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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

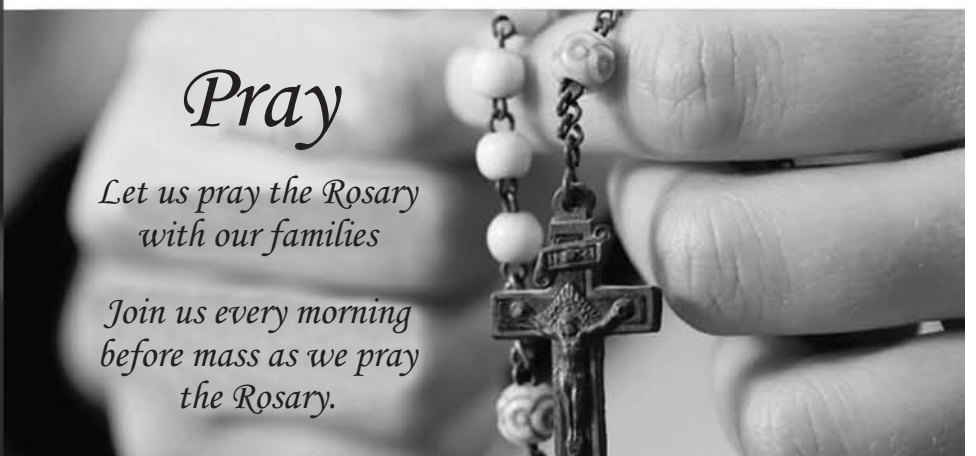
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JP II



Pray

Let us pray the Rosary with our families

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TUESDAY, February 25th

8:00am + Giovanni and Giuseppe Zanon
+ Emerita Carbungco
+ Marcello Alberton
Intentions of Donna Haley

WEDNESDAY, February 26th

8:00am Intentions of Nhan Tran
8:30am to 11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm + Umberto Rizon
+ Clevia Grandison
+ Mario Geremia
Intentions of Bauer Family

THURSDAY, February 27th–

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

FRIDAY, February 28th

8:00am + Gerrit Kistemaker
7:00pm + Teofilo Libadisos
7:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY, March 1st

9:00am Intentions of Isabel Martins
5:00pm Intentions of Doreen Lefneski

SUNDAY, March 2nd

8:30am All Parishioners
10:15am + Carlo Caravaggio
12noon + Nancy Tersigni



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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 2025

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. 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 February 23, 2025

Candle #1 – + MARIE BOLZON

Candle #2 – INTS of NHAN TRAN and FAMILY

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 February 15/16 \$1,698.00
Loose Collection \$270.80
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

Many people would not consider themselves as having enemies. Yet, we all know people who have injured us or who may simply irritate us and fill us with anger.

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to love our enemies as he does. He asks us to love as God loves, whose love is generous and forgiving. During his life, Jesus showed us how to love those who infuriate us and to forgive those who have harmed us. This is especially clear on the Cross when he prayed for his enemies to be forgiven.

Loving your enemies may seem impossible. It involves forgiving others who have wronged us. Sometimes we may struggle with forgiveness because the harm we received feels unbearable. Jesus constantly invites us to free both the person who offended us and ourselves from any anger that blinds us. We cannot accomplish this alone. We need to ask God for his gift of grace to forgive others, to be aware that he is present within us and in each person. On our own, loving our enemies is very difficult. It is only by turning to the Lord in prayer and trusting in his mercy that it becomes possible. Let us ask him to transform our hearts so that we may love as he loves and be reflections of his mercy with others. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

MARTYR SHRINE - SMALL RELIQUARY

Saturday March 29, 9am to 3pm: Join us as we welcome Fr Bert Foliot a Jesuit priest from the Martyr Shrine. He was ordained 52 years ago, been a pastor of numerous parishes in Toronto and Winnipeg. He has also done ministry among Indigenous Peoples for 25 years. He served as the rector of Regis College in Toronto and was the director of the Jesuit Infirmary in Pickering, Ontario. He was a superior of Jesuit Communities for 45 years. Presently, he is a member of the Jesuit staff at Martyrs Shrine and is pastor for the Beausoleil First Nation on Christian Island. For 7 years he walked from Guelph to Midland, Ontario with the Guelph Walking Pilgrimage. This all-day talk will be about the Shrine's 100 years and a 400-year story of love and discovery with St. Jean



de Brébeuf and his companions. The day begins with Mass at 9am with blessings from the relics, discussion on the Martyrs and a synodal spiritual discussion after. Lunch is provided. **No cost to attend. RSVP required at the Parish Office by March 25.**

ST PATRICK'S DINNER – TICKET ON SALE NOW!

