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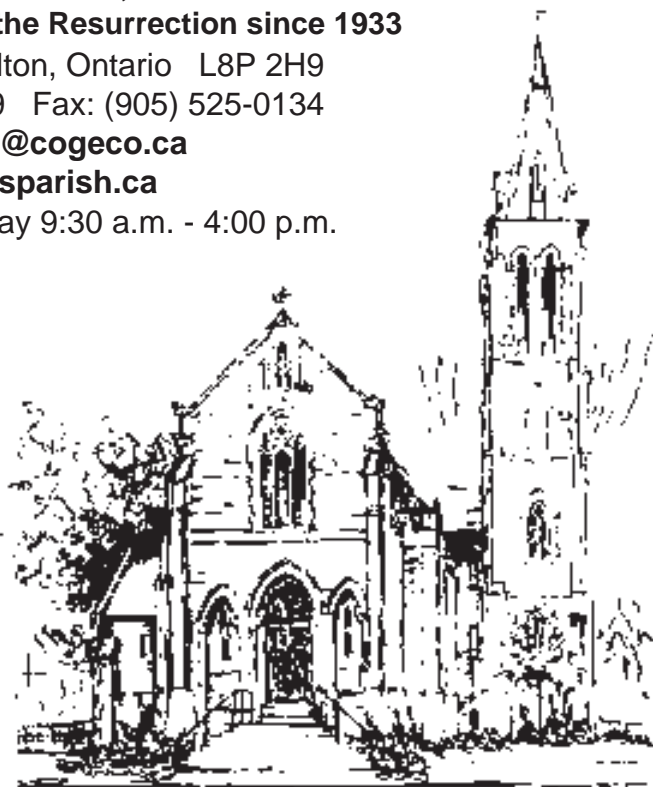
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Sunday Eucharist

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.

Pastoral Council

Chairperson	Rochelle Martin	905-522-4355
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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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

LAY MINISTERS for JANUARY 2 / 3			
	10:00 MASS ONLY	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Danny Shea Deirdre Pike Denise Konig	Larry Bomford Deirdre Pike Denise Campuzano	Jennifer Weir Christine Rzazewski-Rodney Gerry Shea
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Shea Sandra Mlekuz Judy Santi-DeRubeis	Joanne Matsos Lynne Adams Paul Clinton Ted Dekker	Jacqueline Horn Phyllis Dwyer Gail Reid Kim Dorman Rochelle Martin
Servers	Kiera OSullivan Shea Grace Zidanic Natalie Zidanic	Ben Kukucska Sylvia Kukucska Paul Agresta	Morghen Dick Claire DePaul Michael Mattice

**LAY MINISTERS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE:
5:00 P.M.**

Lectors: A. Maggio, R. O'Connor,
J. O'Connor

Eucharistic Ministers: I. Botelho, C. Jewell,
D. O'Connor, J. Venzon

Servers: B. Francisci, F. Schikolenko, E. Kolesar

2011 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES The Offertory envelopes for the New Year are now available. **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 so we can keep our records up to date.**

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! PASTA SUPPER WITH A TWIST!

The date for the Pasta Supper has been set for
Sunday, January 30.

We are adding a new twist this year...

We will have a Silent Auction too.

So be sure to bring a hearty appetite and your check book.

This will be the first fundraiser for the New Year.

If you wish to donate an item for the auction,
please contact Maria at the parish office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

January is CWL membership month. Information can be found on our bulletin board at the tower entrance. You will also find membership envelopes in your Offertory envelope box, on the information board or ask a CWL member. You can drop the envelope in the collection basket.

CHANGE IN MORNING MASS SCHEDULE On January 31 and during the month of February there will not be a morning Mass on Mondays due to the fact that Father Jim will be away recuperating after his surgery.

Youth Ministry - Net Ministry team #2 will be visiting out parish this year. The Family Retreat will be on Saturday, January 22nd. We hope that our youth and their parents will attend this year's event, so please mark your calendars. More details will come in future bulletins.

We are also looking for billets for the Net Team. Each billet will have two of the team members staying with them on the 21st and 22nd. (There are 5 females and 5 males in this year's team.) Please contact Peter Gauthier [905 526-9395] if you would like to offer your home to these young adults who are devoting a year of their lives to spreading the teachings of Christ.

ADOPTION BUILDS FAMILIES

Have you ever considered adoption? Would you like to hear more about the adoption process through the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton? Please join our adoption staff for an information night on Wednesday, **January 19** at 7 p.m. at the Society, 735 King St E. For further information call 905.525.2012, ext. 3125.

***May the blessings of the
Holy Season be with you always!
From all the staff of St. Joseph Parish***

As 2010 comes to a close the Parish staff would like to extend its gratitude to all of you for your kindness and dedication shared with the community throughout the year. St. Joseph's Parish is truly a blessed Community. Let us remember to pray for each other and to take time to be with those we love.

