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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

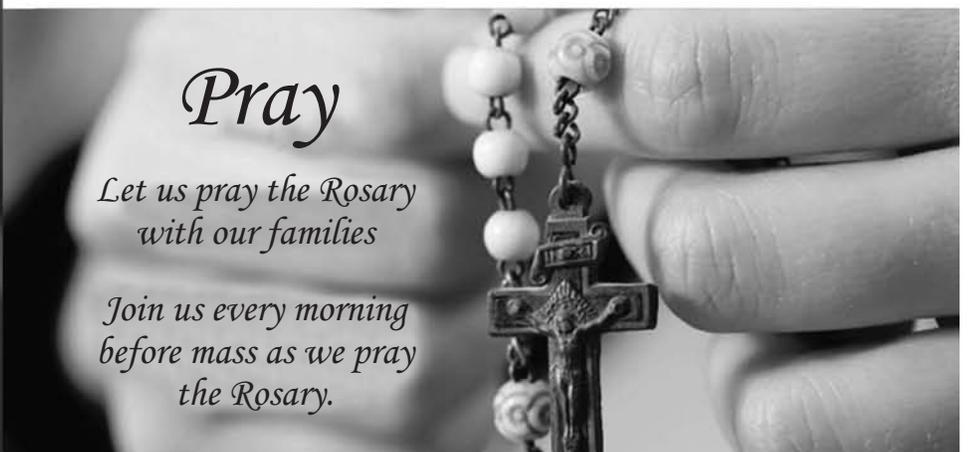
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JP II



Pray

Let us pray the Rosary with our families

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, February 27th

8:00am Intentions of John Martinello
+ David Collins
+ Cadjitan Perera
+ Karrie Uranick

WEDNESDAY, February 28th

8:00am + Philip Halliburton
8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm In Thanksgiving to St Jude Thaddeus
+ George Raso
+ Mary Finoro
+ Arturo Piacampo
+ Colette O'Donnell
7:30pm Stations of the Cross

THURSDAY, February 29th

8:00am + Maria and Antonio Carere

FRIDAY, March 1st – World Day of Prayer

8:00am + Larry Valeriotte
7:00pm + Necita Estorco

SATURDAY, March 2nd

9:00am + Anthony Tran
5:00pm Intentions of Therese Tran

SUNDAY, March 3rd – Third Sunday of Lent

8:30am Deceased Members of Pradas and Velera Family
10:15am Intentions of Vardiveso Family
12noon + George Raso



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.

Second Sunday of Lent - February 25, 2024

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of February 25th, 2024

Candle #1 – + ANTHONY TRAN

Candle #2 – + CORAZON ENTICE

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 Offering February 17/18	\$3,582.00
Lose Collection	\$1,031.65

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

In scripture, mountains are places of encounter with God. As such, they are also often places of incomprehension. We can only imagine the anguish behind Abraham's answer to young Isaac's innocent question about the missing lamb. Abraham did not know God was going to resolve this quandary, but he knew that God was good and so he trusted.

In today's Gospel, we find more confusion in the mountains. In the Transfiguration, Jesus' divinity is revealed before the disciples in a way that does not clarify, but baffles. Poor Peter doesn't know what to say. This perplexity is compounded when Jesus tells them to keep silent about their experience until after his resurrection. Like Abraham before them, the disciples have only a glimpse of God's saving plan. They must trust God and wait for further understanding.

And what do we learn when we trust and wait? This mysterious God, who appears incredibly demanding, is in fact always providing. He seems to ask everything, but the goal of such asking is to open our hearts so that we can receive what he is offering. It's not easy to believe that it is in giving that we receive. Paul applies the same phrase to God – who is for us, not against us – that Genesis uses for Abraham: he “did not withhold his own Son.” What am I withholding? *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*



Watch on FORMED!!

