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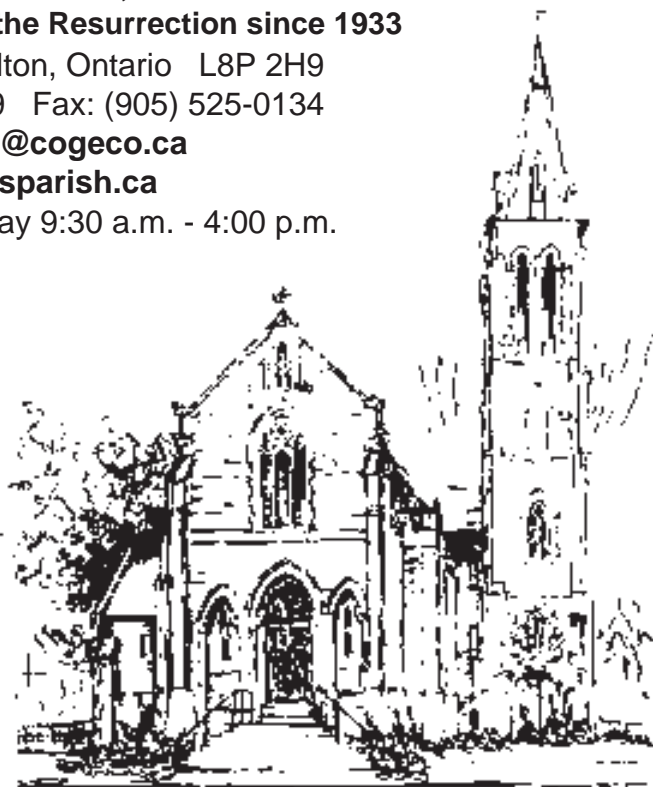
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Sunday Eucharist

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 14/15	Feb 11/12	Mar No Baptism (Lent)
Apr 14/15	May 12/13	Jun 16/17
Jul 7/8	Aug 18/19	Sep 15/16
Oct 13/14	Nov 10/11	Dec 8/9

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LAY MINISTERS for FEBRUARY 11 / 12

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Sharon Boase John O'Connor Lilli Schikolenko	Kathleen Dekker Larry Bomford Christine Weir	Lynne DiFrancesco Confirmandi
Eucharistic Ministers	Anita Ormond Gough Patty Foley	Carol Larsen Christine Carbotte	Bernice Clark Paula Linger Kim Dorman Rochelle Martin
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Come and See – Discernment Retreat

Ever thought of serving Christ as a missionary priest or a lay missionary? Like to learn more about the vocation to global mission? Join us for our ***Come and See – Discernment Retreat*** on Friday, **February 17** from 6:30 p.m. to Sunday, the 19th at noon at Scarboro Mission, 2685 Kingston Rd., Scarborough, ON. Contact us at 416-261-7135 ext. 265 or email lmo@scarboromissions.ca. Registration deadline February 10, 2012.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

HELP A JUST WORLD TAKE ROOT - "Help a just world take root-cultivate the ties that bind us to the earth and each other". This is the Share Lent 2012 theme from Development and Peace and comes from: GENESIS 1:29 "I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole Earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food". For these seeds to be grown in a healthy environment and for their fruits to be distributed equitably, we must cultivate not only land, but justice. Every day, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE partners in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East take concrete action in their communities to help grow seeds of justice and peace. Can we do the same? In the following weeks we will be addressing suggested responses to this question For more information visit devp.org

PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

LEARNING TO COPE (Level I) is a ten week support program starting Tuesday, February 28th (7:00 pm to 9:30 pm) for persons experiencing the trauma of a separation or divorce. For more information, please contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. **Past participants are welcome to inquire about other Levels programs available.**

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2012? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 9, 2012 at the Cathedral of Christ the King at 2:00 p.m. (Space allows for Anniversary couples only- those married 60 years or more may bring one guest). Please refer to the poster in the Tower entrance of the church for information on how to register for the celebration.

VOCATIONS NEWS

Vocationculture.ca is up and running! A new website that is designed to help us discover and celebrate vocations to Married Life, Single Life, Consecrated Life, the Priesthood, and Permanent Diaconate. And to kick it off Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. is traveling to meet people living out these vocations in Poland, Rome, France, and other parishes near and far. You are invited to join him on this "Epic Journey" at www.vocationculture.ca

YOUTH GROUP NEWS....

