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

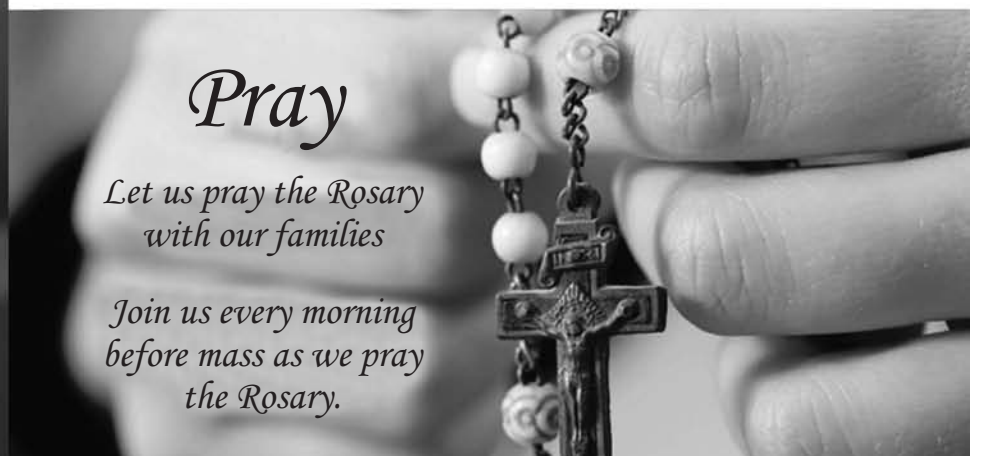
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Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor  
Tracy Bolzon, Office Administrator  
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect 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.*

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### TUESDAY, July 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Catherine Harr  
+ Hong Nguyen

### WEDNESDAY, July 31<sup>st</sup> – St Ignatius of Loyola

8:00am + Donelda Self  
7:00pm Intentions of Murray Huber  
+ Mr and Mrs Cherian  
+ Jacqueline Dupuis  
+ Ralph and Melly Sare

### THURSDAY, August 1<sup>st</sup> – St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop

8:00am + Brian Polderman

### FRIDAY, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00am In Honour of St Anthony of Padua  
7:00pm + Bev Steffler

### SATURDAY, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00am + Anthony and John Baptist Tran  
5:00pm Intentions of Catherine Tran

### SUNDAY, August 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Thanksgiving to God the Father  
10:15am Intentions of Siby Varghese  
12noon Intentions of Ramon and Josefina 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.

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 28, 2024

In the Gospel many people hunger for a small amount of food. In our day, there are too many people for the small number of priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. We too must trust in the Lord by praying for vocations. If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, 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 July 28, 2024

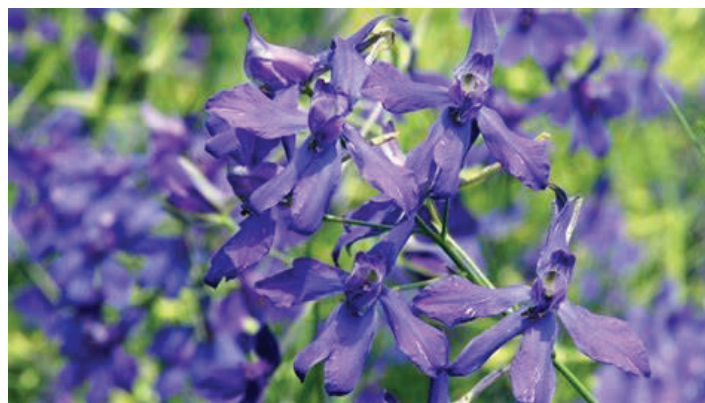
**Candle #1 – INTS of GINA MARTINELLO**

**Candle #2 – INTS of JULIETA BRAIT**

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.

### The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of July 2024

**For pastoral care of the sick:** We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



### COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offering July 20/21 \$4,183.00  
Loose Collection \$1,022.85  
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.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration will not take place during the months of July and August. It will resume in September.



### SUNDAY REFLECTION

Our Gospel this weekend is one of the best known of all the miracles that Jesus performed when he walked the earth. He multiplied five barley loaves and two fish into enough food for more than five thousand people. This miracle is the only one reported by all four of the Gospel writers.

