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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)

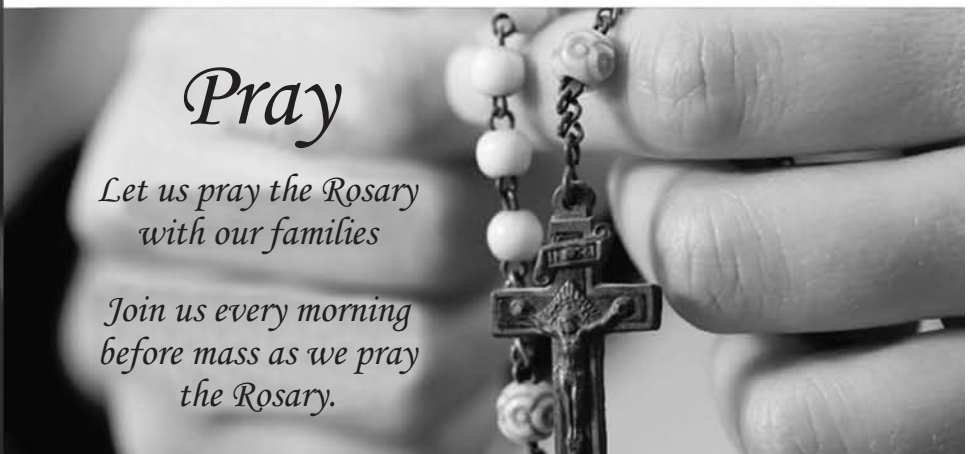
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- 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, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am + Mary-Jane Warner  
 + Jacqueline Sadang  
 + Lorazon Entice  
 + Gulus Ceasar Tammarra  
 + Norman Seitz  
 7:00pm Deceased Members of CWL

**WEDNESDAY, September 13<sup>th</sup> – St John Chrysostom**

8:00am + Marites Fidelino  
 8:30-11:00am Adoration  
 7:00pm + Angelo and Sandrina Simioni  
 + Salvatore and Enza DiCicco  
 + Sr. Giovanna Finoro  
 For Good Health of Eugenia and Tadeusz Lyco

**THURSDAY, September 14<sup>th</sup> - Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:00am Intentions of Shawn Brock Pearson

**FRIDAY, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:00am + Fr Joachim Hoang Kim  
 7:00pm + Jeanne D’Arc Truong This Sen

**SATURDAY, September 16<sup>th</sup> - St Cornelius and St Cyprian**

9:00am + Elise Watts  
 5:00pm + Aloysius D’Cruz

**SUNDAY, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am + Antonio and Grazietta Finoro  
 10:15am + Arthur and Josephine Scicluna  
 12:00noon All Parishioners



*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.*

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 3, 2023**

“For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?” Isn’t there more to life than chasing the dollar? Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or a consecrated virgin? Humbly ask the Lord. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

Week of SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

**Candle #1** – + ANTHONY TRAN

**Candle #2** – INTS of GINA MARTINELLO

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 September 2/3	\$5,251.70
Building Fund – Month of August	\$1,290.00
Re-Authorized Month of August	\$7,705.00

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**

Recently my young family went on a trip without me. It was the first time I’d ever been substantially away from my youngest. As my crew exuberantly burst through the front door upon their return, I was overcome by the reality of being with them. To be present in person contained a goodness and a fullness of life that was, truthfully, a bit staggering, especially after many days apart. Anyone reuniting after an absence on account of work, school or pandemic lockdowns can relate to what it means to be physically with someone: not on the phone or through various technologies, but really, tangibly present. This presence brings unique confidence in their love, a delight in their person and unmistakable joy at being together. Such presence is priceless. As Jesus assures us in today’s Gospel, when we gather with others in his name, he is there. Really there. Like my kids at their homecoming, Jesus is palpably present – and with no less exuberance. He’s teeming with life and blessings. We can rejoice in his person, relax in his nearness, trust in his unfathomable love. Gathered together in Jesus’ name this day, let us be transformed, revitalized, healed and restored by his promise, contained in the closing words from today’s Gospel, that he will be here among us. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM – IN-PERSON CLASSES REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