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 15th, 2025 at Guelph Country Club.** 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.



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FAMILY BINGO NIGHTS

Knights of Columbus has a fantastic event lined up that promises fun and fellowship for the entire family. **On Saturday March 1st at 6:30pm**, we will be hosting another FAMILY BINGO NIGHT at the church in the hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, enjoy some friendly competition and create lasting memories. Whether you are a seasoned Bingo player or trying for the first time, there's something for everyone. Doors open at 6pm. Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm, so arrive early to save your spot! Please bring your own snacks, drinks, bingo dabbers, tape and markers. **Entrance fee is \$3.00 for children and \$5 for adults.** So, mark your calendars, invite your family and friends for an evening of fun! **Future dates: April 5th and May 10th.**

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for the following upcoming initiatives:

Knights of Columbus Breakfast – Sunday March 2: Breakfast is served after all Sunday Masses. Good will offering accepted.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER – Friday March 7th 10:00am

ST JOSEPH NOVENA – Tuesday March 11 to Wednesday March 19th

ST PATRICK'S IRISH DINNER - Saturday March 15: Join us in celebrating St Patrick with an Irish Feast at the Guelph Country Club. Tickets are \$45 per person (available at parish office)

For more information on upcoming events please contact the Parish Office 519-822-4614.

DEANERY MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The Deanery of Wellington County, which includes St Joseph Parish, will be putting together a team of couples to run the Marriage Preparation course for those who are getting married in the Diocese of Hamilton. We are looking for married couples in the parish who would be interesting in becoming part of this team. We are holding an information session on **Thursday March 13th at 7pm in the church hall** for all couples who are interested finding out more information. Please call the parish office if you can join.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION THIS LENT

As part of the ongoing Eucharistic revival in Wellington Deanery you are encouraged to participate in the Forty Hours Devotion this Lent. This year's Devotion, which is rather like a Parish Mission with a special focus on the Eucharist, will be preached by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate from March 10-13, 2025. There will be Mass at 7:00pm each evening, and forty hours of semi-continuous

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout these days (hence the name "Forty Hours Devotion"). The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration at the Basilica from 7:30am until 10:00pm on March 11 and 12, and from 7:30am until 6:30pm on March 13. There will be a reception in the Basilica Parish Hall following the evening Mass on March 13. The complete schedule for the Forty Hours Devotion is on the website of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate.

MASS CELEBRATION – WITH HEALING PRAYERS

The Spiritan Group celebrates a Healing Mass at Sacred Heart, Guelph on **Wednesday, February 26th** starting with the Rosary at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

Divine Gifts

Gratitude flows from the recognition that all that is, is a divine gift born out of love and freely given to us so that we may offer thanks and share it with others. The more we touch the intimate love of God which creates, sustains, and guides us, the more we recognize the multitude of fruits that come forth from that love. They are fruits of the Spirit, such as: joy, peace, kindness, goodness, and gentleness. When we encounter any of these fruits, we always experience them as gifts. *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."* - Galatians 5: 22 – 23

16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

This conference will bring together Catholic women to share in hearing informative presentations, enjoy delicious food and fellowship with all those present the event will be held on Saturday March 22, 2025 from 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch) in Toronto. For more information see [Recharge Your Spirit at the Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025](#); to register go to [Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025](#); to register go to [Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025 Tickets, Sat, 22 Mar 2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#).

ARE YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER?

Join us for this complimentary educational event and discover the peace of mind that "Being Prepared" brings. Come and learn from our expert speaker what's essential to properly prepare an estate and how to best organize your important documentation! Gilbert MacIntyre & Son Funeral Home, Hart Chapel (1099 Gordon St, Guelph). Wednesday March 12 from 6:30pm -8:00pm. To register, call Gilbert MacIntyre & Son Funeral Home at 519-821-5077.

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been marked as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

"Let us have no desire to choose our own paths but walk in those which God may be pleased to present us."

St Vincent de Paul



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