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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

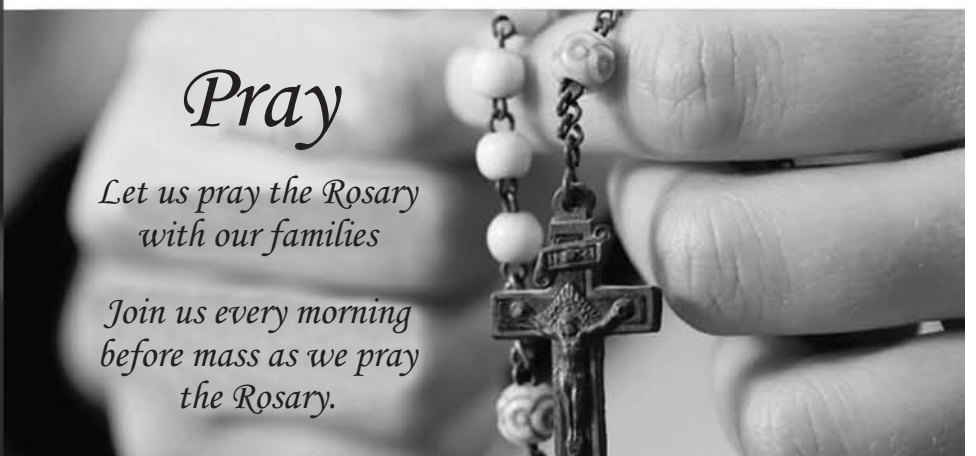
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Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JP II



Pray

Let us pray the Rosary with our families

Join us every morning before mass as we pray the Rosary.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK




TUESDAY, November 7th

8:00am Intentions of Therese Tran
 Intentions of Nguyen, King and Duong Families
 Intentions of Necita
 In Thanksgiving
 + Walter Grubb

WEDNESDAY, November 8th

8:00am + Maria Haong Thi Hoa
 8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm + Jozef Femiak
 + Rita Da Maren
 + Ramon Pradas
 + Rosalinda Quintano
 + Maria Hong Nguyen

THURSDAY, November 9th – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00am + Jeanne D'Arc Truong Thi Sen

FRIDAY, November 10th - St Leo the Great

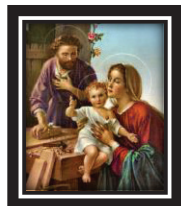
8:00am Intentions of John Kosior
 7:00pm + Digna Marciano

SATURDAY, November 11th – St Martin of Tours Remembrance Day

9:00am + Salvatore Cicco
 5:00pm + Peter Lefnseski

SUNDAY, November 12th

8:30am + Carlo Finoro
 10:15am + John Baptist Tran
 12:00noon + Joseph Orobono



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-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 5, 2023

"The greatest among you will be your servant." Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, or a consecrated virgin? 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 November 5, 2023

Candle #1 – INTS of PRADAS FAMILY

Candle #2 – + RAMON PRADAS

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 Oct 28/29	\$4,642.30
World Mission	\$1,108.00
Building Fund	\$1,068.00
Pre-Authorization Month of October	\$6,597.00
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.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The Gospel is from the Gospel of *Matthew 23:1-12*. As this picture of the Pharisees is painted by none other than Christ himself, we can have no doubt but that the description given is the truth and nothing but the truth. In spite of their great knowledge of "the law and the prophets" — the divine revelation God had given to the Chosen People—and of their many strict observances of that law, they were not pleasing to God. All their good works and all their learning were spoiled by the vice of pride which made them seek earthly glory for themselves and prevented them from giving glory or thanks to God. Their religion was an empty external cloak which they used to attract attention and honor to themselves. Internally, they were so full of their own importance that there was no room for God in their hearts.

Our divine Lord warned his disciples, and through them all of us, to avoid that pernicious vice of pride. It should not be hard for any true Christian to avoid this vice. We know that every material and spiritual talent we have has been given us by God, so we must give glory to God for any gifts we possess and not to ourselves. St. Paul reminds us of this fact when he asks us: "What have you that you have not received, and if you have received it why glory in it as if it were your own?" We owe everything we have to God and we should use all the gifts he has given us for his honor and glory, and for that purpose alone.

