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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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PARISH STAFF

Very Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor
Tracy Bolzon, Office Administrator
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Chad Magwood, Maintenance



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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MONDAY September 4th

9:00am Intentions of Judith Sanecz

TUESDAY, September 5th

8:00am + Margaret Napier
Intentions of Rinu and Andrew
Intentions of Shawn James Pearson
Intentions of Susan Reyes
Intentions of Adele Moretti

WEDNESDAY, September 6th

8:00am + Declan Gallagher
7:00pm + Pietro and Elena Gemin
+ Maria Hoang Thi Hoa
+ Don Baran
+ John Gusman
Intentions of Nguyen, King and Duong Families

THURSDAY, September 7th

8:00am + Jozek Femiak

FRIDAY, September 8th – Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Thanksgiving for Rinoy, Anita, Rinu and Andrew
7:00pm + Conrado Quintano

SATURDAY, September 9th

9:00am + Brigitta and Thomas Tran
5:00pm + Gino Ravazzolo

SUNDAY, September 10th

8:30am + Alberto, Nicoletta and Freddie Veri
10:15am + Vincent Fearon
12:00noon + Pacencia Marinay Quintano

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
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Candle #1 – INTS of NHAN 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 August 26/27 \$5,376.20
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.

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 May 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 30th** 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.

ST VINCENT de PAUL

As the 3rd new school year is quickly approaching, so is the anxiety of many members of our parish community. Rising costs of back-to-school supplies, school lunches and snacks will be an additional burden for many families. In 2023 through mid-August, the St Vincent de Paul Society served 145 families with school-aged children, a total of 226 children between the ages of 5 to 18. Our calls have increased 14% between January to July 2023 over 2022. Thank you so much for your continued support. Our community is counting on all of us. SVP Society of St Joseph's Church.

MARY QUEEN OF FAMILIES

Sacred Heart Parish will hold their annual celebration of love and devotion to our Blessed Mother, on **Saturday, September 16, 2023** at

Marymount Cemetery and Mausoleum starting at 1:00 pm. Refreshments to follow the Rosary Procession. If you have participated in this celebration before, you know the passion that illuminates from your heart, and if you have not participated before... why not? If you have a devout heart for Our Blessed Mother, and have cause to ask for her intercession to her son, Our Lord Jesus. JOIN US! For more information, call Mike Veroni @ 519-241-9741

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

MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY –

Offer God Your Imperfections



It is through our broken, vulnerable, mortal ways of being that the healing power of the eternal God becomes visible to us.

We are called each day to present to the Lord the whole of our lives—our joys as well as sorrows, our successes as well as failures, our hopes as well as fears. We are called to do so with our limited means, our stuttering words and halting expressions. In this way we will come to know in mind and heart the unceasing prayer of God's Spirit in us. Our many prayers are in fact confessions of our inability to pray. But they are confessions that enable us to perceive the merciful presence of God. **"Trust in him at all times... pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge."** PSALM 62:8 (NIV)

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.

ARE YOU A STUDENT?

Are you interested in pursuing medical school? The Dr. H. Patrick and Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham Medical Scholarship has been established to provide grants for Catholics who want to pursue medical school. If you are interested or know anyone who is, please encourage them to apply. The application deadline is July 28, 2023. If you have any questions please contact Mary Claire Morgan at mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.ihstours.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.

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, PORTUGAL, SPAIN & ITALY

Join Fr. Valentine Onwunjiogu, Pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Guelph on a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi in Italy, Fatima in Portugal, Santiago de Compostela and Burgos in Spain and Lourdes in France from April 1-11, 2024 — 11 Days. \$4,490.00 (if booked by September 15, 2023). For information and registrations please call: International Heritage Tours 1-877-999-8868, Stan, ext. 339, stan@ihstours.com.

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.



"A soul that has never tasted the sweetness of inner silence is a restless spirit which disturbs the silence of others." St. Faustina Kowalska



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