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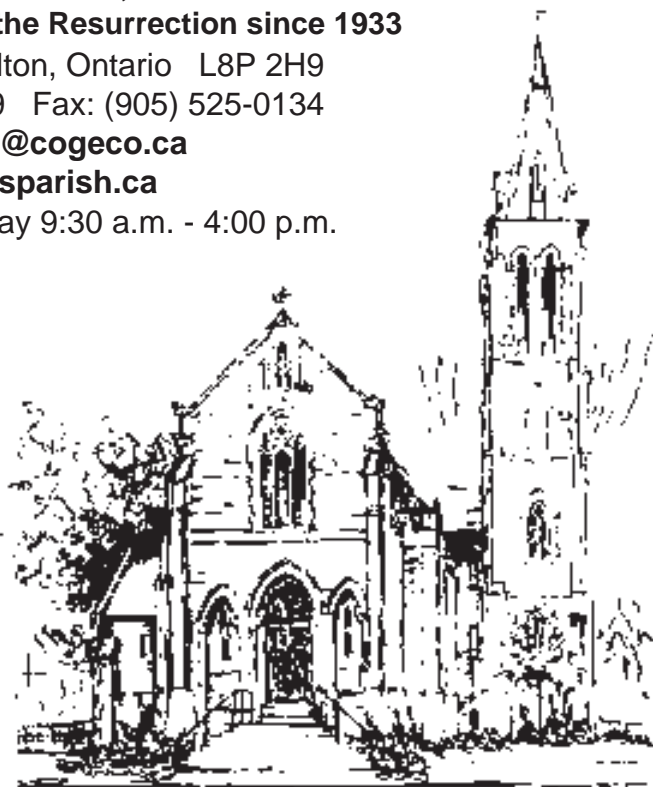
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WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE



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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

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

LAY MINISTERS for JANUARY 7 / 8

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Lilli Schikolenko Cathy Brogly Rose O'Connor	Amy Maggio Kathleen Dekker Christine Weir	Ken Sherman Confirmandi
Eucharistic Ministers	Elizabeth Harkin Sheila Corr	Roberta Weiss Angela Cocca	Clara Wallman Kim Dorman Betty and Cam Howey
Servers	TBA	TBA	TBA

ANNUAL PASTA SUPPER!

The date for the Pasta Supper has been set for
Sunday, January 29.

Once again, we will have 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.

Tickets will go on sale next weekend.

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

C.W.L. NEWS

January is CWL membership month. All women age 16 and older are invited to join or renew your membership with our Catholic Women's League. To join or renew your membership, submit the \$15 fee in the collection basket during Mass using the envelope in your Offertory envelope box or sign up to renew your membership annually on your direct debit form. Additional information and membership envelopes can be found on the C.W.L. bulletin board near the doors of the tower entrance.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MEETING Parents of and all children who will be receiving First Communion in 2012 are encouraged to attend a preparation meeting on **Monday, January 16 at 7 p.m.**

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED ADOPTION?

Would you like to hear more about the process through CCAS?

Upcoming Information Night

Wednesday January 18th – 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King St. East. For more information and to register call Jocelyn Jacobs at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3125

FOSTER HOMES FOSTER HOPE!

Give the gift of love – become a foster parent!

Upcoming Information Night

Wednesday January 25th – 6:30 p.m.

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King St. East. For more information and to register call Carol Larsen at (905) 525-CARE (2273)

Visit our website at www.hamiltonccas.on.ca

*May your New Year be
Joyous and Fruitful*

2012 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 before we process the new envelopes.**

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.



