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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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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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, August 5th

9:00am + Jacqueline Dupuis

TUESDAY, August 6th – The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00am Intentions of Jurek Gadzinski
+ Ceyclia Gadzinska
+ Bernardino Mariano
+ Mary and Dale Brown
+ Sixta DeLeon

WEDNESDAY, August 7th

8:00am In Thanksgiving
7:00pm + Josefino Sanez
+ Arturo Piacampo
+ Moses DiCicco
+ Aniceto and Rosenda Deola
+ Raul Flores
+ George Bova

THURSDAY, August 8th – St Dominic, Priest

8:00am + Jim Power

FRIDAY, August 9th

8:00am + Frances Harr
7:00pm + Mario Mazzorato

SATURDAY, August 10th – St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

9:00am Intentions of Entice Family
5:00pm + Joseph Hung Tran

SUNDAY, August 11th

8:30am + Carlo Finoro
10:15am + Nicoletta Caravaggio
12noon + Gerrit Kistemaker



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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 4, 2024

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Today's readings remind us that the priest is ordained by the Holy Spirit to be the means by which Jesus' words are fulfilled. If you feel God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of August 4, 2024

Candle #1 – In Thanksgiving to God the Father

Candle #2 – In Thanksgiving to God the Father

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 July 27/28	\$7,197.00
Loose Collection	\$1,284.15

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

Often when I am in the kitchen, someone stops by to ask what I am making. They come inquiring because there is something that piques curiosity or memory or possibly hope. This question is often followed by one about when it will be served – and the either joy or disappointment, depending on whether they will be present.

We want to be fed, to be nourished, by something enticing. And we seek it out by noticing what others are filling up on and then asking its source. Once we know, we sample for ourselves and come to an intimate awareness of why it called to us. And how frequently we then want more! Next, pieces are broken off and offered to those around us – Oh, try this! The whole process of life-giving, sustaining nourishment for body and spirit alike. That Jesus would speak of bread when describing himself is not a surprise. Everything about his ministry was about people experiencing the nourishment of love and transformation that can happen when we take that love into our being and then extend that love to others. To systems of authority, that love and its fruit can be a threat. To a people who hunger for it, that love is an endless banquet with enough seating for all. Let the people come. *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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM –
IN-PERSON CLASSES REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

St Joseph Church is providing in-person Religious Catechism Classes for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for students who attend Public or Private schools from Grade 1 through to Grade 7. It is also open to those children whose parents wish to have their children learn more about their Catholic Faith. Classes are every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm starting **September 10, 2024 and runs through to May 2025**. For more information please contact Donna Haley at 519-831-6451. Registration forms are on the website under Parish Life/Ministries

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of August 10/11, we will welcome our special guest Vanessa from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers." Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. You can visit and support us at www.HolylandChristians.ca



MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

In Service We Encounter God

Radical servanthood does not make sense unless we introduce a new level of understanding and see it as the way to encounter God. To be humble and persecuted cannot be desired unless we can find God in humility and persecution. When we begin to see God, the source of all our comfort and consolation, in the center of servanthood, compassion becomes much more than doing good for unfortunate people. Radical servanthood, as the encounter with the compassionate God, takes us beyond the distinctions between wealth and poverty, success and failure, fortune and bad luck. Radical servanthood is not an enterprise in which we try to surround ourselves with as much misery as possible, but a joyful way of life in which our eyes are opened to the vision of the true God who chose to be revealed in servanthood. The poor are called blessed not because poverty is good, but because theirs is the kingdom of heaven; the mourners are called blessed not because mourning is good, but because they shall be comforted.

Here we are touching the profound spiritual truth that service is an expression of the search for God and not just of the desire to bring about individual or social change. **"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."** JOHN 12:26 (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 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/>

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 \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](http://Preparation for Marriage - Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com))

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@catholicmomsgrp.com.

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH – FORMOSA

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, September 7th at Immaculate Conception Church (212 Concession Rd 12, Formosa, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Martyrs' Shrine Pilgrimage For Young Adults

Frassati's Carabiners are excited to announce a day pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs in Midland on Saturday, August 17 for young adults in their 20s and 30s. The day will begin in prayer at 7:00 AM at the altar of the Canadian Martyrs (behind the high altar at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate), and the bus will depart for the Shrine at 7:30 AM. Once we arrive in Midland, we will spend the late morning and early afternoon walking to the site where Sts. Jean de Brebeuf and Gabriel Lalemant were martyred (approximately a 13 km hike); Fr. Ian will be accompanying us and will celebrate Mass at the outdoor altar at the martyrdom site. After Mass, we will return to the Shrine via bus. Pilgrims will have the chance to visit the Shrine, and we will have a picnic supper on the Shrine's beautiful grounds. The bus will return to the Basilica by 10:00 PM. Plan for a full day of wholesome and prayerful fun as we journey to one of the most holy sites in North America, consecrated by the blood of the martyrs! To RSVP, please email Elise at ecreidy@protonmail.com. The cost of the trip is \$30/person, covering transportation, admission to the Shrine, and dinner. Pack your own lunch for the hike! Our bus seats forty pilgrims, so don't delay – sign up today!

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of August 2024
For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



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