St Joseph Church is providing in-person Religious Catechism Classes for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for students who attend Public or Private schools from Grade 1 through to Grade 7. It is also open to those children whose parents wish to have their children learn more about their Catholic Faith. Classes are every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm starting September 19, 2023 and runs through to April 2024. For more information please contact Donna Haley at 519-831-6451. Registration forms are on the website under Parish Life/Ministries

**INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FIESTA- RETURNS**

Once again, we are having our International Family Fiesta on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** following the 5pm Mass. If you “live” your culture and cook traditional foods, we would



love to experience them in the Church Hall that evening. This will be a potluck style event where each group will have their own table of foods, flags and favours – come sample their foods! Also, if you want to contribute musically, we are encouraging this. Good will offering is accepted. We hope to see you there.

### CWL GENERAL MEETING

All members are invited to join us to begin our "New Year" on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 with Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by Meeting and Refreshments in the Church Hall.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – FAMILY BINGO

Come out and join the Knights of Columbus sponsored Fun Family Bingo nights - **Saturday September 23 and October 21, 2023** in the parish hall. Doors open at 6pm. Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm, so arrive early to save your spot! Please bring your own snacks, drinks, bingo dabbers, tape and markers. Entrance fee is \$2.00 (to cover expenses). Bring your family and friends for a fun evening!

### ETERNAL REST.



### ETERNAL REST – The Art of Dying Well

Eternal Rest explores the mystery of death, the afterlife and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. Furthermore, the art of dying well is also the art of living well. By understanding who we are and what we are made for, we can order our lives and values according to God's design for our true fulfillment. Join us to watch this series and experience the art of living well: St Joseph Parish Hall, October 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 7pm. Please contact Tracy at the parish office to register. Study books will be provided.

### GARDEN OF GRACE

All are welcome to visit the Garden of Grace, a peaceful space for prayer, healing, and contemplation on the property of the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph. The garden is dedicated especially to women and families who are grieving after an abortion, and also those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or ectopic pregnancy. Visitors are welcome to stop by the garden any time during the summer and fall months to pray, remember, and have a peaceful moment. For more information, visit [www.guelphforlife.com](http://www.guelphforlife.com)

### Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days

These days will be celebrated from June to October 2023 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day will start with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m., Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m., Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis at 1:00 p.m. The day will close with Benediction at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and Tea will be available. Presiders will be, **Cardinal Thomas Collins: Saturday, October 7.**

### RESTART: MOVING FORWARD

Event Date: **September 25, 2023.** Our 10-week program offers support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. Sessions will run on Monday evenings from September 25 – December 4, 2023 and take place from 7-9pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. W in person, or you are welcome to join our Zoom classroom. Cost is \$35.00 for materials, but no one is turned away.

### DIOCESAN LITURGY WORKSHOPS

The Liturgy Office offers regular liturgical formation for ministers who serve as Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Children's Liturgy of the Word. The workshops are designed for new ministers and are a helpful refresher for lay ministers participating in Sunday Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Participants who complete a formation workshop receive a three-year mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. The September 2023 liturgical formation dates are as follows for the following ministries:

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

Friday, September 15, 2023, Sacred Heart Parish, Walkerton, Ontario, 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

#### **Ministers of the Word:**

Saturday, September 16, 2023, Sacred Heart Parish, Walkerton, Ontario, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Saturday, September 23, 2023, St. Joseph Parish, Port Elgin, Ontario, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

### Struggling After an Abortion?

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

As summer ends and school begins, it is time to get back to a more scheduled lifestyle. As you organize your family, remember that our priorities are what we give the most time to and what we schedule time for, so do not forget to schedule family time, prayer time and Church attendance into your schedule. Place these items on the calendar because they matter to your whole family and seeing them there raises up their importance!

### PILGRIMAGE to EGYPT and HOLY LAND

This 12-day excursion begins **February 18 to February 29, 2024** under the spiritual leadership of Fr Jeff Bergsma. Your journey will begin in Cairo, Egypt and ending in the ancient city of Jerusalem. For more information, please see insert in this week's bulletin or by going to International Heritage Tours website: <https://www.ihtours.com/tour/pilgrimage-to-egypt-holy-land-5>. The price for this pilgrimage is \$4590.00, which includes: hotel, transportation during excursion, breakfast, dinner and taxes.

### PRAYER FOR STUDENTS GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good. Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. Amen.



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