The OFFERTORY Collections for the past weeks were as follows: **DECEMBER 10/ 11 - \$6,808.31, & DECEMBER 17 / 18 - \$7,690.50.**
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH		
MONDAY, JANUARY 2		
No morning Mass		
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3		
No morning Mass		
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4		
8:00	Chester Vasas	Cathy Vasas Brown
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5		
8:00	Margaret Barnes	Fr Jim Link, CR
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6		
8:00	Intentions of Ron & Rene Valvasori	
	Ralph Turcotte	Maria Ennett Bernice Clark
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7		
3:00	Wedding – Jaime Cho and Ryan Bender	
5:00	For all the people of St Joseph's Parish	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8		
9:30	Karolina & Wasyl Piczak	Edda Starai
11:30	Danny DiFrancesco	Bill DiFrancesco & Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! We wish Fr Jim Link a most Happy Birthday on January 2nd! We are off to a good start this year. God bless you Father Jim.

Desk Scribbles . . . Mary, Mother of God . . . January 01, 2012 . . . Jim Link, C.R.
Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

What's in a name? Such is the title of a TV documentary program exploring the names given to products for marketing purposes. I saw this same discussion take place in the recent *Recipe to Riches* program on The Food Network as seven home cooks from across Canada presented their dishes in hopes of them being nationally branded and marketed by Loblaws plus a \$250,000 prize. Advertizing and marketing companies were hired to help them name their product in a way that would be recognizable and appealing to the public. *Grandma Glo's Luscious Lemon Pudding* was the winner. Names are important. Our names are important; and so too is God's name, so much so that it is even one of the Ten Commandments.

With regard to God's name, Carol Stuhlmueller [*Biblical Meditations for Advent and the Christmas Season*, Paulist Press, N.Y.: 1980] writes:

"To invoke God's name upon us is the same as to confess our faith in the nature and revelation of God's secret life. He is God in order to be compassionate. Such is his vocation, for such is the name which he revealed at the moment of the exodus out of Egypt. When Jesus' conception was announced, his name was given from heaven. It means "the Lord saves." The word Jesus is a shortened form of the Hebrew *Jehoshu'a*, which combines the word *Yahweh*, *Yah* or *Ya* with *hoshu'a* and means *Yahweh saves*." The name of Jesus thus reaches into the

mystery of God, as once revealed to Moses, and declares that the Lord who is always present is actually among his people to save them and to bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey."

How many times have we responded, "Bless you" when we heard someone sneeze? In the first reading this Sunday we hear the blessing of Aaron. God's own name is put on the children of Israel. Among the ancient Jews, blessings (and curses) were forces that enacted the words signified. I often reflect on the words that couples exchange at weddings. Once spoken aloud in that context before God and the community, their lives are forever changed --- for better or worse. But so too are those of us who surround them. From that point on we can no longer relate to them except as "married."

Blessings and curses were not seen as things that descend upon someone in the way that the sun bathes the earth with its rays. They were not holy blankets that covered us; no rather, they bubbled up and emerged from within. In a similar way, our parents name us at birth and then, in baptism, we are "Christ-ened," that is, made to be like Christ. We receive the very name of God and become part of God. This blessing, this naming, becomes a possession that no one can take away.

In our gospel this Sunday, Mother Mary brings her child to the temple for ritual circumcision and for naming. The name of Jesus would mark his destiny. As we begin this New Year, let us pray that the remembrance of our own naming and blessing keep us faithful and at peace. Let us be careful of our words to each other and be aware of the power that words have to bless or curse. And in whatever good times or hard times lie ahead, may we never forget that we are loved, we are named, and will never be forgotten. We have been blessed by God; may we be a blessing to others in return.

MANY THANKS to everyone who generously gave of their time and talents during the past few weeks in preparation for Christmas. We are blessed with many people who: donate their time to direct our choirs, decorate, sing, clean, co-ordinate ministry schedules, proclaim the Word and are Eucharistic Ministers. The list is endless! We are sorry if we have left someone out. We are truly blessed. Thank you for the wonderful gifts you bring and are for St. Joseph's community. We hope that you and families will have a Happy New Year.

GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD DRIVE Many thanks to everyone who donated food items to the Good Shepherd food drive during the Advent season. A Reminder that the Good Shepherd Centres asks for our help to keep their shelves stocked throughout the year. Please bring in donations of non perishable food items to help those in need.

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