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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

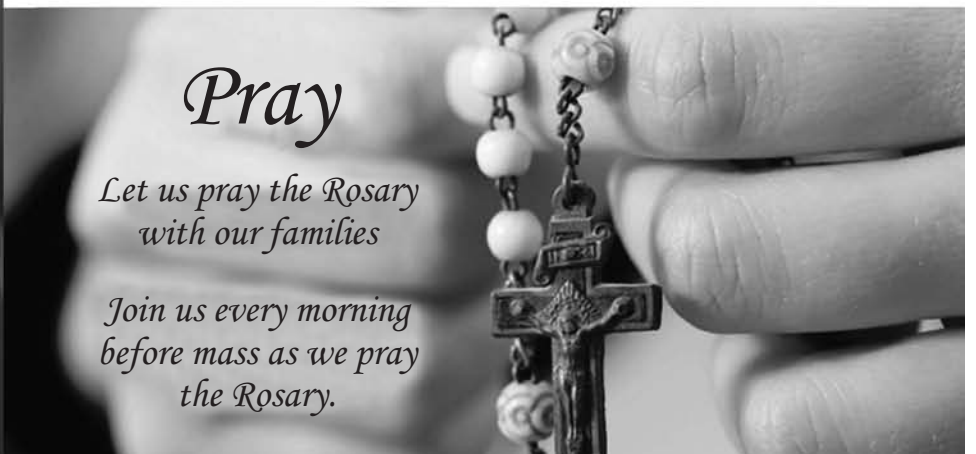
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Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JP II



Pray

Let us pray the Rosary with our families

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TUESDAY, December 3rd

8:00am + Don Forester
+ Antonia Chetta
+ Helena Arsenaault
+ Julita and Ramon Pono
+ Mark Ryan
Intentions of Deb Griffith and Family

WEDNESDAY, December 4th

8:00am In Thanksgiving
8:30am - 11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm + Ida Fogal
+ Matthew Fairfull
+ Ted and Helen Christie
+ Bob Keegan and Family
Raul, Ramon and Teofilo Flores
Intentions of King Family

THURSDAY, December 5th

8:00am Intentions of Gabriel and Helen D'Sousa

FRIDAY, December 6th

8:00am + Erminia Lacivita
7:00pm + Donovan and Ruth Robertson
7:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY, December 7th

9:00am + Anthony and John Baptist Tran
5:00pm Intentions of Peter Tran Family

SUNDAY, December 8th

8:30am + Americo and Pat Arruda
10:15am + Lido and Elisa Bot
12noon + Donna Dooling



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.

First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2024

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. 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 December 1, 2024

Candle #1 – INTS of HALEY FAMILY

Candle #2 – + BRUNO MENEGOTTO

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

Sunday Offering November 23/24	\$4,716.00
Loose Collection	\$1,155.30
Pro-Life Offering	\$228.00
Building Fund	\$902.00

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.



Extra Confession Times with All Day Adoration

Thursday December 19th: 10:00am to 7:00pm

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th: 5:00pm, 7:00pm, and
12:00am (Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25: 8:30am, 10:15am,
12:00(noon)

Boxing Day – St Stephen

Thursday December 26th: 9:00am

Mary Mother of God (New Year's) Mass Schedule

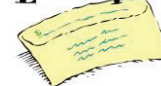
Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31st: 5:00pm

Wednesday, January 1st, 2023: 8:30am, 10:15am
and 12noon



Offering Envelopes



2025 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

Sunday Offertory Envelopes are **now ready** for you to pick up in the Parish Hall. If you do not presently use envelopes and would like to have a set, please contact Tracy at the parish office at 519-822-4614 or fill out the registration form located at the back of the church or on our website www.stjosephuelph.com. You

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can drop off the registration forms at the office or via email at stjosephguelph@rogers.com.