Do we always do this? Are we never tempted to look down on our less fortunate brothers? If we have got on well in our temporal affairs do we attribute our success to our own skill and hard work or do we thank God for the opportunities he gave to us and not to others. If, aided by God's grace, we are keeping his commandments, do we show contempt for those who give in to temptations which we did not have to meet? The best of us can profit from an examination of conscience along these lines. If our external observance of the Christian rule of life is motivated solely by love and gratitude to God all is well. But if our hearts are far from God and our motives in our religious behavior is self-glorification, we are in a dangerous position. The sinners and harlots of Christ's day repented and were received into his

kingdom; the Pharisees, unable to repent, were left outside.
Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

CHURCH DOOR REPLACEMENT

As you may have noticed we have been having issues with our glass doors on both sides of the church (facing parking lot and Paisley Rd). The glass doors have reached their live span and will be replaced by the end of the month (we hope). The last measurements were taken this past week. The cost of replacing these doors will amount to \$26,000.

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 on Christmas Eve! Our first Sunday Mass will be on November 5th with two practices on Thursday, October 19th and Thursday, November 2nd from 6 - 6:45 p.m. in the church. Information Handouts are available at the back of the church or on our parish website. Please contact Mrs. Gooyers via email at jaimelynn.gooyers@wellingtoncdsb.ca for more information or just show up to the first practice!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE -UPCOMING EVENTS

November is CWL Membership Drive Month. Dues are \$35.00 for the year and may be placed into the collection at Mass, paid at our Meeting or dropped off at the Parish Office. All Ladies in our Parish are invited to join us at a meeting to explore future membership.

Christmas Bazaar - Annual Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come out and enjoy Draws, Attic Treasures, Silent Auction, Penny Table, Craft Table, Bake Table, Touch & Take, Photos with Santa and a Hot Luncheon. Donations for the Attic Treasures, Silent Auction and Penny Table can be dropped off on November 9 & 10 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

CWL Christmas Bazaar tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office or by contacting Wendy Synnott @ 519-222-2848 or Helen Synnott 519-821-1782. Please return tickets to Parish Office or in the collection basket prior to Bazaar.

2023 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

It's that time of year again! Shoeboxes will be available after all masses the weekend of October 28/29. We are having a parish packing party on Saturday November 18th from 1-3pm in the church hall - please come and help us pack! We need donations of loose items for packing; school supplies, hygiene items (washcloth, soap, toothbrush), new clothes (ages 2T-child 18), toys, stuffies, crafts etc. There will be a bin at the back of the church to drop donations into. **All shoeboxes will be collected at the masses the weekend of November 18/19.** For more information, please contact Alissa & Chad Magwood at 519-820-7838 or acmagwood@rogers.com.



Retirement Dinner for Cardinal Collins

"The Guelph Knights of Columbus Charity Trust invites parishioners and community members to join us for a fun filled evening to roast and toast Guelph's very own Cardinal Tom

Collins on his recent retirement. Join us at the Italian Canadian Club on **Thursday November 23rd from 6-10pm** for an evening of wonderful food and socializing to toast his successes and hear some stories of those he moved/inspired through his journey. Order your tickets today by contacting Local Parish Ticket Contact Allan Fox @ 519-240-6449 (beavervet@gmail.com) or Shaun Redmond (redmonds@golden.net) Tickets are \$100 (you will receive a \$35 charitable donation receipt). Proceeds from the evening will be split between the Cardinal to support his favourite charitable causes and the Guelph Knights Charity Trust, supporting charities in our community.

WORLD DAY OF POOR

November 19, the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, is the World Day of the Poor. Your Society of Saint Vincent de Paul invites you to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters, especially at this uncertain time. In this very busy period, we always need volunteers and, of course, financial help is always appreciated. You may donate to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (St Joseph Guelph) using CanadaHelps, or directly to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, via the national website, at Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

GUELPH SPIRITAN GROUP – BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER

All are welcome to attend an evening with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger at **Sacred Heart Church, Guelph on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m.** He will speak about the Synod on Synodality after the recitation of the rosary. Rosary starts at 7pm.

ADVENT PRAYER NIGHT FOR YOUTH MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship. Join us on **Wednesday, December 13th** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelon for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

LOYOLA HOUSE - IGNATIUS JESUIT CENTRE UPCOMING RETREAT

Retreat: Join Philip Shano SJ and Pope Francis on Thursday November 23 at Loyola House for a one-day retreat about how "to see clearly, choose well, and act right." In each part, Philip will help make the connection between perennial themes of the Pope and the spiritual dynamics of St. Ignatius of Loyola. For more information and to register, please follow this link: <https://ignatiusguelph.ca/event/let-us-dream-2023-11-23/>.

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHTS

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (7:00pm-8:00pm), Social with Food (8:00pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:30pm-9:30pm), and Compline (9:30pm) on Saturday, December 2nd at St. Peter and the Missions Church (850 Garafraxa Street North, Durham, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

"The songs of birds and the sound of music should remind us of the eternal and ever new canticle of heaven." St. Anthony Mary Claret



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