

# 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

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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  
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

<b>LAY MINISTERS for APRIL 17 / 18</b>			
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Joyce Taylor Linda Pandzich Julie Bellini	Denise Campuzano Bruce Law Christine Weir	Ken Sherman Lynne Taffs Mark Mindorff
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**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.

**A REMINDER REGARDING FIRST COMMUNION**

**There will be a final First Communion meeting on Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

**First Communion will take place on April 25, and May 2.** On April 25 the Home Study group will receive First Eucharist at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The School students will receive the sacrament at 2 p.m. on April 25 & May 2. Let us keep these young people and their families in our prayers as they take this step in their faith journey.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS**

The forests on the island of Sumatra are disappearing as an oil palm monoculture replaces them. Until 1999, the 2,500 inhabitants of Karang Mendafo lived off their paddy fields and rubber trees. That was a time of self-sufficiency for the villagers. An Indonesian company named Sinar Mas came and chopped down the forest with the help of soldiers and police. They seized 600 hectares and turned them into palm plantations. A villager named Sayuti says: "Before 1999 I had one and a half hectares of rubber trees and the rubber gave me an income of 1,200,000 rupiah a month". (\$130.00) Today Sayuti, with a small stake in the plantation earns only 225,000 rupiah a month. (\$24.00)

The villagers now buy the fruit and vegetables they used to grow. A mixed system of agriculture and jungle retains water in the soil; monoculture (one crop) leads to run-off, bringing floods that wash away the surface of the roads.

Those parishioners who signed the Development and Peace cards last Fall are helping to put an end to this practice of grabbing rainforest to plant palm oil and then produce agrodiesel.

**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.

**"Grief Relief" and "Grief Talk"**

**Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you wondering if these feelings are normal? You are not alone!**

**"Grief Relief"** - a six week educational series dealing with grief

**When:** Tuesdays, from April 20 – May 25, 2010 **Times:** 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**"Grief Talk"** – monthly drop-in sessions on Thursday afternoons or evenings

**When:** May 6<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup> **Times:** 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** both programs are at P.X. Dermody Funeral Home (1919 King St. E. Hamilton).

There is no cost to participate. You are free to attend all sessions in both programs or any one or more you can. To register call Dermody's at 905-549-9955 ([www.pxdermodyfuneral.com](http://www.pxdermodyfuneral.com))

Sponsored by The Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education, The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton, and P.X. Dermody Funeral Homes.

**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 13<sup>th</sup>** 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 3 / 4 was \$8,060.52.**  
**The Good Friday Collection**, in support of the Holy Land sites, was **\$1,970.00.**

**The Easter Collection was \$7,600.00.**  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 Lida DiFranco Elodina DiFiore

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 Patrick O'Donnell Tony & Ildia Botelho  
Michael Milin Lucia Milin & Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 David Bellideau Bernice Clark & Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 Ennis Murphy Noel & Claire Wright

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 Rosario Agresta Caterina Agresta & Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

1:00 Wedding – Sarah Kidd & Kevin Beres  
5:00 For all the people of St Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

9:30 Norm McDonagh Joan McDonagh  
Scott Emerson Porter Dianne Porter  
11:30 Giovanna & Sam Castiglione  
Jim & Josephine Castiglione  
Carlyn Eyre Milton Aucoin

**Desk Scribbles** . . . 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun Easter . . . April 11, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.

Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118; Rev 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19; John 20: 19-31

Last week, a social psychologist was commenting on the fact that many parents overprotect their children instead of letting them experience some of the bumps and bruises that accompany much of life. These parents, she argued are not letting their children grow up to become independent adults. Many parents won't, for example, let their children go on school field trips out of fear that something could happen to them. I myself saw this when I worked as a chaplain at the university. Parents would come to the university to argue with the professors about marks for their son or daughter. What the parents did not realize is that their son or daughter was out partying the night before the exam. The students did not do the work nor study and the low mark they got is what they deserved. Or parents would call me to arrange the marriage of their son or daughter when, in my opinion, if they are old enough to marry they should be arranging themselves.

We often live in a climate of fear and subsequently close ourselves to the world and people around us lest we get hurt or don't receive what we think we should be getting. A sense of entitlement can position us in opposition to the world around us. Eminent psychiatrist Karl Menninger once said, "Fears are educated into us and can, if we wish, be educated out." The followers of Jesus found themselves locked away in fear as well and, if they had remained in that fear, I would not be talking to you right now. As he promised them, Jesus sent them another teacher, the advocate and spirit, to re-educate them and set them free from fear. As theologian Edward Schillebeeckx once said, "No one saw the resurrection happen, but something happened. How else can you explain that one day the disciples locked themselves up tightly in a room because they were afraid and then the next day, they were out on the street boldly proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus and ready to die for that truth?"

Most of us can readily identify with the doubt of Thomas in the gospel story today. We do believe but a little proof would help us believe even more. Some evidence would tip the scale in favour

faith. The same spirit that set Thomas and the other disciples free to live for Jesus is the same spirit available to us. This Spirit of the Risen Christ can free us to embrace life, to let the darkness of our sin be exposed to the healing light of God's forgiveness, to accept ourselves as we are in true humility, neither exaggerating nor denying our strengths or our weaknesses.

I came across this reflection from Deacon Dick Folger that I found thought-provoking:

"Last week at the resurrection of Jesus, Mary Magdalene saw the angels inside the tomb. Then she saw the gardener and did not recognize him as Jesus until he spoke her name. This week Thomas obeys Jesus' command to put his fingers into the nail wounds hand his hand into his open side. Only then does Thomas come to full belief. In our lives we may not recognize the subtle presence of Jesus. He may be there in an answered prayer. We may be pleased, calling it good fortune, but fail to give Jesus the credit. We may be like one of those nine lepers who did not return to thank the Lord for their cleansing. We have all heard the saying, "I'll believe it when I see it." Our Catholic faith calls us to switch this around, to place our trust in God and to say, "I'll see it when I believe it."

At the end of the day, as each of us stands before the empty tomb, we must ask if we dare believe? Will we let the Spirit re-educate us? Or will we be content to hide in fear and lock ourselves up away from the world?

**RESURRECTIONIST NEW WEBSITE** The Congregation of the Resurrection, whose members serve at our parish, has set up a new website [www.resurrectionist.ca](http://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....?** Now that the Easter season has arrived, we are able to leave behind for awhile the sombre, penitential music of Lent and sing music such as the Offertory motet at the 11:30 Mass:

*Rejoice in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with joy.*

Today's setting of this text from the 99<sup>th</sup> Psalm was composed by Orlandus Lassus, a Franco-Flemish composer who lived from 1530 to 1594. Early in his life, he took up residence in Munich, where he spent the rest of his life. Lassus was a genuine celebrity; by the 1560's young composers were flocking to him for instruction, in 1570 the Emperor Maximilian conferred nobility on him, and he was knighted by Pope Gregory XIII. Several times he was offered more prestigious or lucrative positions, but he wrote once, "I do not want to leave my house, my garden, and the other good things in Munich."

Orlandus Lassus composed over 2000 works in all the major vocal genres of his time.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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's event is a swim at Huntington Park; 87 Brentwood Drive (east Mountain), from 2:00 until 4:00. The cost will be covered by the Youth Ministry. We ask that the youth be dropped off and picked up at Huntington Park. If you require a ride, please contact Peter Gauthier at 905-526-9395 so that arrangement can be made.

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