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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.

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 Jeff Bergsma, Pastor
Tracy Bolzon, Office Administrator
Zofia Gadzinska, Bookkeeper



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 EASTER



TUESDAY, May 6th – St Francois de Laval

8:00am Intentions of Peter Phung Tran
Mary Refuge of Holy Love

WEDNESDAY, May 7th

8:00am Intentions of Fr Bergsma
8:30am to 11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm + Joan Ireland
+ Anna Ruggiero
+ Fran Fairfull
+ Ed Schell
Intentions of Joanne Heffernan

THURSDAY, May 8th

8:00am + Marilyn Langlois

FRIDAY, May 9th

8:00am + Diane Loeppky
7:00pm + Mary Collins

SATURDAY, May 10th

9:00am Intentions of Nhan Tran and Family
5:00pm + Brigitta Tam Tran

SUNDAY, May 11th

8:30am + Frances Wallinga
10:15am + Anthony and John Baptist Tran
12noon + Rose Marie and Allan Law



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.

Third Sunday of Easter – May 4, 2025

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of May 4, 2025

Candle #1 – INTS of MAUREEN BOLZON

Candle #2 – INTS of MARIE HUBER

Please use the envelopes provided 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

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| Sunday Offering April 26/27 | \$4,358.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$2,403.65 |
| Easter Offering | \$200.00 |
| Good Friday – Holy Land | \$110.00 |
| Building Fund | \$929.00 |
| Share Lent | \$430.00 |
| 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

Three times during the Passion, Peter denies Jesus. He is afraid, and the suffering and dying come as an unbearable shock.

The cross is not what the disciples hoped for or expected. Ans it isn't aa disembodied, abstract idea. It happens in space and time, to real people in real relationships. Judas, the high priests and Pilate make choices that threaten everything. Jesus bleeds and loses. Breath. Most of the disciples flee. And the bruised, bloody body of the Messiah needs to be buried. A violent and oppressive killing was always intended to end things: the Lamb is slaughtered, and so is hope.

Just like the Passion, resurrection is completely unexpected and deeply embodied. The tomb is empty. Some see Jesus and others understandably doubt that this could possibly be true. The trauma made them forget what they had known before. Ans so Jesus helps them with fishing and breakfast. Jesus asks three times if Peter loves him. The work of rising is a healing of the pain of the dying.

Resurrection is the power of love and hope in the face of destruction and violence. Jesus calls Peter back and sends him out again, in spite of the denial and betrayal. It will not be without struggle, but still we are called and sent – to follow him to our own crosses and rising. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*



ST. JOSEPH PARISH PASTA DINNER

Join us for our annual Pasta Dinner that will take place on **Sunday, June 29 at 5:30pm at Italian Canadian Club of Guelph (135 Ferguson St, Guelph)**. Doors open at

5:00pm with dinner being served at 5:30pm. Parish family and friends are invited to this annual dinner of pasta, sausage, salad, and dessert. Refreshments will be available as well. **There will be a cash bar for those who would like a glass of wine with their dinner.** Tickets for the dinner will be \$70 – this covers the cost of food and you will also receive a **\$35 tax receipt**. The dinner will also include a silent auction, music, door prizes and more. Kids aged 6 to 12yrs \$15 and kids under 5yrs free. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Parish Office.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Once again, we wish to thank our very supportive and committed volunteers. This is our first night to celebrate our volunteers since COVID and we hope that you will all attend. St Joseph Parish has over 200 volunteers. Please plan on attending our event on **Saturday, May 24th starting with Mass at 5pm** followed by reception. Lights snacks and refreshments provided. Join us so we can celebrate you!

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE – SAVE THE DATE

Recycle your empty beer cans, bottles, wine & liquor bottles for St Joseph Knights of Columbus Charities Fundraiser. Start saving your empties, notify your neighbours and friends to drop their empties at St Joseph Parish back parking lot on **May 24th, 2 from 9:00am to 2:00pm**. More details to come closer to the date

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for the following upcoming initiatives:

May 25th – Knights of Columbus Breakfast: after all Sunday Masses.

June 21st and 22nd - Good bye celebration for Fr Bergsma. All are welcome to come down after every Mass on the weekend to wish Fr Bergsma many blessings in his new assignment at St Anne's in Kitchener and to thank him for all the blessings he has given us over the 7years at St Joseph Parish.

July 19, 2025 - Blue Jays Game: Come join us for a fabulous day at the ball park! Blue Jays vs San Francisco Giants. Tickets are \$120 (includes admission and bus).

WALK WITH MARY to JESUS PROCESSION

The annual Marian procession, crowning and devotion will take place this year on Sunday, May 11, at 2:30 PM. Please join us to honour Mary and ask her to intercede with her Son for our country, province and city. With the new advances of the *Culture of Death*, it becomes more obvious that we need to publicly acknowledge our faith and pray for the establishment of the *Culture of Life*. Please meet at the Basilica of Our Lady front steps at 2:15 PM and dress for the weather. For more information, please call Stella Mott, 519-763-9991. Shuttle service back to Our Lady's for **drivers only** will be provided.



SEPARATED or DIVORCED?

Struggling with the impact of divorce or separation? You're not alone! Join the award-winning Critical Mass for an inspiring two-day retreat, where music, testimonies, and faith-filled discussions will guide you toward hope and healing. Don't miss this chance to reconnect with your faith and find strength in community—space is limited to 25 participants, so register early! We are offering a choice of two retreat weekends: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo on May 23/24 or St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton on May 30/31. Friday evening from 6:45- 9:30 PM and Saturday from 8:45 – 4:00 PM. Register now by emailing davefromcm@gmail.com or calling 519-572-6962 or visiting <https://www.criticalmassmusic.org/tour-dates>. Cost is \$130 and includes materials, snacks and lunch.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND: AUG 2-9

WALKING PILGRIMAGE IS ABOUT:

- ✚ nourishing your spirituality
- ✚ enjoying the great outdoors
- ✚ getting great exercise: 20+km per day

✚ having fun and enjoying good company

Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. ***Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days!*** Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) **NOTE registration deadline June 30, 2025.**

GIVE THE GIFT OF GIVING

We rely entirely on donations from our parishioners to help us fulfill our mission of providing a spiritual home where people can come to worship God, receive the Sacraments, and learn about His teachings. Leaving a gift to the Church is a profound way to return to the Lord a share of the blessings you received during your life. A bequest to the Church helps accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ. As the Church was there for you in your lifetime, you can now provide for your Church's future ministry to others. THANK YOU for considering to make a donation to our Parish.



4 WAYS TO GIVE TO ST JOSEPH PARISH

1. **ONLINE DONATION:** make a donation by going to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/12980>
2. **PRE-AUTHORIZATION:** this allows you to set up weekly or monthly donations to the parish. If you are interested in donating this way, please contact the Parish Office for more details
3. **BEQUEST:** A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime.
- **LIFE INSURANCE:** Giving a gift through life insurance is a unique way to provide the Church with truly meaningful support in a very economical way by naming St Joseph as it's beneficiary.



A Prayer for Family and Life

Heavenly Father,

we place our trust in you.

You have given us the precious gift of life and entrusted us to care for, nurture, and sustain it. Help our families to be sanctuaries of joy and light, where both young and old are cherished and embraced, and where your gifts of faith, hope, and love may flourish. May your tender loving care inspire all families to abound in hope so that we may live out our call to holiness as missionary disciples in the service of life and peace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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