

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, February 16th

8:00am Intentions of Therese Tran
In Thanksgiving
7:00pm + Francis Topping

WEDNESDAY, February 17th – ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00am + Maria Manera
7:00pm + Joseph Edward Koebel
Souls in Purgatory
Intentions of John Michael Rapai

THURSDAY, February 18th

8:00am + Doug Kinley
7:00pm Intentions of Theresa Heeley

FRIDAY, February 19th

8:00am In Thanksgiving
7:00pm + Jose Polanco

SATURDAY, February 20th

9:00am + Brian McCulloch
5:00pm + Pietro and Antoinetta Montin

SUNDAY, February 21st

8:30am + Jennie Beitz
10:15am Intentions of Parishioners
12:00noon + Giovanni and Giuseppe Zanon



May God's peace be with those who have recently died and especially 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.

DO YOU HAVE A VOCATION?

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of February 14th, 2021

Candle #1 – NANCY AND RAY LITWAK

Candle #2 – LITWAK 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 Offerings: February 6/7, 2021 \$7,497.00
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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

You may be aware that some Government of Ontario restrictions will be eased on Tuesday the 16th. What that will mean for the opening of Churches still has to be made clear. We will email all of you when we have a clearer picture from the Government of Ontario and Hamilton's Diocese when we can begin in person Mass. **Ash Wednesday Mass will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel at 7 pm.**

As well the Parish Office will be closed during this time. All parish events, organizations and meetings are also cancelled until further notice. If you wish to drop off your church offerings you can continue to do so Tuesday to Friday during the day by dropping off in the mail slot located just inside the Parish Office door - Father Bergsma will be checking this regularly.

Bishop Douglas Crosby has dispensed all the faithful from the obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass until we can celebrate once again as a community.

LIVE STREAM MASS

Sunday Mass is now available for you to watch Live at 10:15am every Sunday during lockdown. By clicking on this link "[Watch Live](#)" you are able to connect live with the Mass that is being said by either Fr Bergsma or Fr Gregory. When you are on St Joseph YouTube Channel please subscribe so that you are updated with any changes or if you miss the Live Stream Mass you can access at a later time.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

"If you choose, you can make me clean," a man cries out to Jesus. "If you choose, you can change my life," we cry out in prayer. "If you choose, you can change our lives," come the cries in the news and in our streets. Throughout our daily life, we lift our needs and hopes to God, trusting in God's mercy. And if we take some time to reflect on the flow of our lives, we realize and rejoice that, like the man with leprosy, we have been changed and our lives have been shaped by our own encounters with Jesus. These changes bring us closer to Jesus; they also make us more like Jesus. God is shaping us individually and as a community, empowering us to be Christ in our world, acting in his name. It's up to us to listen and act.

In today's celebration, we gather to lift our voices to God in praise and thanksgiving for God's action in our lives. We cry out to God, giving voice to the pleas of refugees and others seeking shelter, of prisoners seeking

rehabilitation and freedom, of all the forgotten ones in our complicated world. And finally, we sent forth with grateful hearts to stretch out a hand in response to the cries we hear. With God's grace we will change the world. **Excerpt from Living with Christ.**

CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

Fathers Jeff Bergsma and Gregory Merkley have decided that one way we as a parish will live out this special year of St. Joseph is to [consecrate ourselves to him](#). This is simply to say that we will draw closer to St. Joseph and entrust ourselves to his spiritual and temporal care in our lives, receiving more of his protection and guidance. The saints are real, living people who now live in God's presence, but they are very interested in us. They pray for and guide us on our journey to Heaven. Therefore, if we consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph, we will open ourselves up to receive more of his heavenly help, since Jesus enjoys honoring his parents even in Heaven by working through them to help us.

Father Gregory Merkley will also help us make this journey with short weekly videos during our preparation for consecration (entrustment) to St. Joseph. As a result, all are encouraged to access the book (easily available from many sources, including [Amazon, where the Kindle edition is substantially cheaper than the paperback](#)), and join us as we prepare over 33 days, starting on February 15th, to make our consecration on March 19th, the great solemnity of St. Joseph. The Solemnity of St. Joseph is a special day in the Church where we celebrate St. Joseph's Sainthood, and so it is the perfect day to make this special act of entrusting ourselves and our parish to St. Joseph, asking His powerful protection and care for each of us and our parish community. Father Jeff Bergsma and Father Gregory Merkley will also be making the consecration that day!

ADORATION

Adoration will take place everyday from **8am to 7pm** in the church parking lot. The Monstrance can be viewed through the window between both brown doors on the side of the church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – FAMILY DAY PHOTO CONTEST

As a family create your own Snow Family Photo. Send your pictures of objects made out of snow (snow women, snow men, snow kids, snow anything!) and we'll pick the best and post those to our website. A prize will be awarded! Any picture with a live person in it will be disqualified: only frosty 'people' allowed! Enter as often as you like but you must do it before 11:59:59 on the night of February 15 to be considered. Email to send to: mwh10631@gmail.com



Family name: _____

Picture title: _____

GUELPH AND AREA RIGHT TO LIFE – 40 Days for Life

On February 17th, 2021, 40 Days of Life will be starting in hundreds of locations across the world. 40 Days of Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful all-day vigils in front of abortion businesses. The prayer vigil will take place every day from 7am-7pm throughout the 40 days. As February approaches, we'll be asking people to sign up for specific hours at the vigil and especially encouraging people to sign up for a specific time once a week.

Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten

We have faith in education. The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for Kindergarten at our schools beginning January 4th, 2021.

Kindergarten Eligibility

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2021 to attend Junior Kindergarten

- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2021 to attend Senior Kindergarten

Please bring:

- child's birth certificate
- a parent or child's Baptismal certificate
- child's health card/immunization record/custody papers (if applicable)
- proof of tax support for families new to the system (i.e. most recent tax bill)

Please note: Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Senior Kindergarten. Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please call your school

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Two kinds of love are on display in the month of February this year – one on Valentine's Day celebrating romantic love and one on Feb. 17th, Ash Wednesday, celebrating the infinite love of a merciful God. When we recognize the depth of God's love, so powerful that nothing can separate us from it, we feel secure that God is always with us. Both these loves are important and this is a great month to help children understand that God is responsible for both. Talk to them about how He created us to want to be in relationships, care about others and love important people in our lives. Help them to understand that the six weeks of Lent ends with the celebration Easter. Easter, the day we rejoice over Christ's resurrection and through his love, our ability to spend eternity in Heaven.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

In February we celebrate Valentine's Day, a day created to celebrate love and a great month to think back to the days of dating we experienced with our spouses! Days when we flirted, complimented, spent endless hours talking, hated to be apart and planned and went on dates! Now compare it to your time together today – have you given up all or most of these actions? Marriages that continue to have relationships that reflect their dating days feel connected, vitalized and loved. Why not consider making February a month of renewal for your marriage? Purposely create a relationship with your spouse where you give them your time and attention by making them your number one priority and ignite that same spark of love you felt in those early days of dating.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Looking for a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a couple, in the safety of your own home? Join the Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience from March 5-7. During these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925 or visit the website at www.me.org.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

BLESSED Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. Thou protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as thy son, thou rescued Him from danger of death. Defend the Church, the Household of God, purchased by the Blood of Christ.

Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May thy prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.

