

# St. Joseph Parish



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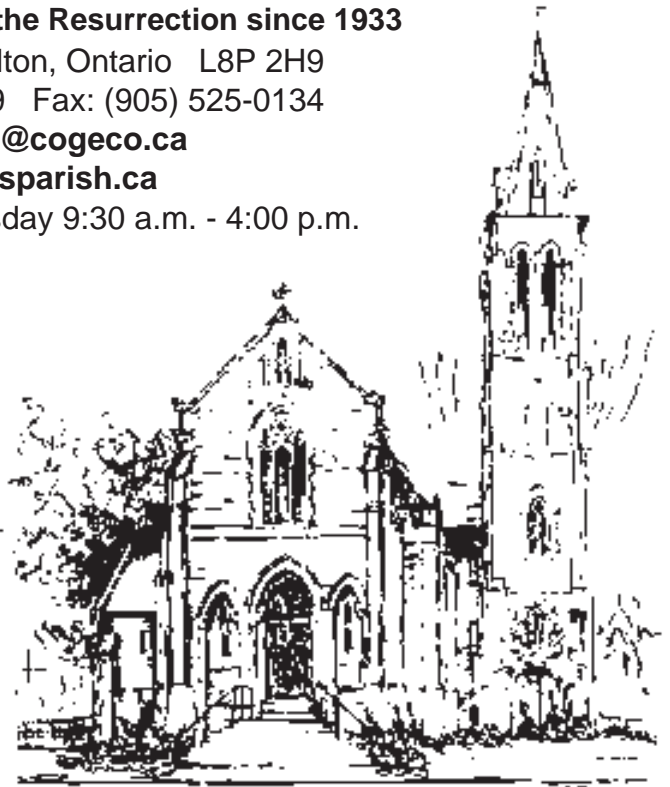
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## Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 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.

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Father Bob Liddy, C.R.  
519-885-0331 ext 312  
Sister Mary McIntyre, C.S.J.  
905-528-0138

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>LAY MINISTERS for MARCH 6 / 7</b>			
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Jill Lyons Leah Fuller Joyce Taylor	Shirley Rodrigues John Skinner Pat Reilly	Danny Shea Mark Mindorff Bill DiFrancesco
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### **Second Sunday of Lent**

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2010**

*Service written by the women of Cameroon.*

*Let everything that has breath praise God!*

Friday, **March 5** at noon at Melrose United Church, Corner of Locke St. and Stanley Ave. Come celebrate with us.

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

**GET YOUR TICKETS! Our annual Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 14.** This is a long standing tradition to commemorate St Joseph's Feast Day which is on March 19. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. They are available after Mass each week.

Once again the ladies of the CWL are offering Lenten breakfast for the children who attend 8:00 a.m. Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent. Check the school schedule as breakfasts will not be served on PA days or during March break.

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS**

The Social Justice Committee would like to thank all those who attended or contributed soup and buns to our second annual Soup and Solidarity meal on Ash Wednesday. There was a great variety of soups and they were delicious!! Those who attended shared conversation and a great sense of community as we raised \$205.00 for Development and Peace. Thank you, and we hope you plan to attend next year.

And here's an update on Haiti: On behalf of Michael Casey, Executive Director of Development and Peace, I want to thank you for your generous support in response to the earthquake in Haiti. Across Canada, \$13.5 million has been raised by parishes for disaster relief. Development and Peace through Caritas International, has supplied food, water, hygiene kits, medical treatment, tents, and portable latrines. But our work there is just beginning. Soon we will begin the real work of reconstruction. Drawing on our experience in Indonesia after the tsunami, we will begin reconstruction projects that are sustainable and locally driven. We will keep you updated on this work as it progresses.

#### **ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH ONGOING FOOD DRIVE**

A reminder that St Joseph's Parish is holding an ongoing food drive. Non-perishable food items may be left in front of the Sacred Heart altar every Sunday. The Brothers of the Good Shepherd have graciously offered to pick up your donations and they join us in thanking you for helping to provide food for the hungry. The food items most desired by the Good Shepherd presently are peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned pasta, juice, canned tuna and salmon. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **Room in your heart and home?**

Make a difference in the life of a child. The Catholic Children's Aid Society will be hosting an information night on Thursday, **March 4<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Agency, 735 King St. E. Call: 905-525-CARE (2273) to register, visit our website [www.hamiltonccas.on.ca](http://www.hamiltonccas.on.ca)

#### **INVITING ALL ST. MARY SECONDARY SCHOOL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS**

St. Mary Catholic Secondary School will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary of Catholic Education from May 27 to 30, 2010. If you are interested in volunteering at any of the events, please call 905 528-0214, ext. 507. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

#### **FAST FREE & CONFIDENTIAL INCOME TAX SERVICE**

Volunteers with the Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will be completing 2009 Income Tax Returns during March & April for low income Canadians, whose 2009 annual income was less than \$25,000 for singles, and around \$35,000 for families. This FREE income tax service runs from March 1st until April 19, 2010. Tax Clinics will be open every Monday morning, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and every Thursday afternoon, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, (Rm 3) 260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton. Your return will be filed to the CRA and your paperwork can be picked up a week later. For details contact volunteer Chris Dunn by phone at 905-525-8388 or by email at: [cnjdunn@cogeco.ca](mailto:cnjdunn@cogeco.ca)

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the April program beginning with a weekend on **April 9-11** in Niagara Falls please call **905-664-5212** or email: [retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca](mailto:retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca) or visit the web site at [www.hamiltonretrouvaille.com](http://www.hamiltonretrouvaille.com)

**2010 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** If you have not picked up your 2010 Offertory envelopes or your 2009 income tax receipt yet, you will find them at the back of the church.



