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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](http://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.*

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### TUESDAY, August 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00am In Honour of St Joseph  
Intentions of Robert Hurlbut  
Intentions of Luis Buot IV  
+ Carlos Lopez

### WEDNESDAY, August 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Jacqueline Dupuis  
7:00pm + Jim Power  
+ Emil and Connie Flores  
+ Jim Roche  
+ Cadjitan Perera  
+ Alfredo Capili  
+ Romulo Salud

### THURSDAY, August 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Intentions of Nhan Tran

### FRIDAY, August 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Florinio Nimeno and Lucina Velasquez  
7:00pm + Sophie and Kon Ah Chye

### SATURDAY, August 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00am + Pasquale Stradiotto  
5:00pm Intentions of Theresa Tran

### SUNDAY, August 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30am + Gerrit Kistemaker  
10:15am + Pietra and Eugenio Rotondi  
12noon + Phyllis Henke and Deceased Family Members



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.

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 11, 2024

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven." Each of us must be a living sign and symbol of God's presence within us. If you are willing to witness Christ with your life as a priest, religious or deacon, call **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 August 11, 2024

**Candle #1** – + FLORINO NIMENO

**Candle #2** – INTS of RINOY PAZHEKATTU

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 3/4	\$ 3,732.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1,260.00
Pre-Authorized for Month of July	\$ 7,551.00

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.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



### SUNDAY REFLECTION

When future historians look back on the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, they may identify "journey" as a defining characteristic of our time. In recent decades, hordes of people have surged across countries and continents, fleeing from climate disasters, war, oppression or starvation. In their desperate search for a better life, they often face unimaginable and life-threatening dangers. Though perhaps in less dramatic circumstances, we are all undertaking a journey. The arc of every life involves change, leave-taking, risks, challenge. Each of us is inevitably confronted with times of struggle and pain, perhaps even to the point where we feel like giving up.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers himself as the food for our journey, the bread of life. How do we experience this life-giving sustenance? In the Eucharist, to be sure, but also in so many other ways. It may be a phone call from a friend when we are feeling utterly alone, or a casserole delivered to a family dealing with illness or grief, or simply a word of encouragement when it is most needed. As disciples of Jesus, we are called in turn to be bread for others. By giving of ourselves – gifts of time, resources, emotional or physical support – we too become bread, broken and shared for our suffering world. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

### PARISH RENOVATION UPDATE

My dear parishioners, on July 9, we received bids on the tender we put out for the renovation of the Church interior. The plan is to replace the carpet with linoleum and paint (the same colour) and either replace the pews or refurbish them. The bids came in at \$747,000 and \$841,446 respectively. The finance/building committee met on July 17 and decided not to accept the current bids; we will re-tender the work in January 2025. The hope is to have a more competitive bid process and better understand replacing vs refurbishing the pews. We will keep you updated.

**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

**MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY**

**Love God with All Your Heart**

Jesus' primary concern was to be obedient to his Father, to live constantly in his presence. Only then did it become clear to him what his task was in his relationships with people. This also is the way he proposes for his apostles: "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples" (John 15:8). Perhaps we must continually remind ourselves that the first commandment requiring us to love God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind is indeed the first. I wonder if we really believe this. It seems that in fact we live as if we should give as much of our heart, soul, and mind as possible to our fellow human beings, while trying hard not to forget God. At least we feel that our attention should be divided evenly between God and our neighbor. But Jesus' claim is much more radical. He asks for a single-minded commitment to God and God alone. God wants all of our heart, all of our mind, and all of our soul. It is this unconditional and unreserved love for God that leads to the care for our neighbor, not as an activity that distracts us from God or competes with our attention to God, but as an expression of our love for God who reveals himself to us as the God of all people. It is in God that we find our neighbors and discover our responsibility to them. We might even say that only in God does our neighbor become a neighbor rather than an infringement upon our autonomy, and that only in and through God does service become possible.

**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/>

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Are you getting married this fall or in the early part of 2025? Marriage preparation is an important way that the Church reaches out to support your relationship. Once you have spoken to the parish and booked your wedding, be sure to register for one of our upcoming courses, which run from January to December of each year. Fall 2024 dates are posted on the website now.

Find out more at [Preparation for Marriage - Diocese of Hamilton \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](https://hamiltondiocese.com/preparation-for-marriage-diocese-of-hamilton/)

**BLUE JAY THANK YOU**

Thanks to Fr. Bergsma for his continued support. Thanks to Tracy and Staff for all their help with selling tickets and organizing seating arrangements at the Ballpark. Of course, the best part was the fact, the BLUE JAYS got the win in front of 52 very happy St. Joseph's Parishioners. Thanks to all those who bought tickets, and were able to enjoy such a wonderful day with their fellow Parishioners. Go Jay's Go!

Brian Brady, Pat Grosicki, and Marti Valeriotte

**"The Matter of Life" Film Showing at the Basilica**

Join us on **August 20th, 2024, at 7:00 PM** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish Hall for a showing of "The Matter of Life," a powerful documentary that sheds light on the abortion issue and the pro-life movement. Created by a former pro-choice Christian who was transformed by a compelling presentation on the humanity of the unborn, this film aims to raise awareness through impactful storytelling. Attendance is free, but goodwill offerings will be gratefully accepted and shared with The Matter of Life team. A discussion will follow the screening, and refreshments will be provided.

**YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH – FORMOSA**

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, September 7th at Immaculate Conception Church (212 Concession Rd 12, Formosa, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**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 25<sup>th</sup> and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/frassati2024>

**Martyrs' Shrine Pilgrimage For Young Adults**

Frassati's Carabiners are excited to announce a day pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs in Midland on Saturday, August 17 for young adults in their 20s and 30s. The day will begin in prayer at 7:00 AM at the altar of the Canadian Martyrs (behind the high altar at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate), and the bus will depart for the Shrine at 7:30 AM. Once we arrive in Midland, we will spend the late morning and early afternoon walking to the site where Sts. Jean de Brebeuf and Gabriel Lalemant were martyred (approximately a 13 km hike); Fr. Ian will be accompanying us and will celebrate Mass at the outdoor altar at the martyrdom site. After Mass, we will return to the Shrine via bus. Pilgrims will have the chance to visit the Shrine, and we will have a picnic supper on the Shrine's beautiful grounds. The bus will return to the Basilica by 10:00 PM. Plan for a full day of wholesome and prayerful fun as we journey to one of the most holy sites in North America, consecrated by the blood of the martyrs! To RSVP, please email Elise at [ecreidy@protonmail.com](mailto:ecreidy@protonmail.com). The cost of the trip is \$30/person, covering transportation, admission to the Shrine, and dinner. Pack your own lunch for the hike! Our bus seats forty pilgrims, so don't delay – sign up today!

**BOOK STUDY-HOW TO DRAW YOUR CHILD BACK TO 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 morning at 29 Oak St, Guelph from 10a.m.-12 noon for 6 weeks from September 17 – October 22. For further information, contact Justina Slocombe at 519-821-7222





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