LENT – Week Two
Return: Lent with Fr. John Burns

Fr. John Burns focuses on the passage from the prophet Joel in which the Lord calls his people to return to him with their whole heart. We are reminded in this passage that God is inviting us into a relationship with him, a relationship of love and faithfulness. Like the people of the Old Testament, we sometimes forget about God, wander away from him, and become unfaithful. It is during Lent that we are reminded of God's love and mighty works which leads to faithfulness and fruitfulness. How will you remember God this Lent and return to him with your whole heart? [To watch click here](#)



**Lent Week Two | Restore:
Lent with Sr. Miriam James
Heidland, SOLT**

In week two of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, discusses the practice of fasting

and how it can heal your relationship with yourself. Jesus desires to love us and bring us back into communion with him. When you say NO to something through fasting, this allows you to say YES to the true desires of your heart—to love and be loved. [To watch click here.](#)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Starting February 14, 2024, we will be having Stations of the Cross every Wednesday evening following our 7pm Mass. There will be no Stations on the **Wednesday of Holy Week, but will take place Good Friday at 7pm.** Everyone is welcome!

LENTON MISSION – FR GARY SCHLACK

MARCH 9, 10, 11 and 12th

The Shroud of Turin is considered by many to be the actual burial cloth of Jesus. It is the single most studied artifact on the planet. More than 2,000 scientists have put in over 600,000 of peer reviewed scientific investigations on the Shroud. Come and find out what incredible things science has discovered about the Shroud and why the Shroud has been called the 5th Gospel. Find out how our reflections on the Shroud can help us deepen our faith in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

MARK YOUR CALENARS - THE IRISH PUB NIGHT

We are inviting *all the Irish and those who wish to be*, to a fun night of Irish Dance, Music, Food and Frolicking. Please mark your calendar for **Saturday March 16th, 2024 at Guelph Country Club.** Details to follow for ticket pricing. Tickets are \$45 each and available at the parish office or through **Brian Brady 519-836-0993/519-362-9999, Marti Valeriotte 519-362-0555 or Pat Grosicki 519-830-3465.** All families and friends are invited.



FUN FAMILY BINGO!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10631- Saturday evening March 2, 2024, in our church hall. Opens at 6pm. Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm. Please bring your own snacks, drinks and Bingo dabbers. Entrance Fee \$3. This is a no cash prize Bingo. **SO BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!**

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT BOOK STUDY GROUP

The Catholic book study group at the Basilica of Our Lady meets every other Wednesday in the Parish Hall at 5:30pm. Throughout March and April, the group will be discussing "Orthodoxy" by G.K. Chesterton. (The meeting dates are March 6 and 20, and April 3 and 17.) Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join for a potluck dinner, fellowship, and discussion. Please RSVP by emailing hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

February 14 - March 28, 2024 - 7 am to 7 pm daily City sidewalk in front of the Guelph Cenotaph, Woolwich St & Eramosa Rd, Guelph. 40 Days for Life is a 40-day prayer vigil, organized locally by Guelph & Area Right to Life, to pray for the

ending of abortion. Prayer volunteers are currently needed! **St Joseph Parish Day has been set for Saturday March 16th from 8am to 5pm.** For more information visit guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life or call Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311. **Sign-up sheets will be at the back of the church March 2/3.**

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY “Take Heart: By His Wounds We Are Healed”

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto. Join the Catholic Renewal Ministry on **Saturday, March 2, 2024.** Variety of speakers. Closing Mass celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leo. Tickets \$30 and bus tickets are \$20. **For tickets and bus transportation please call: Ana Percic 519 824 8456. For more information on the rally go to <https://www.ljhr.ca/>.**

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY
Enter the House of Love



When we enter into the household of God, we come to realize that the fragmentation of humanity and its agony grow from the false supposition that all human beings have to fight for their right to be appreciated and loved. In the house of God's love, we come to see with new eyes and hear with new ears and thus recognize all people, whatever their race, religion, sex, wealth, intelligence, or background, belong to that same house. God's house has no dividing walls or closed doors. "I am the door," Jesus says. "Anyone who enters through me will be safe" (John 10:9). The more fully we enter into the house of love, the more clearly, we see that we are there together with all humanity and that in and through Christ we are brothers and sisters, members of one family. **"May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."** JOHN 17:23 (NIV)

THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED

In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, "A good marriage must be created" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on Saturday, May 4th from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at the Mount Mary Retreat Center in Ancaster. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

"In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation" St Thomas Aquinas



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