

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, April 27th

8:00am Intentions of Theresa Tran
+ Bui Kha
Souls in Purgatory
Conversion of Sinners
7:00pm + Maria Manera

WEDNESDAY, April 28th

8:00am + Larry Valeriotte
7:00pm + Bill Synnott
+ Ruth Contini
+ William Strub
+ Aldo Tonin

THURSDAY, April 29th – St Catherine of Siena

8:00am Intentions of Thomas Tran
7:00pm + Kathleen McConiskey

FRIDAY, April 30th – Pope Pius V

8:00am + Jason Hajdyla
7:00pm + Edmund Sharratt

SATURDAY, May 1st - St Joseph the Worker

9:00am + Anthony Tran
5:00pm + Bev Steffler

SUNDAY, May 2nd

8:30am + Maria Manera
10:15am + Felice Scarozza
12:00noon Intentions of Parishioners



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 April 25th, 2021

Candle #1 – INTENTIONS OF NHAN TRAN AND FAMILY
Candle #2 –

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 April 17/18 will be added to next week's bulletin.

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

Many times throughout the Gospels we are told not to worry and not to be afraid because God loves us and is always with us to guide and to help. While this is comforting, it can be, at the same time, a challenging

message for us to live by in these trying times.

In today's Gospel we are once again comforted and also challenged. It is comforting to remember that we are compared to sheep who have a loving shepherd who would lay down his life for his sheep.

As the Gospel tells us, Jesus' love and care extend to other sheep, not of this fold. We are, therefore, encouraged by Jesus to extend our care, not only to our close neighbours, but also to all of planet Earth: that is, the whole community of creation. This can, indeed

be a challenge.

As we ponder our role to be good shepherds at this time in history, we know how difficult it can be, especially in light of the climate crisis we are now facing. However, Jesus promises us that he will be with us, helping us to walk in his footsteps, however challenging that may be.

We can, therefore be comforted while we work for justice, putting our trust in God and giving God thanks. *Excerpt from the Living with Christ.*

CWL MEMBERSHIP

Dear CWL Ladies we really miss you! Unfortunately, due to COVID19, we are unable to have our regular monthly meetings and sadly we missed having our Christmas Bazaar and Spring Market and Annual Dinner. Please continue to pray that going forward with everyone getting a vaccine and continuing with masks and social distancing, hopefully we can get back to our regular CWL activities as soon as permitted. Also, please be assured that all our Sister members are still praying strongly for each other. If you have not paid your \$25.00 Membership for 2021 you may drop it off or mail it to the parish office in an envelope marked CWL MEMBERSHIP including your name and address. Contact Pat Grosicki at 519-821-4104 or Sharon Huska 519-821-4505 if you have any questions or wish to make arrangements to pay another way. Thank you so much.

DAILY MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY



The practice of contemplative prayer is the discipline by which we begin to “see” the living God dwelling in our own hearts. Careful attentiveness to the One who makes a home in the privileged center of our being gradually leads to recognition. As we come to know and love the Father of our hearts we give ourselves over to this incredible Presence who takes possession of all our senses. By the discipline of prayer we are awakened and opened to God within, who enters into our heartbeat and our breathing, into our thoughts and emotions, our hearing, seeing, touching, and tasting. It is by being awake to this God within that we also find the Presence in the world around us. Here we are again in front of the secret. It is not that we see God in the world, but that God-with-us recognizes God in the world. God speaks to God, Spirit speaks to Spirit, heart speaks to heart.

Contemplation, therefore, is a participating in the divine self-recognition. The divine Spirit alive in us makes our world transparent for us and opens our eyes to the presence of the divine Spirit in all that surrounds us. It is with our heart of hearts that we see the heart of the world...

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The amount of time spent together as a family during COVID might be considered by some to be too much, but it may also be filling a real need. Past research has shown that children consistently identify a desire to spend more time with their parents and family. Time for them means direct, active engagement. The long-term benefits to family relationships are proven: children grow up healthier in mind, body and spirit. Enjoying quality time with their family’s means children are more likely to turn to their family for love and support, keeping them healthy. So play with your kids, watch a movie together and discuss its message(s), pray together, be active together, cook together and/or clean together;

the possibilities are endless. So remember, time with family is powerful when it is interactive, shared by all and fun!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

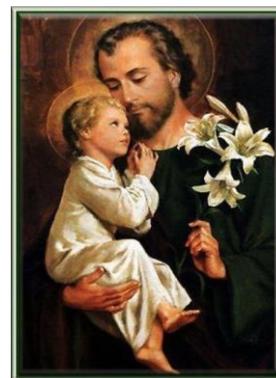
At the heart of every relationship there needs to be a foundation of love and respect. When couples respect each other, including their differences, they continually build each other up and enjoy time together. When we respect the other in relationship, we can accept their desire to influence us with their understanding of what is true, good and beautiful. When we are open to our spouse’s view of things, we not only grow, but we grow together. When we grow together, we cannot help but grow in love.

ANNIVERSARY MASS 2021 Registration

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com, simply click on the Anniversary Mass icon on the home page. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. If you have questions contact familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.