***Sincere good wishes for a blessed
and holy New Year!***

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
 No morning Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
 No morning Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
 No morning Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
 No morning Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31- No 8 a.m. Mass
 5 p.m. Terrance Fernando The Fernando Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 Feast of Mary Mother of God
10:00 ONLY
FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2- Epiphany of the Lord
 9:30 For all the People of St. Joseph's Parish
 11:30 Joyce Brown St. Joseph's 11:30 Choir

Desk Scribbles . . . Holy Family . . . Dec 26, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Our readings from Sirach, Paul and Matthew for the Feast of the Holy Family present a host of difficulties for modern interpretation. For example, the simple ethic of Sirach, written somewhere between 200 and 175 B.C.E., was a commentary — directed to adult children — on the Fourth Commandment concerning honor our fathers and mothers. Given its cultural and patriarchal context in which families of four generations lived together, there is a challenge finding exact parallels in our contemporary times. Nevertheless, the challenge of caring for and respecting our parents and grandparents has not gone away, even if children have moved away from them or relegated the care of their elders to social workers or nursing homes.

I remember struggling with this thought many times as a priest living and working nearly 900 kilometers away from my aging parents. As it turned out, my sister, who lived nearly 300 km away, ended up doing the brunt of the care for our parents in their old age. Even now that they are dead, I sometimes wonder if I could have connected with them in a better and more meaningful way than I did. I really don't know.

Perhaps this feast in honor of Holy Family in needed more than ever as we experience the breakdown and disintegration of our family structures. Without over sentimentalizing the family life of Jesus, the fact remains that Mary and Joseph unpretentiously cared for him and provided food, shelter, clothing, guidance and a context for his faith and relationship to God.

Many years ago in a counseling course I was taking we were asked to list our family members and then under each of their names to write down the good things and the not-so-good things we inherited or learned from them. There were many good things and, upon reflection, I realized that many of the things I labeled as "bad" often turn out "good" because I learned what not to do if I wanted to pursue happiness.

Patricia Sánchez [*Celebration*, National Catholic Report Pub. Co., Kansas City, MO: Dec 2010] has some good insights: "It seems apropos that the church and the liturgy repeatedly call

our attention to the fact that it was through the institution of family that God first chose to related to humanity. Through the holy triad, God has become known to us as loving Parent, generous Son and Brother and abiding Spirit. Similarly, it was through the institution of family that God chose to become one of us in Jesus. As we celebrate these familial units that are at the heart of our faith life, we are challenged to take from them our cues for loving, for leading, for caring, for parenting and for sharing our time on earth with those we come home to each day as family.

"Obviously, no family is perfect in every way. Sometimes the ties that bind family members are strained. It is often within the family unit that the greatest wounds are inflicted, but it is also within that some unit that our brokenness can be healed. For a much-needed lesson in healing the times that bind us, it is especially necessary to return again and again to the Holy Family to find, in every visit, the strength and the courage to continue being family."

As we celebrate this feast, let us be thankful for families we are part of and pray for the grace to truly be family for those God has given us to love and care for.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU We are off to a good start this year as we wish Father Jim Link a Happy Birthday on January 2nd. God Bless you Father Jim. And...We pray that your surgery is a complete success.

MANY THANKS to Stillman Matheson, the children's choir, the 11:30 choir, to Tony MacKinnon and the family choir, to the Lectors, the Eucharist Ministers and the Altar Servers. We thank all who donated plants and everyone who offered their time and talent to decorate the church. We were blessed this Christmas season by your gifts. May God bless you in your ministry in the year to come.

We offer our prayerful sympathy to Lora and Sam Mattina and family on the death Lora's grandmother Adelina Spadaro.

We also extend our sympathy to Helen Anderson and her family on the death of her sister Barbara Coupal. May our prayers be a support to the Mattina family and to Helen and her family during this time of grieving.

Social Justice News – Two upcoming referenda in Sudan will decide the fate of the nation and could lead to a surge in violence in the troubled African country. In response, Development and Peace is supporting its Sudanese partners in their actions to encourage peace before and after the vote and in their preparations to mitigate violence that could arise from the results, which are expected to be in favour of secession of the South.

Development and Peace, which has been supporting projects in Sudan since the 1970s, is providing \$75,000 in funding towards the emergency preparedness of Caritas offices throughout the country, including the procurement of relief items and putting in place an early warning system to help respond quickly to any outbreaks of violence. Despite growing fears of violence related to the referenda, the Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference are urging for a peaceful vote and acceptance of the results. "Fear needs to be replaced by hope so that all people can live in freedom and peace. The outcome of the referenda should not be seen as a threat to either side, but an opportunity. If the outcome is secession, this does not mean the end of the relationship between North and South. Secession is a division of land, not a division of peoples," they said at their plenary in November. For more information, please contact: Kelly Di Domenico, Communications Officer 514 257-8711 ext. 365 kelly.didomenico@devp.org

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