What was the significance of Jesus feeding all these people? What does he want to teach us by his actions? In the Hebrew Scriptures we learn that the Israelites wandered the desert for forty years. They had not food. God turned to Moses to provide manna for the people. Despite his reluctance, Moses obeyed. Lo and behold, the people have more than enough manna to sustain themselves. Similarly, the followers in today's Gospel are getting hungry and there's no food readily available. Jesus, with the aid of his disciples, provides more than enough food for everyone. Jesus is showing his compassion for us when an act of compassion and a demonstration of the presence of the kingdom of God. Note in this Gospel the importance of sharing. Jesus provided food for the people after the bot with loaves and fish offered them. Do I see the food I eat as a gift from God to be shared? In what ways am I feeding other people? *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

### PARISH RENOVATION UPDATE

My dear parishioners, on July 9, we received bids on the tender we put out for the renovation of the Church interior. The plan is to replace the carpet with linoleum and paint (the same colour) and either replace the pews or refurbish them. The bids came in at \$747,000 and \$841,446 respectively. The finance/building committee met on July 17 and decided not to accept the current bids; we will re-tender the work in January 2025. The hope is to have a more competitive bid process and better understand replacing vs refurbishing the pews. We will keep you updated.

### WORLD GRANDPARENTS and ELDERLY DAY

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly this year will be **July 28, 2024** - the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9) The Pope challenges us: "On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path." (Message from his Holiness Pope Francis for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, April 25, 2024).

### MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

#### **Bring All Your Thoughts to God**

Although many good things have been written about contemplation and contemplative prayer, many people still have the impression that contemplative prayer is something very special, very "high," or very difficult, and really not for ordinary people with ordinary jobs and ordinary problems. This is unfortunate because the discipline of contemplative prayer is particularly valuable for those who have so much on their minds that they suffer from fragmentation. If it is true that all Christians are called to bring their thoughts into an ongoing conversation with their Lord, then contemplative prayer can be a discipline that is especially important for those who are deeply involved in the many affairs of the world. **"It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning, your faithfulness at night..."** PSALM 92:1,2 (NIV)

### DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June to October. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at noon. The presiders for these days will be Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki (August 3), Bishop Douglas Crosby (September 7) and Bishop Daniel Miehm (October 5). For more information, see the Diocesan website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/05/marian-days/>

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The first day of July starts with a celebration of Canada and all that our country has to offer. It is a wonderful month to celebrate summer with family and friends and a great time to remember to pray for our country, be thankful for our freedom to celebrate our Catholic faith and to look at the many riches our country has to offer us. So, speak to your children about their wonderful country, about the beauty God has created here for them and about the many blessings they experience as Canadians. It is easy to dwell on the negative, but teaching our children to have an attitude of gratitude for their blessings makes for a healthier frame of mind!  
(Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

### MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Love is a choice and sometimes little choices can make for a more loving and contented relationship. A smile and kiss as a greeting, a thank you for something your spouse does for you or for the

family, a little note of gratitude for their gifts and talents. Over time, we can forget that kind words, compliments and seeing the good can change the way we interact. Choose to take these actions and watch your love grow. (Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

### YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT - SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD – HAMILTON

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, August 3rd at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Are you getting married this fall or in the early part of 2025? Marriage preparation is an important way that the Church reaches out to support your relationship. Once you have spoken to the parish and booked your wedding, be sure to register for one of our upcoming courses, which run from January to December of each year. Fall 2024 dates are posted on the website now. Find out more at [Preparation for Marriage - Diocese of Hamilton \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](https://hamiltondiocese.com/preparation-for-marriage)

### CALLING ALL MOMS

Are you looking for a free, fun, faith filled afternoon you and your little ones will enjoy? Meet up every first Wednesday of the month 4:30pm - 6:00pm at St. John the Baptist Parish. We have a retired Teacher, who will host a Saint Lesson and Craft; while you gather with like-minded moms, to share ideas on how to live out your Catholic Faith. This is a great opportunity to connect with other incredible Catholic Moms; It takes a Village. To RSVP, donate, or volunteer, please email: [st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com).



### SMART STEPS

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? This program, facilitated by those who have lived experience, is designed to offer practical insights and suggestions on how to make blended family relationships work well for all. This one-day session is held on Saturdays from 9:15AM - 3:30PM. The cost is \$75 per couple or \$50 per person (includes lunch). Fall dates will be on line in July and you can register at [hamiltondiocese.com](https://hamiltondiocese.com) by looking under Upcoming Events on the Diocesan home page. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



*"Can there be a more fitting pursuit in youth or a more valuable possession in old age than a knowledge of sacred Scripture? In the midst of storms, it will preserve you from the dangers of shipwreck and guide you to the shore of an enchanting paradise and the everlasting bliss of the angels." – St. Boniface*



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