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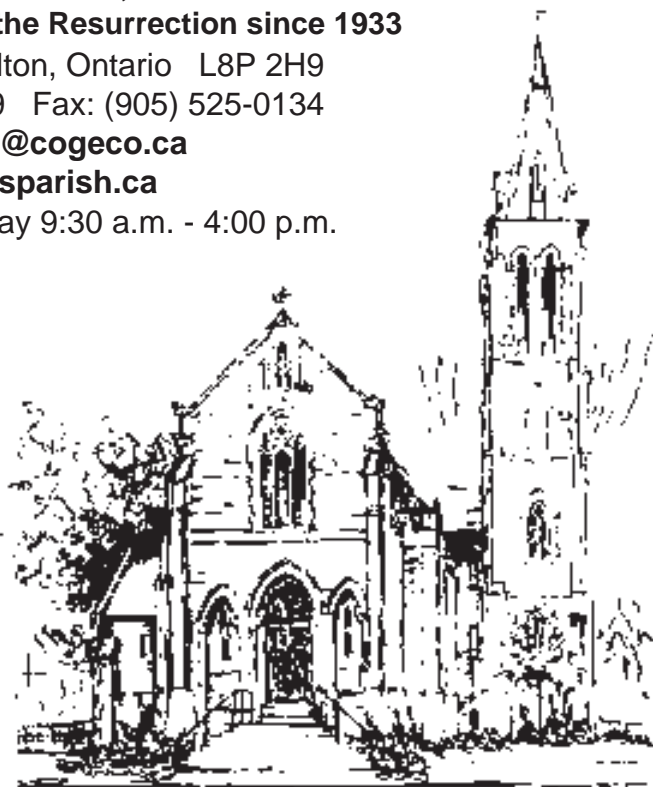
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Sunday Eucharist

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.

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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:

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LAY MINISTERS for DECEMBER 10 / 11			
	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Carol Mullally Jill Lyons Linda Pandzich	Janet OSullivan Cameron Nolan Patrick Reilly	Mark Mindorff Confirmandi
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Second Sunday of Advent

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.

CHOIR NEWS

Plan to attend the St. Joseph Choir **Christmas House Tour** on Saturday, December 11 from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Five beautiful and historic houses in the neighbourhood of the church will be open for you to visit, with refreshments and live music at each. Tickets are priced at \$20. and may be purchased after all of the Masses this weekend, during the week at the Parish Office, and from any Parish Choir member.

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.

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 or call the parish office for more information and / or registration forms.

CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

Thank you to everyone who has offered to provide a food hamper to assist people in our community. This is the last weekend that we can accept offers. 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.**

Please pray for the sick

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

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

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – PRAYER INTENTION: The United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP17) is now underway in Durban. Speaking to the faithful gathered last Sunday in St. Peter's Square, Pope Benedict expressed the hope that "all members of the international community might reach a responsible, credible response to the phenomenon of climate change," which he described as "complex" and "disturbing". The Holy Father asked that the response of leaders be within the spirit and requirements of solidarity, taking into account the needs of the poorest people and future generations. We pray for our world leaders charged with the responsibility for establishing new international agreements that will deal effectively with the developing climate crisis; for the poor and all who suffer in the face of drought, floods and extreme weather conditions associated with global warming.

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 OFFERTORY Collection
for NOVEMBER 26 / 27:
\$6,331.75.

Budgeted weekly expenses - \$6,300.00
Parish Debt - \$300,000.00.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH		
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5		
NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAYS		
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6		
8:00	Aldo & Albino Krbavac Joe Clark	Edda Starai Patrice Graham
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7		
8:00	Michael Moran Intentions of Kathleen McGarr	Liam O'Halloran McGarr Family
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8		
8:00	Hal Greene Walter Dowrie	Louise Ormond & Family Sharon Dowrie Lord
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9		
8:00	Grazia & Francesco Bruccoleri Intentions Patricia & Kit Brereton	The Bruccoleri Family The McGarr Family
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10		
5:00	For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11		
9:30	Bernice Santi	Judi Santi DeRubeis
11:30	Laudi Saba	Mona Nahmias

Desk Scribbles . . . 2nd Sun Advent . . . December 4, 2011 . . . Jim Link, C.R.
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

The other day I was surfing the net doing a Google search for something and I watched as the little circle at the top of my computer screen swirled round and round indicating to me that it was looking for whatever it was I asked it to. And it swirled and swirled and swirled and, finally, I figured out that either I had not been specific enough in my request or too general. I stopped the search because I could not wait any more. In a similar way, don't we all try to go to the shortest line at the grocery store or figure out what line is moving faster even though it is longer? How are we at waiting? Advent is a time of waiting. We are waiting for the celebration of the birthday of Christ but we are also waiting for Christ's second coming at the end of time.

