

St. Joseph Parish



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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 12/13

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.

Pastoral Council

Chairperson	Laura Rossiter	905-546-0781
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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:

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LAY MINISTERS for FEBRUARY 13 / 14

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Joyce Brown Lynda Narducci Sharon Boase	Amy Skinner Denise Campuzano Cameron Nolan	Annette Mihic Mark Mindorff Jennifer Weir
Eucharistic Ministers	Sister Maureen Sweeney	Ene and Paul Readyhough	Linda Dayler Betty and Cam Howey Kim Dorman
Servers	Christian Mattina Solana Mattina Dori Haines	Anne-Sophie Rossiter David Rossiter Jessica Dekker	Larissa Reid Claire DePaul Julian Mulroney

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Thank you to all the ladies who renewed or joined our league during our January membership drive.

Not yet a member? You may join the league any time throughout the year. Information and membership envelopes can be found on the CWL bulletin board at the bottom of the tower entrance. Better yet, learn about the league by attending the next general meeting on Tuesday, **February 23** at 7:30p.m. in the Parish Hall.

WOMEN'S LENTEN STUDY GROUP

Join us Wednesday evenings in Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, **February 17**, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3 of the Rectory as Valerie Haines and Colleen Francisci will facilitate a women's Lenten study group. Please contact Maria in the parish office to sign up so we know how many copies of the book we need to order.

FRENCH IMMERSION IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

If you wish to consider a French Immersion experience, for your child, Kindergarten to grade 8, please contact St. Joseph School at 905-529-1002.

Transportation by bus is provided to St. Joseph School from your home school.

St. Joseph School is located at 270 Locke St. S.

Registrations are by appointment only on February 24th, February 25th, February 26th from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

An information night will be held at the school on Thursday **February 10** at 7:00 p.m.

LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALETTES – Due to our ongoing need to trim our budget and bring down our debt, providing the *Living with Christ* missalettes is a luxury we can not afford at this time. If however, you wish to order your own subscription you may call 1.800.387.7164 or email living@novalis.ca.

Attention all Youth! There will be a movie night for all youth on Friday, **February 12** at 7 p.m. in the Youth Room of the Rectory. The youth can decide between two movies to watch "The Princess Bride" or "Hotel for Dogs". Hope to see you all there.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th plus Wedding Anniversary in 2010? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 10 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Guelph or **April 18** at the Cathedral of Christ the King at 2 p.m. Space allows room for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more are allowed 1 guest. Please refer to the poster at the tower entrance of the church for information on how to register for the celebration. Registration forms must be in by March 26.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17. Once again, the Social Justice Committee will be hosting a Soup and Solidarity event that night before the 7 p.m. Mass. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and we will serve meatless soups, buns or bread, and water. This is a common meal of many of our brothers and sisters around the world, often the only meal they may have. We ask for a donation for Development and Peace, \$5 for adults, \$2 for children. Of course, you may donate more if you like. Parishioners are welcome to also to make meatless soup or donate buns for our meal. Please call Rita Bailey 905-525-1198 for more information.

February is also National Farm Month, a good time to reflect on the lives of those who grow our food. This week let us pray for farm families, that they may have the resilience needed to continue to grow our food. The family farm is rapidly disappearing from our landscape, and these families need our support. Let us remember them in our prayers, and support them in our shopping habits.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH ONGOING FOOD DRIVE

The number of people turning to food banks each month is up by 20% across Canada due to the recession, layoffs and increased living expenses. "Hundreds of thousands of Canadians are facing very difficult choices, pay the rent, pay the hydro bill or buy food. Families and individuals in their own communities are turning to food banks in increasing numbers." says Katharine Schmidt, executive director of Food Banks Canada. St. Joseph's Parish is responding by promoting an ongoing food drive. Non-perishable food items can be left in front of the Sacred Heart altar every Sunday. Our friends at the Brothers of the Good Shepherd have graciously offered to pick up the food 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 or Salmon. Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST WEEKEND if you wish to make a donation in support of the victims of the earthquake in Haiti, there are envelopes available.

Please specify if you wish your donation to go to Development and Peace or to the Sister of St. Joseph, through Hamilton Health Sciences. Please include your name, address, and amount and envelope number. Make cheques payable to St. Joseph Parish. Thank you for your generosity.



