

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, May 11th

8:00am + Maria Manera
+ Maria Garcia
+ Martin Garcia
All Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm + Deceased Members of CWL

WEDNESDAY, May 12th – St Nereus and St Achilleus

8:00am Intentions of Theresa Tran
7:00pm + Larry Valeriotte
Intentions of Benny Monico
Our Lady of Fatima

THURSDAY, May 13th – Our Lady of Fatima

8:00am Intentions of Nhan Tran
7:00pm + William Synnott

FRIDAY, May 14th – St Matthias

8:00am Intentions of Rinoy Pazhekattu
7:00pm + Morezio Masala

SATURDAY, May 15th

9:00am + Mildred Cutler
5:00pm + Marie Bolzon

SUNDAY, May 16th

8:30am + Adreinne LaFontaine
10:15am Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00noon Anthony Tran



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.

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 May 9, 2021

Candle #1 – FATHER BERGSMA

Candle #2 – FATHER MERKLEY

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 for May 1/2 **\$3,064.00**
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:

The Premier of Ontario announced yesterday, more restrictions on the Stay-at-Home Order to help control the spread of COVID in the Province. **On Monday April 19th, 2021**, all the Churches in the Diocese of Hamilton will be **closed for Public Mass** for the current Stay at Home Order.

The Parish Office will be closed during Stay-at-Home Order. If you need to contact the office, please do so by email at stjosephguelph@rogers.com – Tracy will be checking daily.

We will continue to LIVE STREAM the 10:15 Mass on Sunday's. Please go to our YouTube Channel – [WATCH LIVE](#)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available from the parking lot daily from 7 am until 9 pm. **Please stay in your cars.**

Confessions will be by appointment only. Please call the office to make an appointment to see Fr Bergsma or Fr Gregory.



SUNDAY REFLECTION

The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening. (Acts 10:44). The story of Peter and Cornelius is one of the most remarkable in the Book of Acts – and worth reading in its entirety (10:1:49). Yet none of it would have happened if these two men had not been open to the

possibility of God doing something new. Peter, a devout Jew, had never eaten anything “unclean”. When God gave him a vision asking him to eat one of those forbidden animals, Peter's first reaction was to recoil in horror (Acts 10:14). But when three men arrived asking him to come to Cornelius' house, Peter realized what the vision meant. Despite the strict separation between Gentile and Jew that had been practiced for centuries, God wanted him to go (10:17-20)

Cornelius was a “God-fearer,” meaning he was a Gentile who worshipped the God of Israel (Acts 10:2). His openness to God had been nurtured through years of following the Lord. So when an angel appeared to him and told him to send for Peter, he obeyed (10:5). Then Peter was proclaiming the gospel, Cornelius received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues (10:44,46). How can we be open to the Lord and whatever “new

things” he may want to do through us? First, like Peter and Cornelius, we need to stay close to God in prayer. Because of their faithfulness, God was able to speak to both men and show them how he wanted to bring salvation to the Gentiles. Second, we should be careful not to place limits on God. Peter had to trust God with a new and different way of living out his faith. Cornelius had to be open to receiving new life in the Spirit through Baptism.

Are you open to anything God might ask of you? Today, pray for the grace to see where you might have drawn a line in the sand that you have asked God not to cross. God can, and will, use you – as long as you remain open to him. *“Lord, give me an open heart that places no limits on you.”*
Excerpt from the Word Among Us

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival, May 27th, 2021, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM for the screening of *The End of Immigration*. This powerful documentary examines the realities of temporary foreign workers in Canada and reveals an inequity that is having a profound impact on the society in which we live. Following the film, Sarah Guinta, Coordinator for the Office of Justice and Peace, and Rev. Peter Ciallella, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Burford, will offer a conversation regarding ministry to temporary foreign workers in the Diocese of Hamilton. RSVP online: <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/> or by email: library@hamiltondiocese.com. Join the discussion! The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace.

Catholic Moms Groups: Where Moms Connect and Find Support for their Journey.

Now, more than ever, moms are feeling isolated and are craving connections. A Catholic moms’ group allows women to connect with other moms, topics of interest, topics that impact their personal selves and God; it provides both support and encouragement. Beyond that, moms groups help develop friendships with other moms providing proven mental health benefits and is a way of drawing women together to form a stronger sense of parish community.

As with all ministry, parish groups will have local autonomy, but having a plan and material for getting started can make for a more successful experience. **Join us for a zoom session on Tuesday, June 1st at 7 P.M.** to learn more about the what, where, when and why of starting a moms’ group and hear information on the material available to provide support.

We will welcome Mrs. Dorothy Pilarski, who spearheaded this ministry in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2015, to this gathering and she will share with us the excellent detailed online website she has created to provide support. This is a chance to see the website and hear the overview of all the materials and support available from her Catholic Moms Groups website.

This session will be an information sharing session, so is recommended for pastors, associate pastors, lay ministers and/or interested lay members of your parish who may be interested in starting a group, or those who would like to know what supports are available for an existing group. A training session for those who are interested will occur later. **This event will be provided using zoom, so registration will be necessary.** You can register under upcoming events on the Diocesan home page at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/catholic-moms>.

DAILY MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

The Jesus Prayer, or any other prayer form, is meant to be a help to gently empty our minds from all that is not God, and offer all the room to him and him alone. But that is not all. Our prayer becomes a prayer of the heart when we have localized in the center of our inner being the empty space in which our God-filled mind can descend and vanish, and where the distinctions between thinking and feeling, knowing and experience, ideas and emotions are transcended, and where God can become our host. “The Kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:21), Jesus said. The prayer of the heart takes these words seriously. When we empty our minds from all thoughts and



our hearts from all experiences, we can prepare in the center of our innermost being the home for the God who wants to dwell in us. Then we can say with St. Paul, “I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me” (Galatians 2:20). Then we can affirm Luther’s words, “Grace is the experience of being delivered from experience.” And then we can realize that it is not we who pray, but the Spirit of God who prays in us.

Unpacking Patris Corde – With a Father’s Heart

“WITH A FATHER’S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as “the son of Joseph””. This opening line from Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, released on Dec. 8, 2020 to mark the opening of a Year of St. Joseph, sets the tone for the entire letter. In *Patris Corde*, we hear that, “St. Joseph reminds us **that** those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, May 25th at 7 P.M. for a 90 minute zoom webinar** (by phone or internet) to discover more about the Patron Saint of both the Catholic Church and Canada. Presented by Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch (PH, VG) and Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (M.R.E.).

Registration is required to receive the zoom link and can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/online-webinar-unpacking-em-patris-corde-with-a-father-s-heart-em->

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

The following Prayer was prayed by Pope Francis on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph:

Prayer to St Joseph

Protect, O Holy Guardian, this our nation.

Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know — like you do — how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility.

Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters.

Sustain those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick.

Bless, O St Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

Accompany, O St Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest.

Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement.

Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor.

With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic.

