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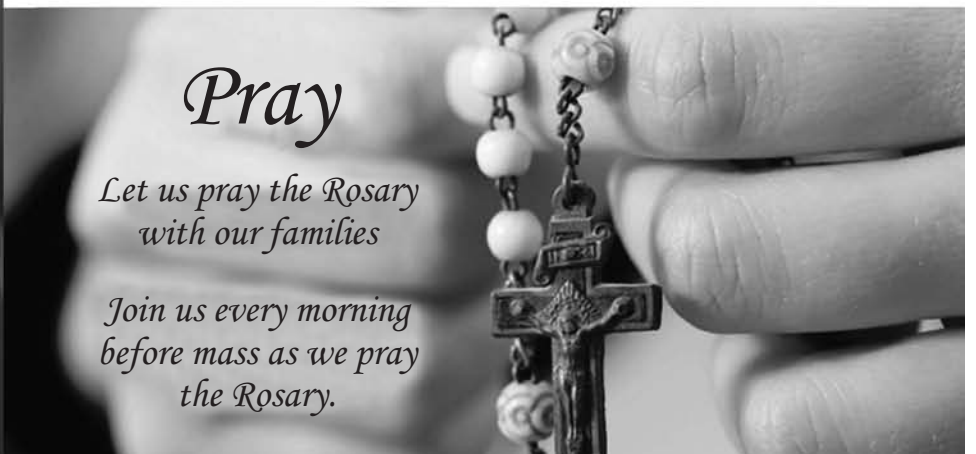
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Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor  
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Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- ST JP II



*Pray*

*Let us pray the Rosary with our families*

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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### TUESDAY, December 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Jacqueline Dupuis  
 + Necita Estorco  
 Living and Deceased Members  
 of Koopmans Family  
 Intentions of Deb Griffith and Family  
 In Thanksgiving  
 5:00pm Deceased Members of CWL

### WEDNESDAY, December 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Mario Mazzorato  
 8:30am - 11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm + Frances Walinga  
 + Wayne Tessaro  
 + Pat and Anne Meyer  
 Intentions of Varghese Family  
 Intentions of Tamarra Family  
 Intentions of Entice Family

### THURSDAY, December 12<sup>th</sup>

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

### FRIDAY, December 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Intentions of Therese Tran  
 7:00pm + Rita Lucietio  
 7:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

### SATURDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Intentions of Nguyen Family  
 5:00pm + Richard Boyle

### SUNDAY, December 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30am + Jeannie Beitz  
 10:15am Living and Deceased Members  
 of Huber Family  
 12noon + Don Baron



May God's peace be with those who have recently died, especially **ROLANDO BUGAY** 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.

### Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2024

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of December 8, 2024

Candle #1 – + AURORA MONICO

Candle #2 – + LARRY VALERIO

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 Nov 30/Dec 1	\$5,116.00
Loose Collection	\$1,128.75
Christmas Flowers	\$1,414.00

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 19<sup>th</sup>: 10:00am to 7:00pm

### Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 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 26<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am

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

#### Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: 5:00pm

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025: 8:30am, 10:15am and 12noon



### SUNDAY REFLECTION

John the Baptist is a perennially challenging and important figure in salvation history. Luke's opening verse situates John's call in a universal context that includes some of the very men – powerful political and religious leaders – who are threatened by and opposed to both John and Jesus. In this unique context marked by Roman occupation and socio-economic injustice, the word of God comes to John: a prophet who prepares the way for God's impending intervention in human history.

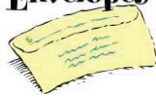
The renewal that John proclaims has broad-ranging personal but also social implications. His Baptism of repentance is meant to be an outward sign of metanoia or conversion, a radical transformation – grounded in the experience of God’s love and forgiveness – that in the experience in commitment to the common good.

As Christians, we naturally associate the new and definitive liberation from sin and suffering that John proclaims with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. John’s message – his call to repentance in the face of immanent judgement – would have been disturbing back then, but perhaps we need to hear it even more today. His ministry challenges us this Advent season to recall and embrace the radical nature of our baptismal calling to repent and believe in the Good News – to witness to and prepare the way for the renewal of all creation that we associate with Christ’s return.

### 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.stjosephguelph.com](http://www.stjosephguelph.com). You can drop off the registration forms at the office or via email at [stjosephguelph@rogers.com](mailto:stjosephguelph@rogers.com).

### **Offering Envelopes**



### POINSETTIA PICK-UP

For those who purchased poinsettias through our fundraising event, they will be ready for pick-up **ONLY on Wednesday December 11 from 9:00am to 8:00pm**. Once again thank you for your support in purchasing new Altar Server Vestments.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup>.** 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 15<sup>th</sup>** during the 12:00pm mass up to **Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Other masses designated for this novena are; **Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm, **Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm, **Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm, **Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** at 5:00pm, **Sunday December 12noon** and **Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus invites all adult and young men who are wanting to learn more about the organization to their Installation Night of new members. **Wednesday December 11 at 7:30pm** in the church hall. We hope to see you there.

### 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.

### "A CHRISTMAS PRESENCE" AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

Our annual Christmas Memorial will be held on **Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm** at Sacred Heart Church. Once again, your donations for the Memorial Rosary, will be donated to the Chalice Christmas Fund, the Catholic Sponsorship program. Request forms for the Memorial Rosary will be available in the church. If you have never been to this beautiful event, be sure to put it on your Advent List! Join us for social after service.

### NOVENA FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Once again, this year a Novena (*nine days*) of Masses leading to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. Novena Masses will be held at 7:30 each morning from **November 30 to December 8**, and will include the Novena Prayers, and a reflection on Our Lady in the life of Christ, and the life of the Church. On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, December 9 this year, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration at the Basilica following Morning Prayer at 8:30am, until Vespers and Benediction at 6:15pm. The Solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at 7:00pm. As the Diocese’s Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Plenary Indulgence is granted, under the usual conditions, for any of the faithful who make a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.”  
Philippians 4:4-5*



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