The **OFFERTORY** Collection  
for **February 20 / 21** was **\$5,779.57**.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

**LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

**MONDAY, MARCH 1**

8:00 Al Oakie John & Joyce Shea  
Intentions of Grace Ann Twohey  
Polly & Ray Plant

**TUESDAY, MARCH 2**

8:00 Elizabeth Hartwell Lorraine & Dean Lossing

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**

8 a.m. Anne Patterson Bernice & Joe & Daniel Clark

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4**

8:00 Irene Moscardini  
Jason & Shelley Moscardini & Family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5**

8:00 Michael Meyer Larry Bomford

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6**

5:00 Elda Marcaccio Jill Lyons

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

9:30 For all the People of St. Joseph's Parish  
11:30 Fed Lewis St Joseph's 11:30 Choir  
Margaret Malcolmson  
Loretta & Jerry Ward & Family

**Desk Scribbles . . . 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun Lent . . . Feb 28, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.**  
Gen. 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps. 27; Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:29-36

Our reading from Genesis on this Second Sunday of Lent reminded me of the popular TV show called *Let's Make a Deal* hosted by Monty Hall. Actually, Abraham's bargain with God would be more accurately described as *Let's cut a deal* or *Let's cut a covenant*. In this rather strange account, when God tells childless Abram that his descendants would outnumber the stars, Abram says he believes but still wants assurance from God. So, God cuts a covenant with him, literally. Abram brings the requested animals and cuts them in half. The parties of the covenant were then to walk through the split animals believing that if either of them broke the covenant the same fate would happen to them, a kind of covenant curse. However, Abram falls into a trance and God walks between the animal pieces alone thereby protecting Abram from the consequences of a broken covenant. Indeed this is a very good deal for Abram. The reading oozes with promise and hope.

In our second reading Paul urges his readers to stand firm in the Lord's way and not to become enemies of the Cross of Christ. The promise for faithfulness is a home in heaven, salvation, and transformation.

In the gospel section preceding today's excerpt, Herod and others are trying to figure out who Jesus is. Jesus begins describing his impending death and resurrection to his disciples and tells them that they too must follow in his footsteps if they are to save their lives. Eight days later on the mountain, Jesus is transfigured

before Peter, James and John and he appears in the company of Moses and Elijah, who represent the Law and the Prophets. Obviously, Jesus is an equal, if not more, because when the cloud appears, the disciples are informed of the true identity of Jesus and that they are to listen to him. Then, just as quickly as the vision occurred, it was over and Jesus was alone with the apostles who were struck with awed silence.

For us, who have inherited the legacy of the apostles, we too have inherited a covenant. God has *cut a covenant* with us. This covenant was broken by our sin but God's son paid the price for it so that we would be saved and the covenant would be renewed. We are invited to be active members of this covenant by following the example of Jesus, dying to ourselves in love so that others may be redeemed.

Concretely, what does this mean for us? The answer will be an individual and unique as each of us is. Perhaps the only way we will truly know who we are and what we are to do for God is to begin the way the disciples began --- in awed silence — so that ultimately we will be able to listen to the Spirit of God speaking to our hearts. "Be still and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46) What better time than Lent to embrace this kind of contemplation as it helps us to listen. "Be still and know that I am God."

**DID YOU KNOW...** *A Companion to the Catholic Book of Worship III* tells us that as Lent is a season of penitence, it is customary that the music sung and played during Mass be "marked by a certain austerity in anticipation of the great joy of Easter." One of the most obvious changes is the absence of "Alleluia" in any of our singing. Another way that this austerity is achieved is by having the instrumental music "more simple in character, thus providing a contrast with the festive music of Easter. Normally the organ and other instruments are used only to support the singing of the assembly." So with the exception of *Laetare* Sunday, the Masses of Lent will be a little more quiet than those at other times of the year, with no preludes or postludes, and no instrumental interludes during the services.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE** Be sure to mark your calendars. The Lenten Reconciliation service will be held on Thursday, **March 25** at 7 p.m. Lenten schedules, listing the liturgies and activities taking place during Lent, are found at the doors of the church.

**Kindergarten Registration** The Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board is now accepting new registrations for Junior Kindergarten. Catholic Schools are ready to welcome your child to an academic, spiritual and social journey that will last a lifetime. An information package for parents/guardians is available upon request from your parish school.

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS** This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. James McSharry, Fr. Mark Sullivan, The Basilian Fathers, (C.S.B.), Fr. Earl Talbot, Fr. Joseph deViveiros, C.R., and Fr. Brian Quigley. M.C.C.J.

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