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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
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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.



TUESDAY, August 27th

8:00am In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Czestochowa
 In Thanksgiving
 + Anthony McCann
 + Alfredo Capili

WEDNESDAY, August 28th

8:00am + Ralph Gorgi
 7:00pm Intentions of Rose Huber
 + James Groh
 + Ronald Lefneski
 + Robert VanKampen
 Intentions of Ramon and Josefine Quintano

THURSDAY, August 29th

8:00am Intentions of Carmen Buot

FRIDAY, August 30th

8:00am Intentions of Zofia
 7:00pm Intentions of Rosalie DiPaola

SATURDAY, August 31st

9:00am + Anthony and John the Baptist Tran
 5:00pm Intentions of Therese Tran

SUNDAY, September 1st

8:30am + Emilia Finoro
 10:15am Intentions of Paula Monico
 12noon Intentions of Nhat and Vy Tran



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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 25, 2024

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to Him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If God is 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 August 25, 2024

Candle #1 – INT of JOSE MARTINS

Candle #2 – INTS of ANGELINA MARTINS

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 August 17/18 \$3,649.80
 Loose Collection \$1,171.50
 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration will not take place during the months of July and August. It will resume in September.



SUNDAY REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood, to be one with him. We are challenged, as the disciples were, to understand this mystery and what it means to be a

eucharistic people.

For the two of us, this invitation to imitate Christ finds its expression in part through our marriage. Amidst the competing priorities of family, work and community life, it is not always easy to see which choices draw us closer to Christ. But as Saint Paul encourages the Ephesians, when we choose to imitate Christ by loving each other with abandon, we come to know the Holy One of God more fully. Our deepening union in turn deepens our marital union, helping us to choose forgiveness over anger, intimate encounter over distraction.

Through the grace of the Eucharist, we are nourished and sustained in our calling to imitate Christ through acts of loving service in our world. Christ wishes to reveal himself to us as the only clear choice, as he did for Simon Peter. This deep knowing does not mean we will not stumble like Peter did. It does mean that Jesus, who is ever loving and forgiving, unceasingly invites us to a fullness of life. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM –
 IN-PERSON CLASSES REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

St Joseph Church is providing in-person Religious Catechism Classes for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for students who attend Public or Private schools from Grade 1 through to Grade 7. It is also open to those children whose parents wish to have their children learn more about their Catholic Faith. Classes are every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm starting **September 10, 2024 and runs through to May 2025**. For more information please contact Donna Haley at 519-831-6451.

Registration forms are on the website under [Parish Life/Ministries](#).

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – MEETING

We welcome everyone back from your summer break! CWL General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday September 10 at 7:30pm in the church hall**. Come and renew friendships, join in our fellowship and find out about all the great things planned for this fall. All are welcome to attend.

CWL Civic Evening of Spirituality

Tuesday, October 8 with Mass at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:15 pm and a speaker. Cost is \$20/person. Lasagna Dinner with caesar salad and carrot cake for dessert. **We are very pleased to have Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Cardinal Collins as the celebrant of the mass and our guest speaker.** St. Joseph's CWL will be hosting the other Guelph CWL leagues and our Knights of Columbus and BLD Group. Tickets for CWL members only will be available until September 15. Tickets can be purchased from Sharon at (519) 821-4505, Evelyn at (519) 993-7304, or from the Parish Office. Tickets will then be available to members of the Knights of Columbus and BLD Group so get your tickets now and don't be disappointed. Limited seating.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS SEMI-ANNUAL BOTTLE DRIVE



Recycle your empty beer cans, bottles, wine & liquor bottles for St Joseph Knights of Columbus Charities Fundraiser. Start saving your empties, notify your neighbours and friends to drop their empties at St Joseph Parish back parking lot **on October 19th from 9:00am to 3:00pm**. You can also cash in your empties prior and put your donation in an envelope marked K of C Bottle Drive in the church collection basket or by dropping it off at the parish office. You can also e-transfer your donation to the Treasurer at: coleri1955@icloud.com – please add message that the transfer is for bottle drive. For more information please contact Peter at 519-763-8753 or Ray at 519-261-1850. Participants will receive a draw ticket for a \$50 gift card from Puffles. For more information regarding the chairites who are benefiting see our website: www.kofcguelph.com.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS – GUELPH STORM HOCKEY

Attention Guelph Storm fans – you can save \$5.00 when you buy a voucher and exchange it for a ticket for games in October (4th, 11th, 18th, 19th, and 26th). Call Larry at 519-827-9737 or Ray at 519-261-1850 or Paul at 226-343-4030 for more information. Voucher cost is \$20.00.

DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June to October. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at noon. The presiders for these days will be Bishop Douglas Crosby (September 7) and Bishop Daniel Miehm (October 5). For more information, see the Diocesan website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/05/marian-days/>

BOOK STUDY OF "RETURN: HOW TO DRAW YOUR CHILD BACK TO THE CHURCH"

Parents are invited to come out and experience the information in the book "RETURN - How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church" by Brandon Vogt. This knowledge takes away the myths

about why young people leave the Church. It presents a step-by-step plan for helping them to return to the Church. Gatherings will take place on Tuesday mornings at 29 Oak St., Guelph from 10 a.m.-12 noon for **six weeks from September 17- October 22**. For further information, contact Justina Slocombe at 519-821-7222.



MARY QUEEN OF FAMILIES

Saturday September 21st, 2024 @ 1:00 pm at Marymount Cemetery & Our Lady Immaculate Mausoleum.

Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating our devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Come and share in this special occasion with us! Mass will be held at

1:00 PM, followed by a Rosary Procession around the grounds (weather permitting). For those who have difficulty walking, the Mausoleum will be available for participation in saying the Rosary. After the Rosary, we will enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

Annual Memorial for the Pre-Born - September 8th

All are invited to join us for a special time of prayer and remembrance of pre-born children whose lives were tragically ended through abortion. Bishop Ustrzycki will lead us in prayer at this memorial event, hosted by the Guelph & Area Right to Life Association. The event will take place on September 8th at 1:00 PM in the Garden of Grace, located at 26 Norfolk St., Guelph. For more information, [click here](#).

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes October 25th and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/frassati2024>

MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

We're on a Pilgrimage

Detachment is often understood as letting loose of what is attractive. But it sometimes also requires letting go of what is repulsive. You can indeed become attached to dark forces such as resentment and hatred. As long as you seek retaliation, you cling to your own past. Sometimes it seems as though you might lose yourself along with your revenge and hate—so you stand there with balled-up fists, closed to the other who wants to heal you. . .

Praying means, above all, to be accepting of God who is always new, always different. For God is a deeply moved God, whose heart is greater than our own. The open acceptance of prayer in the face of an ever-new God makes us free. In prayer, we are constantly on our way, on a pilgrimage. On our way, we meet more and more people who show us something about the God whom we seek. We will never know for sure if we have reached God. But we do know that God will always be new and that there is no reason to fear.

"May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves." PSALM 126:5,6 (NRSV)



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