FLORAL TRIBUTES – IN MEMORIUM

Would you like your loved one(s) remembered at Christmas? Just make a donation towards the Christmas flowers, and we will post their names on our website and remember them in the prayers at Christmas. **Please use the envelope in your box or one marked “Flowers” in the Sunday collection or drop off at the Parish Office. Be sure to print your loved one’s name clearly on the envelope. Please submit these donations by Thursday, December 19th.** Thank you for your consideration.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Bambinelli Sunday is an event that takes place in Rome on the third Sunday of Advent each year, and will be taking place here at St Joseph Parish after all Masses on **Sunday December 15, 2025**. The idea is to encourage everyone to bring their 'Bambinelli' to be blessed on the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. This blessing of the Christ Child is a way to help children focus on the real and true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. We also suggest that each family take the 'Bambinelli' home after the blessing, place it in a special box and then wrap that box. On Christmas morning, before you open presents, place Jesus in the manger.



“SIMBANG GABI” AT ST. JOSEPH...

This Christmas tradition is coming to St. Joseph Parish once again, and will be celebrated starting **Sunday, December 15th** during the 12:00pm mass up to **Monday, December 23rd**. Other masses designated for this novena are; **Monday, December 16th** at 7:00pm, **Tuesday December 17th** at 7:00pm, **Thursday December 19th** at 7pm, **Saturday, December 21st** at 5:00pm, **Sunday December 12noon** and **Monday, December 23rd** at 7:00 pm. The traditional Christmas custom of “**Simbang Gabi**” in the Philippines, is a devotional 9-day novena (series of masses), practiced by Roman Catholics in anticipation and preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to honour our Blessed Mother. “*Simbang Gabi*” is not just an old custom that is celebrated because we want to, but rather it is a way of asking “favor or blessings” from the Lord, as it is believed that if one completes the whole series of nine masses, prayers and/or intentions will be granted. There will be breaking of bread and fellowship at the church hall following each **Simbang Gabi** masses. Everyone is welcome to join this 9-day mass novena/celebration at St. Joseph’s to experience an old but popular Filipino tradition. Hope you can join us.

PARISH ADVENT CONCERT

On **Saturday December 7th at 7:00pm**, the children’s choir will be singing Advent Hymns for the parish community. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Silvercreek Community Market. We hope to see you all out in support of our Children’s Choir.

THANK YOU – POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for participating in our Poinsettia Fundraiser for our new Altar Server cassocks and surplices. We raised \$677.84 through the selling of poinsettias and \$1300.00 through donations. The total for the purchase of these vestments was \$5,658.00. If you would like to make a donation towards this cause, please use a separate envelope

clearly marked “Altar Server Vestments” and drop it in the Sunday Offertory basket or at the Parish Office during office hours. Your support is greatly appreciated. **Poinsettias will be ready for pick-up on Wednesday December 11 from 9am to 8pm in the parish hall.**

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHURCH

We have made some improvements to the outside of the church and in the hall. The lighting on the outside of the church was upgraded and the old dishwasher was replaced (no longer fixable) in the hall kitchen. These improvements cost \$21,418.80 (\$14,073.80 dishwasher and \$7,345 for lighting).

URGENT - USHERS NEEDED

As Jesus reminds us that he is the vine and we are the branches, and it is the branches through which nourishment enlivens the vine, so it is with the parish ministries. One does not become a parishioner simply by attending Sunday Mass. Your involvement in one of these ministries will not only enrich your life, but it will also vitalize the communion of faith we enjoy at St Joseph Parish. We are **in urgent need for ushers at all masses**. If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office – 519-822-4614.

CWL Membership News

Many thanks to all CWL members who have renewed their \$35 membership dues to date. Your timely payments are much appreciated and help to support our national office and the resources they provide for our parish activities. There will be another opportunity to renew at the CWL Christmas Potluck on Dec 10th. If you renew by then, you will be entered in a draw to receive a complimentary 2025 membership! Keep the membership momentum going! Any questions call Marie Thorne- Membership Chair- 519-780-1152.

YOUNG ADULTS’ NIGHT – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH – BRANTFORD

During the Advent Season, 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, December 7th at St. Basil’s Church (50 Palace Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Heartache to Healing - Coping with Christmas

Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year, often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved one. Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead. **Date: Wednesday, December 4th 2024; Time: 7 – 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm); Location: St. Michael Parish (Parish Centre – basement) – 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo, ON.** For more information and to register, please phone or email our Parish office (519-884-9311 / parish@stmichaelw.ca).



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