

# St. Joseph's Parish



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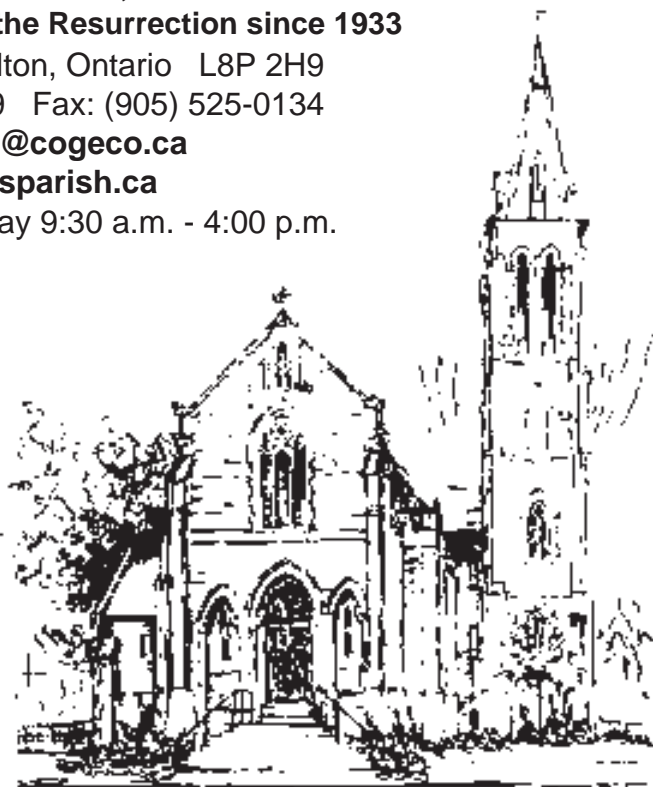
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## Sunday Eucharist

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 - 4:45 p.m.

## Sacrament of Baptism

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

Jan 8/9	February 12/13	March 5/6
April No Baptisms	May 14/15	June 11/12
August 13/14	September 17/18	October 22/23
November 12/13	December 10/11	

## 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

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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 contact:

Father Toby Collins, C.R.  
[crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LAY MINISTERS for DECEMBER 17 / 18			
	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	Denise Campuzano Sharon Boase John O'Connor	Deirdre Pike John Skinner Michael Coughlin	Josie Shea Andrea Wade Danny Shea
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Maureen Harper Iliidia Botelho	Brian Allore John Bittman	Anne-Elizabeth Beattie Jacqueline Horn Aniko Ivanyi Bernice Clark
<b>Servers</b>	Fischer Schikolenko Emily Kolesar Paul Agresta	Iszak Illes Kiera OSullivan Shea Mikayla McCollum	Andrew Linger Catherine Linger Larissa Reid

### Third Sunday of Advent

#### Advent Wreath Ceremony

The Lighting of the Advent candles is a beautiful part of our Advent Liturgy. On behalf of our parish faith community, we wish to thank all those who so joyfully agreed to participate.  
Lorraine Lossing and Sheila Corr – Co-ordinators

#### C.W.L. NEWS

Ladies of the parish - please remember to send your membership in for the Catholic Women's League. More members equal a stronger voice at the National level to encourage our government to follow Christian values.

#### **ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO DO NOT ATTEND SEPARATE SCHOOLS** **CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES AND HOMESTUDY PROGRAMS**

There are two programs in place for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Visit the diocesan website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or call the parish office for more information and / or registration forms.

**FIRST COMMUNION & FIRST RECONCIATION MEETING**  
**DATE: Monday, January 16 at 7 p.m.** Parents of, and all children who will be receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion in May, are encouraged to attend this preparation meeting.

#### CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

Thank you to everyone who has offered to provide a food hamper to assist people in our community. Thanks to your generosity, we have more than enough hampers for our clients. Please bring your hamper to the Parish Rectory – Room 3 on Wednesday, December 14 between 3 pm and 7 pm OR Thursday, December 15 between 10 am and 3 pm. Park near the rectory door and assistance will be provided, if required. If you still wish to make a cash or food voucher donation, please use the pink "Our Neighbours in Need" envelopes in your box or use a plain envelope and write your name and address on it to ensure you receive an income tax receipt. **Please include your sales receipt if you have donated a food voucher.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR – The Parish Reconciliation Service will be held on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

**PLEASE NOTE: THE SCHOOL ADVENT MASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

#### **ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTATION!**

**AT THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB - A Pastoral and Theological Commentary on the Mass.** Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., January 16, 23, 30 & February 6 & 13 in the Parish Hall. Registration is required. We request a \$15.00 fee for the program workbook Scott Whitfield will facilitate. For more information or to register, please call the parish office at 905.528.0019.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

The social justice group will be selling fair trade products on Sunday, December 17 and 18 after all the Masses. Coffee, tea, cocoa, hot chocolate and especially chocolate bars make good socially conscience Christmas gifts.

**THE GIVING TREE** is in support of Birthright Hamilton. Please take and angel and replace it with the item indicated. If you wish you can place an ornament from your tree and decorate the Giving tree. You can help make this Christmas bright for a young mother and her child.

