Friday evening from 6:45- 9:30 PM and Saturday from 8:45 – 4:00 PM. Register now by emailing davefromcm@gmail.com or calling 519-572-6962 or visiting <https://www.criticalmassmusic.org/tour-dates>. Cost is \$130 and includes materials, snacks and lunch; early bird special by April 30th of \$100.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND:

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- ✚ enjoying the great outdoors



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✚ having fun and enjoying good company

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MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY –

God's Faithfulness

The resurrection does not solve our problems about dying and death. It is not the happy ending to our life's struggle, nor is it the big surprise that God has kept in store for us. No, the resurrection is the expression of God's faithfulness to Jesus and to all God's children. Through the resurrection, God has said to Jesus, "You are indeed my beloved Son, and my love is everlasting," and to us God has said, "You indeed are my beloved children, and my love is everlasting." The resurrection is God's way of revealing to us that nothing that belongs to God will ever go to waste. What belongs to God will never get lost — not even our mortal bodies. The resurrection doesn't answer any of our curious questions about life after death, such as: How will it be? How will it look? But it does reveal to us that, indeed, love is stronger than death. After that revelation, we must remain silent, leave the whys, where's, how's, and when's behind, and simply trust. ***"The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body."*** 1 CORINTHIANS 15:42-44 (NIV)

GIVE THE GIFT OF GIVING


We rely entirely on donations from our parishioners to help us fulfill our mission of providing a spiritual home where people can come to worship God, receive the Sacraments, and learn about His teachings. Leaving a gift to the Church is a profound way to return to the Lord a share of the blessings you received during your life. A bequest to the Church helps accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ. As the Church was there for you in your lifetime, you can now provide for your Church's future ministry to others. THANK YOU for considering to make a donation to our Parish.



4 WAYS TO GIVE TO ST JOSEPH PARISH

1. **ONLINE DONATION:** make a donation by going to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/12980>
2. **PRE-AUTHORIZATION:** this allows you to set up weekly or monthly donations to the parish. If you are interested in donating this way, please contact the Parish Office for more details
3. **BEQUEST:** A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime.
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