But this is not an empty time; it is a time to be filled with preparation, quiet longing, getting ready, opening up the way, straightening the paths, filling up the valleys, leveling the hills --- in short, doing what the prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist have called us to do.

In another way, we are not just waiting to find Jesus at Christmas but we are waiting to be found ourselves by the God who has come to us. This is a two way path. While we are making the way clear to go to God, God is making the way straight toward us on a collision course of love.

Patricia Sánchez [*Celebration*, National Catholic Reporter Pub. Co., Kansas City, MO: Dec 2011] offers some good insights for reflection: "When she considered the mystery of the coming of God, Teresa of Avila said in *The Interior Castle* that even when we are engaged in worldly pastimes and businesses and pleasures and haggling, even when we are falling into sins and rising from them again God comes to be in our midst. God comes to us, said the Spanish mystic, through the conversations of good people, through sermons, through the reading of good books. God also comes through wickedness and trials and in prayer, however feeble it might be. God comes to us through the life of someone in whom we can see beauty and truth. God comes in the love of another who loves us so deeply and unconditionally that we dare to accept our own loveableness. There is no limit to the way in which God come, and for that reason, every juncture of our lives can be a place of encounter with the divine."

In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we have been given a "photograph" of God among us. We have seen him and yet we still do not see. We have heard him and yet we are often deaf. The challenge is to use this time of waiting to attune our minds, hearts, ears, spirits, voices and lives to the movements of the God that is rushing to meet us. This experience is nothing new; as children this is the attitude we assumed on Christmas Eve fighting off sleep as we waited for Santa Claus to come. Here, however, we have someone coming who is even better than Santa.

During this season of Advent, may our hearts be re-awakened to the expectation of Christ's coming among us and coming to meet us. The day of the Lord is near. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

LITURGY CHANGES COMING -- 9

In addition to the changes in the words of the assembly, the Revised English edition of the Roman Missal contains many changes in the words spoken by the priest. These changes have been made in order to bring the English text in line with the Latin text and to express more fully the rich meaning of the prayers of the Church. Many of the prayers are biblically inspired and the new translations will make this obvious. One example will illustrate this point.

During the past forty years, we have become familiar with these words, spoken by the priest in the Third Eucharistic Prayer: *From age to age you gather a people to yourself, so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.* The new text, a more accurate translation of the Latin reads: *and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.* These words echo the words found in the Book of the Prophet Malachi (1.11) Furthermore, they highlight the eternal offering rather than a geographical or spatial offering of the one pure sacrifice offered to God.

In addition to the changes in the words, there are a very few changes in the postures of the assembly which are being introduced at this time. These changes are specified in the new edition of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document which provides the instructions for celebrating Mass).

The first change takes place during the Presentation of the Gifts. The priest invites all to pray, saying: *Pray brothers and sisters that your sacrifice and mine may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.* All stand and then respond with the words: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands...* The assembly will no longer wait to stand until after they have made their response.

The second change is more of a clarification. The Canadian edition of the General Instruction states that the approved gesture for the sign of peace is a handshake or a bow. The Instruction makes no mention of any words being exchanged at this moment.

The third change is related to approaching Communion. As each person approaches the minister to receive Communion he or she is asked to make a simple bow of the head. This is a sign of reverence in immediate preparation for the act of receiving Communion, which, in Canada, is to be received standing. This gesture is made only once before receiving Communion. It is not repeated again when receiving Communion from the chalice. Other personal expressions of piety or devotion, such as profound bows or genuflections are not appropriate. A common gesture of reverence is desirable to foster the unity of faith which Communion expresses.

One of the new dismissal texts in the Roman Missal states: *Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.* To these words, we say: *Thanks be to God.* May the new words of the Mass and our attentiveness to the common postures and gestures in the liturgy lead all of us to take up this commission with renewed commitment.

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