



# St. Joseph Catholic Parish

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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](http://www.stjosephguelph.com/ministries)

## **PARISH STAFF**

Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor  
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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.*



## THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



### TUESDAY, November 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Ida Fogal  
+ Keith Robinson  
Intentions of Deb Griffith  
In Thanksgiving

### WEDNESDAY, November 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Sandra Williams  
8:30am - 11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00pm + Jacqueline Dupuis  
+ Dominico Caravaggio  
+ Mignoe Fulay  
+ Ken King  
+ Doreen Laderoute  
+ James, Mary and Stephen Ngungu

### THURSDAY, November 21<sup>st</sup> - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am All Souls

### FRIDAY, November 22<sup>nd</sup> - St Cecilia

8:00am + Gerrit Kistemaker  
7:00pm + Raffaella Nacchia  
7:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

### SATURDAY, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00am + Franco Campagnolo  
5:00pm Intentions of Peter Tran  
6:30pm Eritrean Mass

### SUNDAY, November 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30am + Peter Lefneski  
10:15am + Anthony and John Baptist Tran  
12noon Intentions of Rinu, Rinoy, Andrew and Anitta



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.

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 17, 2024

If we dare to trust God with our lives, great things happen. Give God your total self for, when the end of times comes, the wise and those who work for justice will shine forever. Dedicate your life to furthering the reign of God. If you feel God may be calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon in His Church, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988** or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of November 17, 2024

Candle #1 – INTS of NANCY LITWAK

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 November 9/10	\$5,012.00
Loose Collection	\$1,341.85
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

The news was curt. It was not, however, unexpected. After ten years with the company in a struggling industry, I lost my job. What can get us through the darkness? I admit, I first grappled with despair and fears about the future. As I heal from being laid off, I am finding hope and peace, knowing suffering is temporary. Most of all, I know God's purpose for us is to be with him in heaven.

Today's readings highlight the need to be vigilant about what matters: setting our sights on God and following his path to eternity. Hopelessness is useless because God won't abandon us. He wants us to use our gifts, in our jobs and all aspects of our lives, as a way to help fulfill his will. And ultimately, the end times will come on day. Suffering will end for God's children.

On this World Day of the Poor, we remember those who suffer and struggle to make ends meet. Let us give thanks to God for giving us the hope of heaven. With God, darkness won't extinguish hope. We only have to follow the light of our faith. One day, that little light will lead us to a place where brightness in all its glory endures and we will be united with God forever. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

### ST JOSEPH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Children and Youth from Grades 2 to 12 are invited to join our new St. Joseph Parish Children's Choir which will sing at the 10:15am Mass on the first Sunday of every month during the school year. **We will also sing Parish Advent Concert on**

**December 7 at 7:00pm and 5:00pm Christmas Eve!** Our first Sunday Mass will be on November 10 with two practices on Tuesday, November 5 and Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the church. Please contact Mrs. Gooyers via email at





jaimelynn.gooyers@wellingtoncdsb.ca or by phone/text at 519-831-7191, or simply come to practice on November 5th at 6pm.

### **PARISH ADVENT CONCERT**

On **Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**, the children's choir will be singing Advent Hymns for the parish community. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Silvercreek Community Market. We hope to see you all out in support of our Children's Choir.

### **CWL MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Beginning next month (November) the St. Joseph Catholic Women's League embarks on their annual membership campaign. Please renew your membership or join the CWL in November. **2025 dues are \$35.** We are very grateful for returning members and welcome new members into the sisterhood! Please consider joining the ladies of our parish as there is place for each one of us within the framework of the CWL. Please see the posters and flyers at the back of the church for more information.

### **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FAMILY BINGO NIGHTS**

Come out and join the Knights of Columbus sponsored Fun Family Bingo Nights - **Saturday December 14 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 \$3.00 (to cover expenses). Bring your family and friends for a fun evening!

### **MOUNT MARY OPEN HOUSE**

All are welcome to the annual Come Home for Christmas Festival at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 1:00 am – 4:00 pm. There will be activities for children including cookie decorating, face painting, and ornament making. We will also have refreshments and local vendors selling small items. There is no entry fee; however, we are accepting donations of unused socks, gloves, hats, scarves and soap for the DeMazenod Door Outreach Centre. For more information please visit [www.mountmary.ca](http://www.mountmary.ca). We look forward to seeing you there!

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY**

On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 we celebrate World Youth Day! The theme young people are called to reflect on is: "those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary". In his message addressed to young people the Holy Father, invites young people to set out on the pilgrimage of life before them, in joy and in hope! To see how others are celebrating world youth day around the Diocese and resources to celebrate yourself please visit: [www.wyd.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.wyd.hamiltondiocese.com)

### **YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT –**

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH – BRANTFORD**

During the Advent Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, 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 with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, December 7th at St. Basil's Church (50 Palace Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY –**

#### **The Blessing Hidden in Grief**

What to do with our losses? . . . We must mourn our losses. We cannot



talk or act them away, but we can shed tears over them and allow ourselves to grieve deeply. To grieve is to allow our losses to tear apart feelings of security and safety and lead us to the painful truth of our brokenness. Our grief makes us experience the abyss of our own life in which nothing is settled, clear, or obvious, but everything is constantly shifting and changing. . . But in the midst of all this pain, there is a strange, shocking, yet very surprising voice. It is the voice of the One who says: "Blessed are those who mourn; they shall be comforted." That's the unexpected news: there is a blessing hidden in our grief. Not those who comfort are blessed, but those who mourn! Somehow, in the midst of our tears, a gift is hidden. Somehow, in the midst of our mourning, the first steps of the dance take place. Somehow, the cries that well up from our losses belong to our songs of gratitude.

### **PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

On November 1st the Church celebrates the feast of All Saints. On that day, we celebrate with all those who have died and are now with God in heaven. There are many saints and those we are named after are our patron saints. In a world in need of positive and faithful mentors for our children, saints fit the need. November is a great month to explore the lives of saints each family members is named after, or saints who your children might be curious about, perhaps names of other relatives. Talk about how saints lives were not always easy, but they did good and difficult things because they trusted and loved God. Our children grow and learn by the examples of others they see and hear about. Who better to imitate than the saints in heaven! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

### **MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH**

There is much written these days about the positive affects on people, emotionally, mentally and physically, when they learn to develop an attitude of gratitude. This is true for marriage as well. When we learn to see our spouses as those we have a high regard for, we look at our spouse with a different set of eyes. We place great value in their attributes, those things they bring to the family and to us, and we learn to find moments every day of thankfulness for their gifts and presence in our lives. Life is about choices, choose gratitude for your spouse (on purpose) and life will be so much happier for both of you. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)


### **PRAY for VOCATIONS**

O Mary, who raised your Divine Son with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, intercede for all young people, especially those clouded by doubt about their vocations.

May the light of grace pierce their hearts so they may answer your Son's call, especially those whom He is inviting to the priesthood and consecrated life. Amen



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