

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, April 8th – The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00am All Parishioners

TUESDAY, April 9th

8:00am + Thelma Quiambao
+ Evelyn Jenkins
+ Courtney and Hadley Fannon
+ John Mandolesi

WEDNESDAY, April 10th

8:00am + Josef and Helena Sojka
8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Thanksgiving for Don and Ellen McPhail
In Thanksgiving to St Jude Thaddeus
Deceased Members of Mascioli Family
+ Adriana Balleras
+ Cadjitan Perera

THURSDAY, April 11th – St Stanislaus

8:00am + George Raso

FRIDAY, April 12th

8:00am + Giovanni and Maria Follo
7:00pm + Jeanne D'Arc Truong Thi Sen

SATURDAY, April 13th

9:00am Intentions of Pat Restivo
5:00pm + John Mandolesi

SUNDAY, April 14th

8:30am + Emilia Finoro
10:15am + Felice Scarozza
12noon + Maria Vu Thi Qua



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.

Second Sunday of Easter - April 7, 2024

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through 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

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of April 7th, 2024

Candle #1 – INTS OF ZOFIA GADZINSKA and FAMILY
Candle #2 – + ANTHONY TRAN

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 23/24	\$5,506.00
Loose Collection	\$1,618.10
Share Lent	\$850.00
Eritrean Mass	\$187.95
Sunday Offering March 30/31	\$5,048.10
Loose Collection	\$3,194.00
Easter Collection	\$5,959.00
Hungarian Mass	\$520.00
Good Friday - Holy Land	\$3,238.00
Loose Collection – Holy Land	\$1,045.05

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

St Thomas has gotten a bad rap. Too often labelled “doubting Thomas,” he was actually the first apostle to worship Jesus as “my Lord and my God.” “Have you believed because you have seen him?” Jesus asked him. The others were silent the previous Sunday when they had first seen the risen Jesus.

What is believing? John’s Gospel uses terms such as “to believe” and “believing” about forty times, always as a verb, never a noun. Believing is not an intellectual process but rather dynamic action. Earlier in the Gospel when Jesus announced he would go to Bethany where Lazarus had just died, Thomas said, “Let us also go that we may die with [Jesus].” No doubter, Thomas was a bulwark of faith in Jesus. He was ready to give his life for Jesus; he worshipped Jesus when others were tentative.

Believing is discipleship. Thomas was open to the Spirit – the Spirit who came by the water and blood of the crucified Lord, as a Saint John tells us in the second reading. The Spirit guided Thomas, in his believing, to the truth. Thomas did not defend his reluctance to believe in the resurrection until he could put his hand in Jesus’ wounds. Instead, he saw, he changed and he worshipped. May we also be so forthright. *Excerpt from Living with Christ*

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE UPCOMING EVENTS: CWL SPRING MARKET

The Spring Market is on **Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 9am – 2pm** in our church hall. Come out and enjoy the Vendors, Silent Auction, refreshments and a hot lunch.

April 7, 2024

CWL – OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

April 26- Our Lady of Good Counsel celebration. Numerous healings and miracles have been attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel. **Mass at 7pm**, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall hosted by the CWL.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION 2024

We are having the following planning meetings in anticipation of a May 30th Eucharistic Procession; meetings are in the Newstead Room, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, for those interested in being part of the planning committee: **April 2 and April 9 at 7pm**. For further information, please contact Craig Chamberlain at dd69@ontariokofc.ca.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The BLD-GVO St. Joseph Guelph District-In-Process (DIP), is sponsoring a **Marriage Encounter weekend** retreat on **June 8 and 9, 2024 at St. Peter Catholic School, #150 Westwood St., Guelph**. The weekend retreat is a positive and personal experience for married couples. It is an opportunity to look carefully and deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. It teaches couples a technique of loving communication that can last for the rest of their lives; allowing them to share their feelings, hopes, fears, joys and frustrations in a trusting and private environment. It is open to every married couple of any race or age. Cost of the Weekend Retreat is \$ 100.00 per couple, which includes meals and materials for the weekend. For more information about this exciting get-away, please don't hesitate to contact any of the following: **Robert & Evelyn Crosby**, (519) 760-5304 **Romy & Debbie Pascua**, (519) 820-3819, Ed & **Susan Reyes**, (519) 821-7555, **Tracy Bolzon** at St. Joseph Parish Office, 519-822-4614. Space is limited, so please register now. **Deadline for registration is May 1st, 2024.**

MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

Live Under the Blessing

Jesus suffered and died for our sake. He suffered and died, not in despair, not as the rejected one, but as the Beloved Child of God. From the moment he heard the voice that said, "You are my Beloved, on you my favor rests," he lived his life and suffered his pain under the Blessing of the Father. He knew that even when everyone would run away from him, his Father would never leave him alone.

For us, the greatest temptation is to lose touch with the Blessing. We are Beloved Sons and Daughters of God. When we live our suffering under the Blessing, even the greatest pain, yes, even death, will lead us deeper into the forgiving and lifegiving heart of God. But when we think we are not loved, when we reflect on ourselves as living under a curse, when we say or think: "I am not good," our suffering will lead us to despair and our death cannot give life. **"For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not fear; I will help you."** ISAIAH 41:13 (NIV)

DIOCESAN CHOIR

The Diocesan Choir leads and supports the assembly's song at major Diocesan liturgies such as the Chrism Mass and Ordinations and is looking for new members. Should you wish more information, please contact Mrs. Sharon Fazari, Choir Director, at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.

GUELPH SPIRITAN GROUP – HEALING MASS

The Spiritan Group celebrates a Healing Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Guelph on **Wednesday, April 24th** starting with the Rosary at 6:00pm followed by Adoration and prayers. Mass will begin directly after. Celebrated by Father Bill Trusz. All are welcome to attend.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, April 20, 2024, St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

STEP/BLENDED FAMILY: SMART STEPS FOR BUILDING FAMILY

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: **Saturday, April 20, 2024**. Register on line at www.hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

RESTART: MOVING FORWARD

Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will take place on Mondays from April 7th to June 17th from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register on line at www.hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

PILGRIMAGE TRIP to GREECE and TURKEY

Join Fr Jeff Bergsma on a pilgrimage trip "In the footsteps of St Paul" – featuring a cruise aboard the Miray M/V Gemini Ship. Information session will be held **Thursday May 9th at 7pm** in the church hall. All are welcome to attend to find out more.

WATCH ON FORMED



The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray - Join Brother Francis in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary!

Daily Mass Readings:

This collection contains the daily and Sunday Mass readings alongside insightful reflections from Dr. Tim Gray, president of the Augustine Institute. Dr. Gray's expertise and spiritual wisdom provide a deeper understanding of the Scriptures, enriching your faith journey and connecting you to the heart of Catholic tradition. Immerse yourself in the transformative power of God's Word as you explore the liturgical calendar and discover the timeless truths that shape our faith. Start your day off right. Be inspired and renewed each morning.