The OFFERTORY Collection
for **January 30 / 31** was **\$5,452.19**
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 Anne Patterson The Redmond Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 Intentions of Daniel McGarr Kathleen McGarr

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8 a.m. Joe Nagle Jane Canale

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 Vincent O'Connor Ed Shea

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 Robert Souter Daniela Conz & Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:00 Ben DeRosa Phyllis DeRosa-Koetting
Intentions of the Casuccio Family Rita Casuccio

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:30 Peder Larsen The Carroll Family
Lidia Lovisa Teresa & Gianni Miotto
11:30 For all the People of St. Joseph's Parish

Desk Scribbles . . . 5th Sunday Ordinary Time . . . February 7, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.
Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

A few years ago the Canadian Religious Congress (The joint committee of Religious Communities in Canada) issued a paper on the need to develop what they called a *vocation culture*. What they argued is that it is not just priests and religious who have been given a vocation but all Christians. Everyone has a God given vocation, something that God has asked each of us do, a kind of "holy job." This does not mean that what God is asking us to do has to be in a church or in a religious setting but that whatever it is, is done in a holy manner.

How do any of us know what God has planned for us? How do we know what we are to do? Not many of will have the experience that we hear described for Isaiah in our first reading. Isaiah has a vision, a powerful and overwhelming experience of God, hears the angels speak, has his tongue purified and receives a direct commission from God to speak in God's name.

Nor will many of us experience what Paul went through with his direct encounter with the Risen Jesus. This was so powerful of an experience that it turned his whole life around in a different direction. And then, we have the apostles out fishing with Jesus who witness a huge, marvelous and miraculous catch of fish. This event opened Peter's eyes to the identity of Jesus and Peter recognized his unworthiness and sinfulness — a common reaction to an encounter with God.

No, for most of us, God will not bang us on the head or overwhelm us, but God will sneak up on us. God's encounter with us will seep through the ordinary events of our lives. Sr. Regina who is part of our RCIA team said that when she worked in West Virginia she was allowed to keep the Blessed Sacrament in her home in a prayer corner. When many of her Baptist neighbors would come into her home, they would say, "What is it about this place? There is something different about your home?" She never told them, but she knew the answer.

For us, too, we hope that we come to that same realization, that there is something different about our lives. That

difference is that we are surrounded by and immersed in the presence of God who is calling us to let that God-light shine through our ordinary lives. We are to be rainbows of God's presence helping save people from being drowned by the forces of greed and lust for power that threaten to pull us under and away from God. That's our mission, our impossible mission (without God, that is), that we need to either choose or reject but it all begins with each of us has been called to participate. It's not just someone else's job; it is ours as well. And unworthy as we may feel, we must trust that God makes us worthy and equips us with all the gifts we need. Thus we will honor Isaiah, Paul and the apostles as we join them in their mission and help others find the face of God in the complexity of human experience.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - February 11th is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. In looking at our February calendar we would like to offer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all the Masses on the weekend of February 20th-21st. Next week's bulletin will have more details and information.

WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY to Teresa Murphy on the death of her sister in law Mary Murphy. May the Lord console Teresa and her family and may our prayers be a support to them during their time of grief.

THANK YOU To all the people who helped make this year's Pasta Supper a great success. We had a great crowd last Sunday evening! The food was delicious, and a good time was had by all. Mille grazie a tutti.

WE CONGRATULATE OUR DRAW WINNERS: 50/50 Draw - Ron Dick, Gift Basket - Patricia O'Hara, Candy Dish - Julia Greene, Juicer - Mark Copeland, Gift Basket - Mary Jo McMahan. We do not have a phone number for Mary Jo McMahan, so we need you to phone the office if you wish to claim your prize.

PALMS the ashes for Ash Wednesday are made from burning the palms distributed last Passion Sunday. In preparation for this Ash Wednesday we ask that you bring in any palms you might still have at home and place them in the baskets found at the doors of the church.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS This Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. we will be having a games night in the gym at the school. Please consider joining us for some fun and exercise. The Youth Ministry would like to thank all of the billets, sponsors and volunteers who helped to make the Net Ministry a very enjoyable event. We had 45 youth from our parish and All Souls parish join in an entertaining afternoon of games, songs and talks. The food was plentiful and enjoyable.

2010 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES If you have not picked up your 2010 Offertory envelopes yet, please contact the parish office.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Ron Cote, Fr. Florian Stasinski, C.R., All Permanent Deacons, Fr. Henryk Krajewski, C. R., Fr. Lech Wycichowski, C.R., and Fr. Said Bello.

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