



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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Wednesday 8:30am to 11:00am

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday 7:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm to 4:30pm 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 John Van Hees, Pastor
Reverend Francis Ahuekwe, Associate
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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.*





TUESDAY, September 29th

8:00am Intentions of Colleen Thompson
 7:00pm For Parishioners
 + Reynaldo Lopez
 + Arturo Piacampo
 + Peter Phung Tran
 + Catherine B. Ricafrente

WEDNESDAY, September 30th

8:00am + Maureen Bolzon
 7:00pm NO MASS

THURSDAY, October 1st

8:00am Intentions of Huhamin and John
 8:30am – 11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, October 2nd

8:00am + Anthony and John Baptist Tran

SATURDAY, October 3rd

5:00pm Intentions of Rene and Dee Sarmieto
 + Peter Thinh Vu
 + Isagani Banez
 + Wayne Tessaro
 + Cathy

SUNDAY, October 4th

8:30am + Sid Reitsma
 10:15am + Nicoletta and Silvino DiPaolo
 12noon + Erminia Lacivita



May God's peace be with those who have recently died, especially 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 20, 2026

"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Father John Ha **Phone:** 905-528-7988 Ext. 2341 **email** vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of September 27, 2026

Candle #1 – Intentions of VO FAMILY

Candle #2 – Intentions of MARILOU ROBLES and FAMILY

Please use the envelopes provided to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offering September 19/20	\$3,649.00
Loose Offering	\$1,661.60

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

When I apply the practice of Lectio Divina (the careful repeated reading of Scripture) to today's Gospel, what stands out for me is the first son's response. After initially refusing his father's request, "later he changed his mind and went." As if to underline the importance of the son's changed stance, Jesus uses the same words to chastise the religious leaders who, even after experiencing the witness of John the Baptist, "did not change {their} minds and believe."

Change is undeniably challenging. It can make us feel resistant, helpless, out of control. But change is essential for growth to happen – in nature, in our attitudes and actions, in our relationships and indeed in our spiritual journey. The son's change of mind is essentially a conversion. We are all in need of conversion – not just once, but as an ongoing lifelong process. And the good news is that ours is a God of infinite second chances. No matter what hurtful or guilty baggage may weigh us down, we are continually called by the God of love to newness of life. Today may we pray for the openness and courage to "change our mind" in response to God's invitation.

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FIESTA-SAMPLER

Once again, we are having our International Family Fiesta on **Saturday, October 3rd** 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 **"sampler style"** event where each group will have their own table of foods, flags and favours – come taste their foods! Also, if you want to contribute musically, we are encouraging this. Good will offering is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you there.

ST JOSEPH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Children and Youth from Grades 2 to 12 are invited to join our 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. Our first Sunday Mass will be on October 4th with two practices on Tuesday September 22 and Tuesday September 29 from 6 to 6:30. in the church. Please contact Mrs. Gooyers via email at jaimelynn.gooyers@wellingtoncdsb.ca for more information or just show up to the first practice!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Joseph's Parish 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 6:30 to 7:30 pm starting **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026** and run through to May 2027. For more information, please contact Donna Haley at 519-831-6451 or email: religiusedstjosephguelph@gmail.com. Registration forms on the website. We look forward to welcoming you!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (LSS)

- For Youth & Adults

Looking to deepen your faith and grow closer to God? The Open in Spirit (OSG) – BLD Guelph Charismatic Community warmly invites you to join the Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS), a series of weekly sessions designed to renew your faith, enrich your spiritual life, and strengthen your relationship with God. The seminar begins with an orientation on Friday, October 9, at 8:00 PM in the St. Joseph Church Hall and concludes with a weekend retreat on November 14-15 at St. Joseph School, Guelph. Free of charge and open to all Catholics ages 13 and up. To register or learn more, scan the QR code or contact bld.guelph@gmail.com or the parish office.



CWL- SNACK SUNDAY

On **Sunday, Oct 4th, after the 10:15am Mass**, the Catholic Women's League will be hosting "Snacking Sunday" in the parish hall. All children, youth and their parents attending the 10:15am Mass are invited to the parish hall after Mass to enjoy a variety of healthy snacks compliments of the Catholic Women's League.

MARTYR SHRINE - TALK

Once again, we are welcoming Fr Bert Folioit, a Jesuit priest from the Martyr Shrine for an all-day talk about Joseph Chiwatenhwa and a fellow Martyr on **Saturday October 24 from 9am-3pm** as part of our Jubilee celebration year. The day will begin with Mass at 9am, discussion and a synodal spiritual discussion after. Morning snacks, lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided by our Catholic Women's League, BLD and Knights of Columbus. **No cost to attend. Good will offering would be greatly appreciated. RSVP required at the Parish Office by Tuesday October 20th.**

LITTLE WAY LADIES RETREAT

Saturday, October 17th | 9:00AM – 4:00PM at the Basilica of our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. The CWL invites *all women* to a one-day retreat focused on prayer, rest, and renewal. Through guided reflection, meditative prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration, participants will be invited to slow down, listen more deeply, and

grow in confidence in personal prayer. Facilitated by Theresa Matters, Catholic Mindset Coach. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided; participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch or make lunch plans. Cost is \$35. Registration details available at <https://theresamatters.thrivecart.com/guelph-retreat/> or email Theresa with any questions littlewayfreedom@gmail.com

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

When we look at the research in child development and psychology, the message is actually much simpler. Young children do not need perfect parents. They do not need constant stimulation, expensive toys, or carefully curated routines. What matters most is the relationship they have with the adults who care for them." (Psychology Canada) (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Once our hearts welcome the love of Christ in complete trust, and enable its fire to spread in our lives, we become capable of loving others as Christ did, in humility and closeness to all." (Dilexit Nos #203) In June we celebrated the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who taught us that we are loved, loved enough for him to accept the Cross for us. This understanding can help to transform us to love in the same meek and intimate ways he did. Our marriage bond will continue to grow as we learn to love more like the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT

Fr. John Ha, our new Vocations Director, 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, October 3rd at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate** (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place next weekend. When you give, your offering begins in our parish but reaches far beyond it. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada. Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone such as providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Please give prayerfully and generously next weekend.

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**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6**



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