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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



TUESDAY, March 5th

8:00am Intentions of Kristian
 Intentions of Diann
 Intentions of Helen Mevart
 + Colette O'Donnell

WEDNESDAY, March 6th

8:00am + Jeanne D'Arc Truong Thi Sen
 8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm In Thanksgiving to St Jude Thaddeus
 + Mary Finoro
 + Stanley Kosior
 + Chris Rogers
 + Rita Lucietto
 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

THURSDAY, March 7th

8:00am + David Collins

FRIDAY, March 8th

8:00am + Maria Carere-Rox
 7:00pm + Anthony Tran

SATURDAY, March 9th

9:00am + Tom Jones
 5:00pm + John Mandolesi

SUNDAY, March 10th – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30am + Enrico, Nicoletta and Rick Finoro
 10:15am Intentions of Bob and Rose Freeman
 12noon All 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.

Third Sunday of Lent - March 3, 2024

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might 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 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of March 3, 2024

Candle #1 – + ANTHONY TRAN

Candle #2 – INTS of VINH and HANG TRAN

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 24/25	\$3,892.00
Lose Collection	\$1,173.10
Eritrean Mass	\$490.45
Easter Flowers	\$45.00

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 image in today's Gospel of Jesus overturning tables is in forceful contrast to the gentle images of our Lord with children and healing the sick. In the temple Jesus witnesses the injustice taking place in his Father's house and is moved to take a stand. Animals for sacrifice are being sold to travelers for unfair prices. Money changers are making a profit off those who travelled from afar. The temple was no longer a holy place where one could encounter God.

While jarring, this Gospel reminds us of the new life that is found only in Jesus. Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, all people may now encounter the love of the living God. Through baptism, we as Christians welcome Christ to dwell within us. We meet God not only in bricks-and-mortar churches: an encounter with God is just a breath – a heartbeat – away.

Like the merchants in the Gospel today, we can lose sight of the peace that comes from simply being in the all-loving presence of God. As we continue our Lenten journey towards the resurrection, may we cleanse our hearts of the greed, gluttony and selfishness that form a barrier between us and the true love of God. May our hearts be converted to love, peace and new life. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*



Watch on FORMED!!

Lent Week Three | Return: Lent with Fr. John Burns

Fr. John Burns reflects on the practice of fasting to return to the Lord. Fr. John affirms for us that it is in our suffering—our experiences of betrayal and rejection—that we are united with Christ and experience the victory of Christ on the cross as we carry our own crosses in life. In Lent, we are reminded that we are not alone. Christ walks with us every step of the way to bring us into communion with the father. How will you unite your suffering to Christ's this Lent?



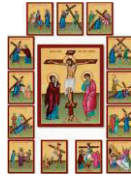


Lent Week Three | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In week three of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, explores the root of personal sin and reflects on a quote from Bob Schuchts of the John Paul II Healing Center, "Behind every disordered desire is a good and holy desire, an unmet need, an unhealed wound, and a hidden pattern of sin." Sr. Miriam will help you open your heart to the Lord and let him go to the root of your sin—the why. It is here that the Lord wants to encounter you.

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.



ST VINCENT de PAUL

Many thanks to all of you who donate to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Your generosity enables us to continue to follow the call to provide food to the hungry, clothes for the cold, and furniture for those making a home. We were also able to provide gift bags to a senior's home to brighten up their Valentine's Day and will provide dinner at the Royal City Mission next month.

The start of the year is always a rough time for people, as expenses from school, winter clothing, heating, increased food costs and more pile up. Please consider donating either using your green envelopes (or any envelope marked "St Vincent de Paul" in the collection basket) or using Canada Helps to donate online.

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.**

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

You Belong to God

You are not what you do, although you do a lot. You are not what you have collected in terms of friendships and connections, although you might have many. You are not the popularity that you have received. You are not the success of your work. You are not what people say about you, whether they speak well or whether they speak poorly about you. All these things that keep you quite busy, quite occupied, and often quite preoccupied are not telling the truth about who you are. I am here to remind you in the name of God that you are the Beloved Daughters and Sons of God, and that God says to you, "I have called you from all eternity and you are engraved from all eternity in the palms of my hands. You are mine. You belong to me, and I love you with an everlasting love." **"But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord for he has been good to me."** PSALM 13:5,6 (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.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Spring
FORWARD

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