

St. Joseph Parish



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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements for Baptismal Preparation two months in advance. All baptisms are celebrated on the following dates:

Jan 9/10

May 22/23

Oct 23/24

Feb 13/14

June 26/27

Nov 13/14

No March Baptisms

Aug 14/15

Dec 11/12

April 17/18

Sept 18/19

Sacrament of Marriage

Call office one year prior to desired wedding date. A marriage preparation course and appointments required.

Children's Liturgies (September to June)

Children from J/K to grade 2 (pre First Eucharist age). Children's Liturgy takes place in the Parish Hall during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

Pastoral Council

Chairperson	Laura Rossiter	905-546-0781
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Vocational Information

If you wish to pursue the possibility of a Religious or Priestly vocation, please feel free to speak with any member of the parish staff or call:

Father Bob Liddy, C.R.
519-885-0331 ext 312
Sister Mary McIntyre, C.S.J.
905-528-0138

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

LAY MINISTERS for APRIL 24 / 25			
	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Leah Fuller Lilli Schikolenko Cathy Brogly	Michael Coughlin Deirdre Pike Cameron Nolan	Gerry Shea Adriana Rerecich Christina Rzazewski
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert McCollum Maureen Harper Sr Maureen Sweeney	Keltie Law Therese Gervais Carol Larsen Rosemary Rhodes	Helen Anderson Ildia Botelho Rochelle Martin Mike Scozzaro Ann Elizabeth Beattie
Servers	Lilly Francisci Bernadette Francisci Dori Haines	Anne-Sophie Rossiter David Rossiter Jessica Dekker	Morghen Dick Claire DePaul Julian Mulroney

**C.W.L. NEWS
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

Trivia Night 2010 - Saturday, April 24 – 7 p.m. in Parish Hall. Find out how much you don't know; working in teams of 8 you will answer general knowledge questions. Join us for this evening of fun, prizes, food and cash bar. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale after Easter. You can reserve yours now by calling Linda 905-528-8470 or Lori 905-522-4719.

Ladies mark your calendar for our annual Pot Luck Supper, which will be on Monday, **April 26** at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We'd love to try your favorite recipe and have you take home some new favorites. All women of the parish are welcome to join us.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

On April 20, 2008 40% of Paraguayans voted for the "bishop of the poor", Fernando Lugo, a socially engaged former Roman Catholic bishop. President Lugo's election ended the 61 year dictatorship of Alfredo Stroessner.

One of Lugo's main priorities upon election was land reform. 1% of landowners in Paraguay own 77% of the land while 200,000 peasants are awaiting redistribution of the land.

Tomas Zayas is leader of the National Central Farmers, Indigenous and Popular Organization (CNOCIP). In 1989, after a hard fought struggle he secured 762 hectares of land for 170 peasant families in a colony named El Triunfo.

"We're an exception" Zayas admits. "Most communities don't put up a fight against the advance of the big producers. We need genuine land reform, Otherwise this streamroller (large-scale soya farming) will reduce the whole of Paraguay to abject poverty".

Grown on 2.7 m hectares, GM soya needs very little labour, one peon (agricultural worker) for 500 hectares, and only a tiny part of the billion dollars in profit each year ends up in state coffers.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2010 will be celebrated from May 2 to May 7. This year's theme, *"Catholic Education" Rejoicing in Hope*, comes from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians where he writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always... and the God of Peace will be with you." (Phil 4:4,9) During this week, schools will be celebrating the gift of Catholic Education with special prayers and presentations. We ask that the parish continue to pray for our Catholic schools, that they may be marked by God's hope and joy. Contact your local Catholic school for more details.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT

It is time to start thinking about enjoying some social time with some of your fellow parishioners. We have booked Knollwood Golf Course for Sunday, **June 13th** for our annual golf tournament. Details will be coming. As we play a "best ball" tournament, everyone can contribute to their team's success, no matter what their handicap is. Please mark your calendars now, as we know how quickly weekends in June fill up.



The Offertory Collection for April 10 / 11 was \$6,426.41.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

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**St. Joseph Pastoral Council
Nominations**

Three new members are needed for September 2010 to replace outgoing members of the Pastoral Council.

***Members attend a monthly meeting (summers excluded) as well as various ad hoc meetings and parish events for a term of 3 years.**

Will you help with this ministry to your parish?

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____

Is there another parishioner you think might be interested?

