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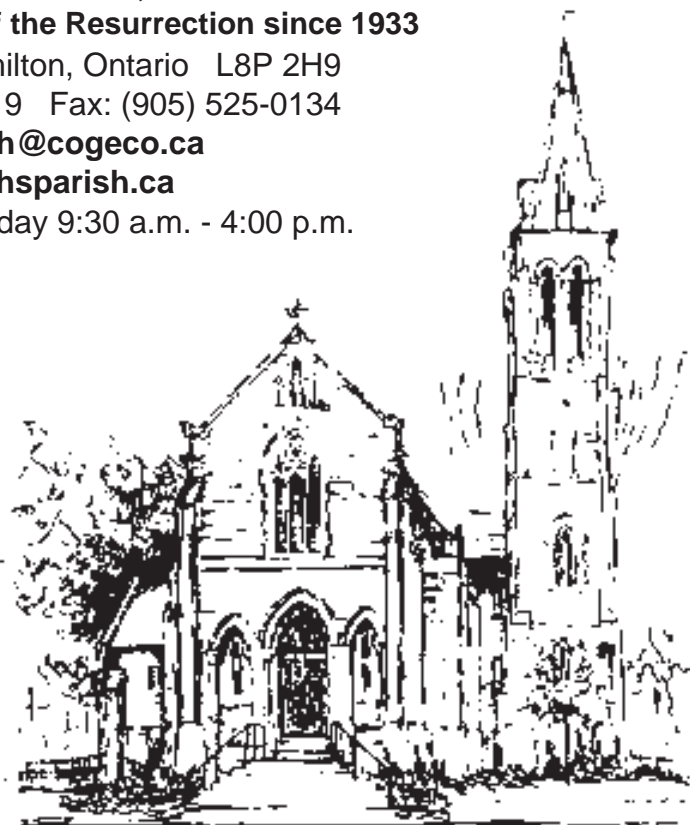
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Sunday Eucharist

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 12/13	Feb 9/10	No Baptisms in March-Lent
Apr 13/14	May 11/12	Jun 8/9
Jul 13/14	Aug 17/18	Sep 14/15
Oct 19/20	Nov 9/10	Dec 7/8

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

Lucy Agresta

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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

LAY MINISTERS for FEBRUARY 23 /24

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Rose O'Connor Lilli Schikolenko Julia Murphy	Patrick Reilly Deirdre Pike Janet OSullivan	Danny Shea Bill DiFrancesco Sandy Moniz
Eucharistic Ministers	Sister Maureen Sweeney Margaret Moran David O'Connor	Judi Santi-DeRubeis David Shea Roberta Weiss	Ann-Elizabeth Beattie Kim Dorman Gail Reid Mike Scozzaro Clara Wallman
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WILL YOU BE IN ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH DIRECTORY??

In order to accommodate the great response we have been able to negotiate a second round of sittings. Be sure to book during February 19 - 23 in order to receive a free 8 X10 picture, and a chance to be included in the Parish directory. Times are as follows: **February 19-22, from 2:30pm - 8:30pm and February 23rd from 9:30am-3:00pm.** Check out the parish website, e-mail us at parishdirectoryphotos@gmail.com, or sign up after Mass. We are also looking for volunteers to help us with sittings, phone calls, etc.. Please contact Paula at 905-522-1309.

If you do not have your photo taken you will not receive a copy of the directory!

CWL NEWS... CWL Regional Meeting for Hamilton Diocese - Pius X Church in Brantford, Saturday, **March 2**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All CWL members welcome. See bulletin board for information.

Once again the ladies of the CWL and volunteers in the parish will offer Lenten breakfasts to the school children after the 8 a.m. Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent. Registration forms are available from the school. We thank the volunteers for their dedication to this effort.

Human Trafficking in the City & Beyond- What does it mean to us? Award-winning journalist *Nicole O'Reilly* of the Hamilton Spectator is doing an informative presentation. Nicole will share her knowledge about human trafficking, security issues, as well as domestic sex trafficking in Hamilton. All are Welcome-Come to St. Joseph Parish Hall- @ **7p.m. Tues. Feb. 26.** Sponsored by the *Catholic Women's League.*

The World Day of Prayer Service
for the Locke Street Community.

The Women of France planned the theme this year
"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Led by members from Central Presbyterian,
Melrose United, St. John the Evangelist and
St. Joseph's Parish.

Please join us: **Friday, March 1, 2013 at 11 a.m.**

St. Joseph's Parish
Light refreshments to follow.
ALL ARE WELCOME

La Santa Messa in onore del Sacro Cuore di Gesù avrà luogo ogni primo venerdì del mese alle ore **19.00** nella nostra chiesa (in Italiano). Seguono le Litanie al Sacro Cuore di Gesù. Prossime date nel 2013: 1 Marzo, 5 Aprile, 10 Maggio, 7 Giugno.
Tutti sono benvenuti!

St. Joseph's Got Talent is Back!

Tickets for *St. Joseph's Got Talent* which will take place on Friday, February 22 at 7:30, are now available at a cost of \$15. They may be purchased after any of the Masses from Stillman Matheson and members of the choirs, or during the week at the Parish Office. Tickets will be available at the door if some are still available. That's this Friday at 7:30.



Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 15 – 17, 2013n**, in Niagara Falls please call **905-664-5212** or email: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS... Monday, **February 25, 7 p.m.** - First Reconciliation Preparation Meeting. Parish Hall.
Monday, **March 4, 7 p.m.** – First Reconciliation Ceremony.
Sunday, **April 28, at 9:30 a.m. & 2 p.m. & May 5 at 2 p.m.** First Communion Celebration.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Celebrate the Year of Faith in the Land of the Bible - join us where it all began! Our parish is organizing a **pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan from April 27 to May 7, 2013.** For more details see the posters and brochures in the church, contact Fr. Michal at: fr.michal.cr@gmail.com, or Melanie (Boreal Tours) at: mel@borealtours.com or 1 877 271 1230, ext. 27 (toll free). The total cost of the pilgrimage is \$ **3,100**; deadline to register: **February 21, 2013** (down payment of \$ 500; remaining payment until mid March 2013). There are still many places available!



Our OFFERTORY COLLECTION
for February 9/10 was \$5,749.25
Thank you for your continued generosity!

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAYS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 Scott Emerson Dianne Porter

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 a.m. Margaret Webster Helen Callender

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 Doris Keogh Sister Michaela Sinclair

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 Diego LoGiudice Grace Criminisi & Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:00 Attilio Tosello Betty & Barry Taylor
Inez Salvatori Susan Harper

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:30 Anthony & Rose Morelli The Family
Elsie Picone

Roseline & John Dean & Family

11:30 For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish

“Man shall not live by bread alone.”

“You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”

“You shall not tempt the Lord your God.”

This threefold confession, Fuller says, plots the future course of Jesus’ ministry, culminating in the confession that he made before Pontius Pilate. It was this confession, this single-minded commitment to God’s will for him (which is what the dogma of Christ’s sinlessness really means) that characterized the whole course of Jesus’ ministry and finally led to the cross.

For us today the season of Lent provides us with a graced opportunity to step back from the normal course of our lives and take time to examine where we are in our relationship with God. It is a kind of spiritual GPS reading for our journey with God. Traditionally, we take this reading in three connected ways: praying, fasting and almsgiving.

Lent then calls us to renew our prayer life with God and perhaps to spend even some extra time in talking to and relating to God. It is a time to renew our acquaintance and deepen our relationship with the one who gives us life. The fasting we choose should be something that helps us make room for God within our lives. We may eat less, drink less, consume less (food or other things like TV watching or whatever) so that our senses are sharper and less dulled from being over satiated. And finally the prayer and fasting is completed and made meaningful by connecting it with almsgiving, with charity, so that we become more and more like God who is love itself.

As time goes on in our lives as Christians, we should be continuing to grow in holiness and love; we should be better than we were last year. Lent provides a wonderful chance to get us out of the rut if we are stuck and to help us continue to grow in our love and relationship with Christ. Forty days of praying, fasting and almsgiving may be a cross for most of us but it will surely lead us to the joy and glory of sharing in the resurrection and life that Easter promises all those who are faithful.

Desk Scribbles . . . 1st Sun Lent . . . Feb 17, 2013 . . . Jim Link, CR

Deut 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

In the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church, the season of Lent was designed as a retreat time for the candidates who were preparing for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. These catechumens had been praying, practicing and learning about the faith for a long time --- sometimes years --- and the season of Lent was the home stretch so-to-speak. Later in history, many felt that it was a good idea for all the members of the church to enter this desert retreat time whether they were baptised or not so that everyone could have the chance to reflect on the meaning of the sacraments of initiation.

In a sense we are imitating Jesus’ own journey into the desert before he began his ministry. Driven by the Spirit, Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray. It was a time to make sure that the bread that what he hungered for was God’s will for him whatever that would be and wherever it would lead him. It was a time for the Spirit to remind him to lead by humility and love and not by power or domination. It was time for the Spirit to encourage him to trust God and not to take shortcuts or be tempted to take the easy way. For Jesus, his journey into the desert was a journey of obedience, trust and faith in God. For us, the season of Lent --- our desert --- carries the same meaning and challenge.

The gospel reading this Sunday says that after the devil tempted Jesus, he departed from him to return at an opportune time. This opportune time would be his passion and death. Reginald Fuller [*Preaching the Lectionary*, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN: 1984] and other scholars connect Jesus temptation in the desert directly with his passion. The scriptural responses that Jesus gives to the devil’s three tests give us clues to this connection:

YEAR OF FAITH: THE FAITH WE PROFESS As we begin the Season of Lent, the focus of our Year of Faith celebration is on The Faith we Profess. During the Season of Lent, all the faithful are encouraged to prepare themselves to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by remembering their Baptism and be penitential practices. One of the ways we will do this is by listening to the Scripture Readings which have been traditionally used with those preparing for Easter Baptism. Even though we are in year C of the Sunday Lectionary Cycle, we will listen to the readings assigned for the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent in Year A. From John’s Gospel, we will listen to the story of the Samaritan Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus. In these beautiful stories we will come to know Jesus Christ as the Living Water, the Light of the World, and the Resurrection and the Life.

LENTEN RETREAT Friday March 15- Saturday March 16th Sr. Elaine Arsenault SSS & Rita Carrière are holding a Lenten Retreat at Mount Mary in Ancaster. The cost is \$125.00 (includes overnight, breakfast & lunch). For more information or to enroll please call Sr. Elaine – tel: 905-388-3966 or email: sssperthshire@sympatico.ca

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS Youth Drop-In Program: every Tuesday after school, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Room (entrance through the Rectory). Come and bring your friends!


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