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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

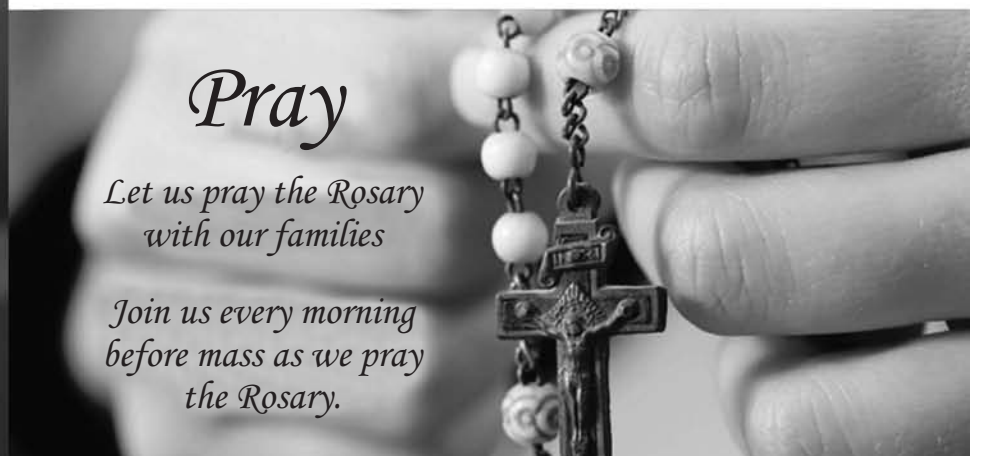
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PARISH STAFF

Reverend Jeff Bergsma, Pastor
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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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, August 20th

8:00am Intentions of Tommy and Ellen McGeever
 Intentions of Maureen Bolzon
 Intentions of Carmen Buot
 Intentions of Gadzinski Family
 For all those who are sick

WEDNESDAY, August 21st

8:00am + Ferry Abora
 7:00pm + Remo Campagnolo
 + Ron Lefneski
 + Alfred Capili
 Intentions of Norman and Grace Salud
 Intentions of Romy and Debbie Pasqua

THURSDAY, August 22nd

8:00am + Peggy McGrath

FRIDAY, August 23rd

8:00am Intentions of Jane and Michael Lay
 7:00pm + Necita Estorco

SATURDAY, August 24th

9:00am + Stan Kosior
 5:00pm + Anna D'Cruz
 6:30pm Eritrean Mass

SUNDAY, August 25th

8:30am + Angelo and Sandrina Simioni
 10:15am + Francis and Theresa D'Souza
 12noon + Mary Mathew Nedumchira



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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 18, 2024

Today's Gospel asks for us "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" Through the mystery of Eucharistic consecration, we partake of the "living bread". In faith we can also respond to God's invitation to be his priest, religious or deacon. If you can, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988** or email 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 \$ 5,557.00
 Loose Collection \$ 1,266.95
 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 Jesus announced that we are to eat his body and drink his blood to attain salvation, he appalled his hearers. Jewish people were, and are, forbidden to consume blood. And his disciples found it a difficult teaching to accept. We have since come to understand that Christ was offering his entire self to us by being fully present in the Eucharist.

This is a matter of faith, not logical or scientific fact, that can only be grasped through the wisdom of faith. Wisdom invites us to a mature faith that is not dependent on earthly knowledge, but a deep understanding that we can encounter Christ each time at Mass. When we receive Jesus, we become tabernacles bringing Jesus to the world. Through our encounter with mystery of Christ's eucharistic presence, we become that very presence for all we encounter.

We do this witnessing to our awe and wonder before God, speaking and doing no evil, dedicating ourselves to good works, and pursuing peace in our lives. We live as wise people who offer thanksgiving for all we have been given. We are particularly thankful that Jesus offered his entire self to us in his body and blood. Likewise, we Christ-bearers offer our whole selves to others, and to God's wise plan for justice and peace in our world. Therein lies our salvation. *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

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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

The Divine Gift of Unity

Jesus prays for unity among his disciples and among those who through the teaching of his disciples will come to believe in him. He says: “May they all be one, just as, Father, you are in me and I in you . . .” (John 17:21).

These words of Jesus reveal the mystery that unity among people is not first of all the result of human effort, but rather a divine gift. Unity among people is a reflection of the unity of God. The desire for unity is deep and strong among people. It is a desire between friends, between married people, between communities, and between countries. Wherever there is a true experience of unity, there is a sense of giftedness. While unity satisfies our deepest need, it cannot be explained by what we say or do. There exists no formula for unity.

When Jesus prays for unity, he asks his Father that those who believe in him, that is, in his full communion with the Father, will become part of that unity. I continue to see in myself and others how often we try to make unity among ourselves by focusing all our attention on each other and trying to find the place where we can feel united. But often we become disillusioned, realizing that no human being is capable of offering us what we most want. Such disillusionment can easily make us become bitter, cynical, demanding, even violent.

Jesus calls us to seek our unity in and through him. When we direct our inner attention not first of all to each other, but to God to whom we belong, then we will discover that in God we also belong to each other. **Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord of hosts. ZECHARIAH 4:6 (NIV)**

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)

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.

"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.

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](#).

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

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>

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St Maximilian Kolbe*



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