It's starting and you're invited!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Youth Games Night
Sunday February 12th, 2012, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
St. Joseph Parish Hall

There will be food, door prizes, and of course games!!
Bring your friends and check it out

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.



The **OFFERTORY** Collections for
JANUARY 28 / 29 - \$5,530.87.
Thank you for your continued generosity.
Budgeted weekly expenses - \$6,200.00

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

No morning Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 Lucia Valeri Annette & Felix Mihic

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 Elzbieta Kazickas Audra Gimzauskas & Family
M Guy McGarr Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 Sherry Bowler Barb & Gord Wright
John Shea Richard Dubois

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 Theresa Leahy Mildred McDougall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:00 Michael Moran Monica & Margaret Moran
Ben DeRosa Phyllis DeRosa Koetting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:30 For all the people of St Joseph's Parish
11:30 Nancy Mattina
Carlo & Nina Castelli Vicky & Mike Scozzaro

Desk Scribbles . . . 5th Sun Ord Time . . . February 5, 2012 . Jim Link, C.R.
Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

The book of Job is rarely used in the Lectionary so perhaps an introduction is in order.

It comes from a group of Hebrew scripture called the "Writings." It begins with a prose narrative. Job is a very prosperous paterfamilias who is suddenly overcome by calamity, both domestic and economic. He loses pretty well everything, his land, his crops and livestock, his vineyards and even his family, in the very first chapter. The chapter concludes with Job covered with leprosy, sitting on a pile of dung, still professing faith in God's ultimate fairness. What follows then is a poetic dialogue between Job and three of his friends, one old, one middle-aged and one young. They are convinced that the suffering Job is experiencing is God's punishment on him because of his sin.

Throughout the book Job proclaims his innocence and ultimately demands a face to face encounter with God to try to figure out why all this has happened. In the end, Job has an experience of God but no answers; God however does restore Job's good fortune and life.

The story of Job presents the lifelong struggle that many people have had with suffering. Rabbi Harold Kushner wrote a book on it, entitled *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* as he wrestled with the death of his young son who suffered from progeria, a rare condition of premature aging. He basically asked God 'Why?' What had he or his son done to deserve the suffering he was

facing? At the end of his questioning, he came to the same conclusion as did Job. There is no clear answer except trust. A person's righteousness gives them no claim on God.

William J. Bausch (in *A World of Stories for Preachers and Teachers*, 23rd Publications, Mystic, CT: 1998) relates a story given to him by an acquaintance: As he sat on a newly covered antique window seat that his wife Helen had treasured through many years, the man was burdened with a sense of hopelessness. Problems at work weighed heavily on him, and because of his advanced years, the man feared he would not be able to find another job. He started to light his pipe and accidentally spilled some hot ash, which burned a hole right in the center of the window seat cover. How would Helen react to a hole in her treasured antique? As Bausch tells it, Helen calmly threaded a needle and stitched a beautiful flower over the charred spot. When her husband looked at that finished work, he realized that in that moment, he could see a summary of their long life together. His heart began to soar. He had married a repairer of broken spirits, a healer of wounds, and a woman whose very presence was an antidote to pessimism. He understood, perhaps for the very first time, that it was Helen's deep and abiding trust in God that made it possible for her to be a source of life and a giver of hope in times that might plunge others into darkness and despair.

In some ways, all of us burn holes in precious things, in each other, in ourselves. Or holes are burned in us by life and circumstances. And when we do not forgive or ask forgiveness, these holes grow ever deeper. The choice of what we do is up to us. We can respond as Helen did or not. Helen's response was the same as Jesus' response. We may not be able to avoid all the holes in life but we certainly do have a choice of what to do with them. May God give us the strength to be healers and givers of hope.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! On Ash Wednesday, **February 22** Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and at 7 p.m.

MANY THANKS to everyone who participated in last weekend's Pasta Supper and Silent Auction. A good time was had by all. The weather did not dampen anyone's spirits. Great food, lots of fun - And the bargains!!! Anyone who successfully bid on an item has been contacted. We will have a report out to you soon. Mille grazie!

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