

St. Joseph's 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 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Jan 10/11/15	Feb 7/8	March - No Baptisms - Lent
April 18/19	May 9/10	June 13/14
July 11/12	Aug 15/16	Sept 19/20
Oct 17/18	Nov 7/8	Dec 5/6
Jan 9/10/16		

Sacrament of Marriage

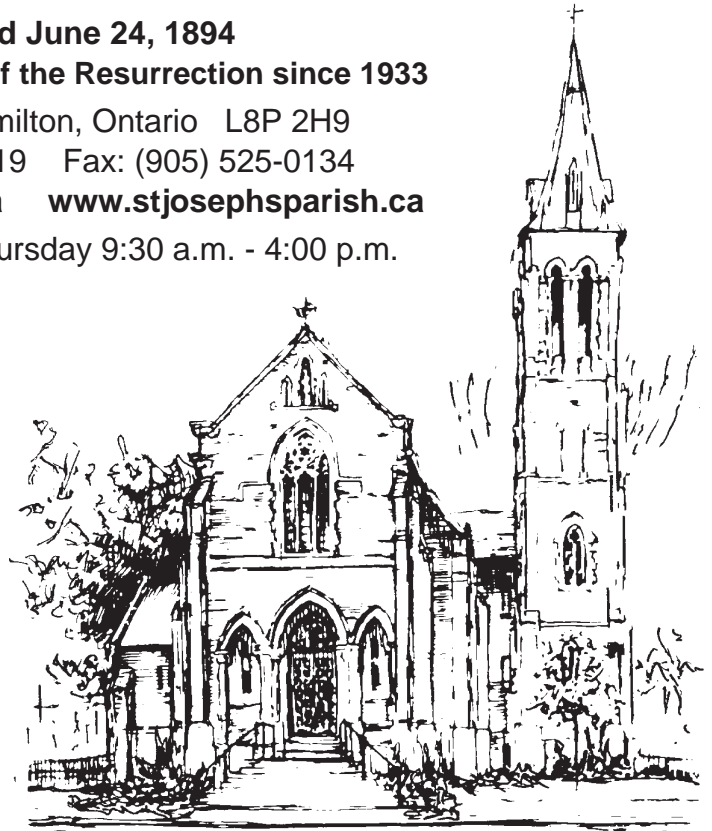
Call office one year prior to desired wedding date. A marriage preparation course and appointments required.

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.

Parish Council Chair: Peter Gauthier 905.526.9395

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Margaret Puchalski 905.389.7675



Ministry to Shut-Ins and the Sick:

If you are unable to attend church, we can make arrangements for you to receive Holy Communion at home. Please contact the office.

If you are sick or preparing for surgery, please contact the office and arrange for one of the priests to celebrate the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Because of privacy laws, we have no way of knowing if a parishioner is in the hospital unless someone tells us; so please let us know if you would like a hospital visit. And we would encourage you not to wait until someone is unconscious or near death since the prayers are intended to help heal and support the sick persons in their time of illness.

Interested in becoming Roman Catholic:

Contact the office regarding the RCIA.

Religious Education for Children not in Catholic Schools:

Please contact the office.

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 contact Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. at crvocations@gmail.com

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

LAY MINISTERS for APRIL 17-18

	5pm.	9:30am.	11:30am.
Lectors	Cathy Brogly Lilli Schikolenko	Mary Tompkins Leah Fuller Michael Coughlin	Angela Hayes Bill DiFrancesco Danny Shea
Eucharistic Ministers	Elizabeth Harkin Anita Ormond Gough Maureen Harper	Keltie Law Ene Readyhough Judy Santi-DeRubeis	Paula Linger Mark Mindorff Rochelle Martin, Margaret Puchalski Gail Reid
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For Easter Sunday was \$7,404.90
Our Regular Sunday Offertory \$6,484.70
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CONFIDENTIAL INCOME TAX SERVICE

Volunteers with the Canada Revenue Agency's Volunteer Income Tax Program will be offering this service for low income Canadians whose annual income was approximately \$30,000 or less for singles, and approximately \$40,000 or less for families. The tax clinics focus is St. Joseph parishioners and our neighbours within the parish boundaries. **Please do not call the St. Joseph's Parish office as this service is provided by CVITP volunteers. This free income tax service will be offered Monday, Apr. 13th and Thursday, Apr. 16th at St. Joseph's Church in the meeting room below the office at 260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton. There will be no additional clinics.** Your return will be prepared and EFILED to the CRA and your paperwork will be available for pick up after your return has been filed.

C.W.L. Card Party: Thursday, April 16th at 1pm. in the Church Hall. All are welcome! We hope to see you there!

St. Joseph's Social Justice Group

"Faith does not draw us away from the world or prove irrelevant to the concrete concerns of the men and women...Its light does not simply brighten the interior of the Church, nor does it serve solely to build an eternal city in the hereafter; it helps us build our societies a such a way that they can journey towards a future of hope."

Pope Francis' Encyclical "Lumen Fidei" June 29, 2013

It is not too late to participate in the work of Development and Peace through ShareLent. Visit www.devp.org and www.sjsj.ca

Desk Scribbles . . . 2nd Sun Easter . . . April 12, 2015 . . . Jim Link, CR **Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31**

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Easter. Many Catholics will know that since the canonization of the Polish nun St. Faustina Kowalska in 2000 by St. Pope John Paul II it is also designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Sr. Faustina died in 1938 and she wrote extensively on the subject of her visions and encounters with Jesus who told her that she was to be "an apostle of divine mercy." In a homily one year after he canonized her, John Paul II described how Jesus told Sr. Faustina, "humanity will never find peace until it turns to divine mercy." And in a very real sense this is the gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to all of humanity. There are many devotions and prayers associated with this celebration including the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which you can find on the internet.

The gospel reading this Sunday is one that rings familiar to all of us as it relates the story of "doubting Thomas." Author William Bausch looked at this story with fresh eyes and identified what he called the Thomas Syndrome: "Thomas, called Didimus, one of the Twelve, was not with them with Jesus came" (*Once Upon a Gospel*, Twenty-Third Pub., New London, Conn." 2008). Where was he? Why was he absent? But he was, and as a result of his absence, he didn't see Jesus or hear him speak or receive his peace. He wasn't there when Jesus breathed forth his Spirit on his own. Therefore, he didn't understand; his faith was shaken. He had nothing to hold onto but his doubt. Bausch goes on to suggest that we too, at times, are absent Thomases. "We are absent from sufficient knowledge about our faith" (*op.cit*). We forget that our religious formation must be a continuous cradle-to-grave process.

In the many years I was a university chaplain, I encountered this problem of ignorance of lack of sufficient knowledge again and again. People would be vigorous and angrily critical of a church teaching or policy and in questioning them they admitted that they had never actually read the documents, teaching or whatever it was. Their criticism was based on hearsay. Philosopher Søren Kierkegaard once said that you cannot disagree with something until you have understanding; until that point, he said, you simply have misunderstanding.

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