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 Maria Konig Marg Webster

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 Barry Rae Daniela Conz

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 Martina & Gordon Harnden The Smith Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 Jerry Ormond Louise Ormond
7 p.m. Confirmation Mass -
Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 Irene Moscardini Patrice Graham

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

5:00 Irene Moscardini Clara Wallman & Family
Sebastiana & Felice Bontempo
The Bontempo Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

9:30 For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish
11:30 Intentions of Molly Guy and A MacPherson
Mr & Mrs. J McGarr

I think that that is all God is asking of us each and every day, to respond the best we can. Maybe some days will not be the greatest, but God will keep asking again and again. For Peter, his response would restore him as leader but would it would also root him in the humility of discipleship so that he would serve as Jesus served.

We do not have to have all this figured out or even understand it. What we need is a sense of trust and obedience to be able to respond in the best way we can at any given moment to what God is asking of us. I am sure that all the saints in the church did not list "I want to be a saint" in there career profiles. No, they grew into sainthood, probably without even knowing it or thinking about it.

The disciples respond to the request of Jesus even before they know who he is.

Albert Schweitzer makes this point about obedience very eloquently in the conclusion to *The Quest of the Historical Jesus* [1910; New York: Macmillan Co., 1961, p. 403]:

"He comes to us as one unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lake-side, he came to those men who knew him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which he has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, he will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they will pass through in his fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who he is."

And if we are open to what God wants, we too shall come to know who Christ is in our lives.

Desk Scribbles . . . 3rd Sun Easter . . . April 18, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Ps 30; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

There are times in our lives when the scriptures seem to be speaking just to us personally. One such time happened to me many years ago when I was on a retreat before becoming a deacon and I was praying on the gospel passage of the rich young man who had responded beautifully and correctly to Jesus about how to find our way to eternal life. Jesus then told the young man that he lacked one thing: that it wasn't coming from his heart and if he wanted to be complete he was to sell everything, give it to the poor and then come and follow Jesus. The story concludes with the rich young man walking away sadly.

For a brief moment in that prayer I once heard Jesus asking me for everything . . . not my stuff . . . but for *me!* I found myself being caught off guard; I wasn't ready. My only conclusion was to go away and, one by one, try to reconsider and revalue what I was holding on to --- all the parts of me that I could not freely, readily and willingly let go of and give to Jesus without question or hesitation.

In this Sunday's gospel story, we see Jesus asking Peter three times if he loves him. Scholars agree that this is undoing the threefold denial of Peter before Jesus crucifixion. What does not come across well in our English translation is that Jesus is using different words for love. The first two times, Jesus asks Peter if he loves him with *agape*, a divine love that is unconditional. Peter responds with a weak "yes" but he says he loves Jesus with *philia*, human love. Jesus is obviously asking for more. Finally, the third time, Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me at least with a human love?" Peter is hurt but no doubt relieved that Jesus asks of him only what he is ready to give him at that time. Peter doesn't give to Jesus what Jesus is asking but he does give what he has at the moment.

But it doesn't end there because Jesus knows that if Peter continues to try to respond in the best way he can, then eventually he will grow into divine love --- which will be evidenced by his death for Jesus.

RESURRECTIONIST NEW WEBSITE The Congregation of the Resurrection, whose members serve at our parish, has set up a new website www.resurrectionist.ca. It gives a profile and history of our religious community of priests, deacons, brothers and seminarians. It also will provide a weekly reflection on the Sunday scripture readings. They will be posted each Monday for the following Sunday. We encourage you to read the reflections in preparation for celebrating the Eucharist the following Sunday.

Did you know....? The closing hymn at the 5:00 and 11:30 Masses this weekend, *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* has a melody entitled *Hyfrydol*, which is a Welsh word meaning "cheerful." Composed by Rowland Prichard in 1844 before he was even twenty years old, it was first published in the collection *Cyfaill y Cantorion*, or "The Singers' Friend." Few biographical details of the composer's life are known, except that he spent his entire life in Wales, and for a time was a loom tender's assistant in Holywell. Rowland Prichard died in 1887 at the age of 76.

Upcoming Choral Concert: On Saturday, May 1 at 7:30 PM, our Parish Choir will be joined by the choir of Richmond Hill United Church for a concert in the church. The program will include a variety of choral music, from 16th century Latin motets to modern sacred music and spirituals. Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be received. Everyone is welcome, so please mark your calendars and invite a guest.

YOUTH MINISTRY - This Sunday we are going to bring back a fun night of gentle exercise, with Yoga in the parish hall from 7:00 until 8:30. Please bring a mat if you can. As usual, all youth from St. Josephs and their friends, ages 10 – 17, are welcome to attend.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Robert Dunn, Fr. Cesar Giraldo, The Augustians, (O.S.A.), Fr. Joe Selvanayagam, Fr. David Reilander and Fr. Anthony Anh.

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