#### CHOIR NEWS

**Christmas CD's still available.** The Parish Choir's compact disc recording, *Magnum Mysterium* is available once again this year from the parish office or from members of the choir. Still the perfect Christmas gift, this recording of Christmas music is priced at \$15. each or two for \$25.

**Mark your calendars** also for the **Office of Evensong with O Antiphons.** This beautiful service, featuring all three choirs of the Parish, will take place on Sunday, **December 18** at 4:00 p.m.



**The OFFERTORY Collection  
for DECEMBER 3 / 4:  
\$6,980.50.**

**Budgeted weekly expenses - \$6,300.00  
Parish Debt - \$300,000.00.  
Thank you for your support!**

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAYS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00	Anna & Vittorio Krbavac	Edda Starai
	Special Intentions	Lucia Milin

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00	Teresa Leahy	Mildred McDougall
	M. Guy	McGarr Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00	Michael Moran	Dorothy Parfitt
	Bob McCollum	School Sisters of Notre Dame

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00	John Shea	The Shea Family
	Giuseppe Gallizzi	The Gallizzi Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:00	Rosario Agresta	Caterina Agresta & Family
	Felice & Sebastiana Bontempo	The Bontempo Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:30	For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish	
11:30	Scott Emerson Porter	Dianne Porter
	Virginia Alavata	The Family
	Giuseppe Messina	The Family

around us. How is God revealed to us in our daily lives and in this contemporary world? Do we greet the presence of God with joy or do we, like many of John's time, look around for another, for a messiah of our own design and desires?

I think that one of the problems is that few of us are willing to admit that we in the wilderness? Most of us do not find ourselves in a position where we actually need help. We are not standing around waiting or longing for someone to come and save us; no, on the contrary, we seem to be doing fine on our own without God. And yet, we are indeed in the wilderness and we cannot find our way out without God.

If indeed we can open ourselves up to see, feel, think and understand as God does, St. Paul in the second reading this Sunday tells us what to do. We need to take on the characteristics of joy, continuous prayer, and thankfulness for all things. And finally, to round things off, we need to be open to the Spirit's movement in our lives in whatever way God chooses to move or be revealed. We need to listen to the prophets around us and cling to what is good. In this way, as St. Paul says, God will sanctify us and keep our spirits and souls and bodies sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. And this indeed is what Advent is preparing us for.

**WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY** to the members of the Congregation of the Resurrection on the death of Father Joseph Palubeski, whose funeral was the past Thursday. Please remember Father Joseph and the Congregation of the Resurrection in your prayers.

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS** This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Peter Watters, Msgr. Harvey Roach, Seminarians, Fr. Victor McNamara, Fr. Jack Hurley, CSB, and Fr. Arthur Busch.

**Desk Scribbles . . . 3rd Sunday of Advent . . . December 11, 2011 . . . Jim Link, C.R.**  
**Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11; Luke 1; 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28**

This Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called "Gaudete" Sunday, from the Latin for "Rejoice." The note of joy that characterizes this Sunday has its source in the immanent coming of the birthday of the Saviour and his second coming at the end of time. This is the Sunday that we light the pink or rose candle on our Advent wreaths. The Ordo directs that the priest wear violet or rose coloured garments during the Sunday Masses. Rose is not one of my colors. I thank God we only have purple.

This Sunday the figure of John the Baptist looms large as he describes himself as "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" "The task of prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish and evoke a consciousness and perception which is alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us" (*The Prophetic Imagination*, Fortress Press, Minneapolis: 1978). With these words, Walter Bruggeman describes the ministry of John the Baptist. John's preaching challenged his contemporaries to let go of their long-held expectation for the messiah and to open up to the one whom they did not yet recognize --- the Christ, the light of the world as reveal in the life, person and ministry of Jesus. They were looking for and expecting a messiah totally different than the one revealed in Jesus. And many of them would have a hard time letting go of their own vision of a messiah, so much so that it would eventually cost Jesus his life.

Just as John's words challenge the people of his time to open themselves up to the way that God had chosen to reveal Godself, so too, do his words challenge us today to do the same. His words also challenge us to see with different eyes, and understand with a different heart and mind as we face the world

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our first social event of the New Year will be the annual Pasta Supper and Silent Auction which will be held on Sunday, January 29. Hope to see you there!

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** Please consider donating a poinsettia or Christmas plant to be placed in the sanctuary as part of the decorations in the church for the Christmas season. You may wish to bring in a plant in memory of a loved one. It is a special way of remembering during Christmastime. If you wish to make a financial donation to the decorating fund, you will find envelopes in the pews.

**2012 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** The Offertory envelopes for the New Year are now available **but we had a bit of an office glitch. If your envelopes are not at the back, please bear with us. Write us a note and we will be sure to make the correction as soon as possible. We ask that you update all personal information for our records. Please fill out a new registration card and mark 'UPDATE' on the top of it. We need you to advise us of any name or address change before we process the new envelopes.**

**If you use Direct Debit and still wish to receive a box of Offertory envelopes, please contact the parish office.**

**Save time with the St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offertory Pre-Authorized Payment Plan.**

Enrolling is Easy! Payments are convenient. Enrolment forms are available at all of the doors of the church or from the Parish Office. For more information, if you wish to update your donations, or add to the list of donations so that you no longer need to use a box of Offertory envelopes, please pick up a new form and drop it into the collection basket once you have filled it out.

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