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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



TUESDAY, March 19th – Solemnity of St Joseph
8:00am Intentions of Rinu, Rinoy, Andrew and Anitta
+ Tasca Fausto
+ Srandisek and Maria Michel
7:00pm + Antonio Antenos

WEDNESDAY, March 20th
8:00am Deceased Parishioners
8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm In Thanksgiving to St Jude Thaddeus
All Souls in Purgatory
+ Mary Finoro
+ John Desjardins
+ Jack McGarry
7:30pm Stations of the Cross

THURSDAY, March 21st
8:00am + John Mandolesi

FRIDAY, March 22nd
8:00am + David Collins
7:00pm + Conrado Quintano and
Deceased Family Members

SATURDAY, March 23rd
9:00am Deceased Members of Piacampo Family
5:00pm + Living and Deceased Members of
Antonio Nini Family

SUNDAY, March 24th – PALM SUNDAY
8:30am Intentions of Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki
10:15am + Carlo Caravaggio
12noon + Maria Garcia
4:00pm Eritrean Mass

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 17, 2024
Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SANCTUARY CANDLES
Week of March 17, 2024
Candle #1 – + ANTHONY TRAN
Candle #2 – + MARIE BOLZON
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 March 9/10 \$4,667.00
Loose Collection \$980.30
Easter Flowers \$235.00

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.



EASTER SCHEDULE

Wednesday March 27
All Day Confessions
8:30am to 6:60pm
All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday March 28,
Lord's Passover
7:00pm
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
7:45 – 11:00pm

Good Friday March 29
11:00am and 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross 7pm

Saturday March 30
12noon Blessing of Easter Foods
and 8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday March 31
8:30am, 10:15am and 12noon



Watch on FORMED!!
Lent Week Five | Return: Lent with Fr. John Burns
Fr. John Burns focuses on the quote from the prophet Joel to "rend your hearts, not your garments". The prophet Joel is calling us to amend our lives, return

to the Lord, and practice good works. In preparation for Holy Saturday, Fr. John reflects on the meaning of this day and most especially the example of Mary who remained hopeful and patient, even when she was unsure of how God would fulfill his promises. How can Mary's example of patience and hope help you through the trials of life? [Click here to watch](#)



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

In the Week Five video of the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, helps you discover

the true meaning of forgiveness. She explains that forgiveness is not condoning bad behavior or letting someone "off the hook," rather it is letting your grief and anger come to the surface so that you can allow the Lord to heal your broken heart. We are each in need of God's grace to be able to forgive as freely and frequently as Jesus asks. [Click here to watch](#)

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!

CWL ANNUAL BANQUET

The CWL annual banquet will be held at the Ariss Valley Golf & Country Club on April 9th, 2024. Doors open at 5pm and dinner is at 6pm. Tickets will be available for purchase from Tracy at the Parish office, from Wendy Synnott at (519) 222-2848 and at the back of the church after each Mass on **March 16 & 17.** Tickets are \$42 each. Come join us for a lovely evening as we honour our CWL members for their dedicated years of service.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus St Joseph Church will be holding a Charity Bottle Drive on April 6, 2024, from 9.00 am. to 3.00 pm. Drop off your empty beer cans & bottles, wine & liquor bottles to St. Joseph Church parking lot. Home pickup is also available if needed. You can cash in your bottles & cans before April 6 and drop the donation off at the Church office in an envelope marked Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive or drop the envelope in the church collection basket. If you wish to e-transfer your donation you can visit the St Joseph Knights of Columbus website www.kofcguelph.com and follow the directions under Donate. For more information, you may contact Ray at 519-261-1850 raymondbolton402@yahoo.com or Jim at 548 988-6294 jgouin1210@hotmail.com

FUN FAMILY BINGO!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10631- Saturday evening April 6, 2024, in our church hall. Opens at 6pm. Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm. Please bring your own snacks, drinks and Bingo dabbers. Entrance Fee \$3. This is a no cash prize Bingo. So bring your family and friends and join us for an evening of fun!

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.

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.**

40 Days for Life Mass with Bishop Lobsinger

As the 40 Days for Life Guelph prayer vigil draws to a close, Bishop Lobsinger will be visiting the Basilica of Our Lady for a special 40 Days for Life mass. All are welcome to attend! Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 7 pm Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate 28 Norfolk St, Guelph

YOUNG ADULTS' MOVIE NIGHT

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to attend a movie night with pizza, snacks, and discussion on Saturday, March 23 at 7:00 pm at the parish hall of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. We will be watching the 2008 historical fiction film *The Stone of Destiny*, based on the 1950 heist at Westminster Abbey carried out by a group of Scottish students. The film contains relevant thematic content for young Catholics navigating the modern world together. Come out for a great evening and the chance to connect with other young Catholics in the city!

MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

Take up Your Cross

Your pain is deep, and it won't just go away. It is also uniquely yours, because it is linked to some of your earliest life experiences.

Your call is to bring that pain home. As long as your wounded part remains foreign to your adult self, your pain will injure you as well as others. Yes, you have to incorporate your pain into yourself and let it bear fruit in your heart and the hearts of others.

This is what Jesus means when he asks you to take up your cross. He encourages you to recognize and embrace your unique suffering and to trust that your way to salvation lies therein. Taking up your cross means, first of all, befriending your wounds and letting them reveal to you your own truth.

There is great pain and suffering in the world. But the pain hardest to bear is your own. Once you have taken up that cross, you will be able to see clearly the crosses that others have to bear, and you will be able to reveal to them their own ways to joy, peace, and freedom. **"All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God."** 2 CORINTHIANS 4:15 (NIV)



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