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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:

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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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<b>LAY MINISTERS for JANUARY 30 / 31</b>			
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Joyce Taylor Rose O'Connor Jill Lyons	Deirdre Pike Kathleen Dekker Shirley Rodrigues	Josie Shea Danny Shea Andrea Wade
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Maureen Harper	Roberta Weiss Paul Clinton	Diane Shea Helen Anderson Clara Wallman
<b>Servers</b>	Christian Mattina Paul Agresta Dori Haines	Kiera O'Sullivan Shea Shannon Domladovac Jessica Domladovac	Morghen Dick Sidney Jessome Michael Mattice

### PASTA SUPPER

**HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS YET?** Tickets for the Annual Pasta Supper, to be held next Sunday, **January 31, 2010**, are on sale now. Adults: \$12. Seniors: \$10. Children: 12 and under \$6. Join us for an evening of great food and fun.

### 2010 KENYA MEDICAL MISSION CONCERT

Canadian Nurses for Africa will present Voices of the Savannah and The Burlington Welsh Male Choir in a concert at St Joseph's on Saturday, **January 30** at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds donated to the Kenya medical mission. Tickets available at the door or contact Gail at 905.335.2157.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Our next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, **January 26** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join us to learn about activities planned for 2010. General meetings are open to all members and women 16 years and over who are interested in becoming members. For more information about the Catholic Women's League of Canada visit [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)

### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 50<sup>th</sup> SCOUTING GROUP

The Beavers and Cubs meet in St. Joseph's School Gym on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Please come and try the program out for a few weeks and see if you would be interested in joining the group. Please contact Yvonne Oliver at 905.529.9667 or Pat Troughton at 905.396.0886.

### 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 will lead 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.

### Prayer and Candlelight Vigil For Life

Please join Hamilton Right to Life as we hold our third annual **Ecumenical Prayer Vigil and Candlelight Vigil**: Thursday, **January 28, 2010** at 7:30 p.m. at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Main Street West, across from McMaster University. The Prayer Vigil is followed by a 30 minute candlelight vigil in front of McMaster Hospital, starting at 8:00 p.m. This event will mark the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the day our Supreme Court left the unborn children in Canada with NO legal protection from being killed in abortion. At least 100,000 Canadian children are aborted every year! Pray at home, and join in public prayer at this event. For more information, call the HRTL office at 905-528-3065.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

**Haiti Emergency Relief Collection.** The Government of Canada will match the generosity of Canadians. Envelopes will be available to parishioners who wish to make donations in support of the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Parish; clearly mark the amount, your name, and address and envelope number on the front of the envelope. We ask that you indicate which fund you wish to support, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace or the St Joseph Health Care System. **Please note that the Parish office must remit all funds by February 10.**

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CHILDREN

Did you know that our school board has made embroidered cresting (sewn directly on uniform) mandatory for all schools starting in 2010? The Parent Coalition for Reasonable Uniform Policy (PCRUP) supports school uniforms. However, we are challenging the mandatory embroidered uniform shirt policy due to its disproportionate burden on low income families, failure to consider community social justice and disregard for environmental impact. PCRUP Meeting: Monday, **January 18, 7:30 p.m.** in Rm. 3 of the Rectory. Make your voice heard!

**PLEASE NOTE:** THERE WILL BE A FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING FOR THE CHILDREN PLANNING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT THIS YEAR, AND THEIR PARENTS, ON **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 7 P.M.** IN THE CHURCH.



The **OFFERTORY** Collection  
for **January 16 / 17** was **\$5,209.10**  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

**LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 25**

8:00 Peder Larsen Keltie & Bruce Law

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26**

8:00 Michael Meyer Joyce Brown

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27**

8 a.m. Elda Marcaccio Cathy Munro

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28**

8:00 Intentions of John Mills  
Catherine, Valerie & Dori

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**

8:00 Margaret Malcolmson Bernice Clark

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30**

5:00 Francesca Volpe Josephine Castiglione  
Kevin Frizzell Rose Frizzell

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31**

9:30 Ray Mariutti Angela & Don Richardson  
Norm McDonough & the Intentions of Ida Lovisa  
& Family  
Joan McDonough

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

**Desk Scribbles . . . 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time . . . January 24, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.**  
Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10; Psalm19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30;  
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Some years ago, I ran across a quote from the late Fr. Walter Burgardht, S.J., who was a wonderful professor of homiletics and a self proclaimed "weaver of words" which stayed with me. He wrote: "Words, learned from experience are powerful. Words can be weapons. Words can reveal, words can conceal. Words can wound, words can heal. A word from Washington rained down atomic hell on Hiroshima. Two words, *Seig Heil*, bloodied the face of Europe. Three words, "Here I stand," divided all of Christendom. Words can declare a marriage dead or words can covenant a life together in love. Words from an altar change bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. In all this we are more than weavers of words. A word is powerful, a word is loving, a word is "I." It has always struck me that we most often take our words for granted or undervalue their power.

Our gospel account this Sunday finds us in the synagogue with Jesus as he reads from the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." Then, as we hear, Jesus rolls up the scroll, hands it back and proclaims, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in you hearing." The word has become flesh. Each time we stand for the gospel we mark our foreheads, our lips and our hearts with a small sign of the cross praying

that God will be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts. We stand as a posture symbolizing a readiness to act. And, as one of my professors once told me, we ask God to put ears on our hearts so that the word of God will be heard in the depths of our very being and take root.

In our first reading, we hear that Ezra read from the word of God so powerfully that the people indeed heard it and were moved to tears. The challenge for us as present day hearers and bearers of God's word is to realize that each of us is called to be the "word of God," speaking that word out loud and clearly with our own lives, love and actions. But we know that we can only do this insofar as we have heard that word ourselves and understood it. No one can give what they do not have.

May God give us ears to hear and hearts to understand that the word of God which powerful, loving and alive find a home within us and transform us into the very word we hear.

**OUR SINCERE PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY** to a number of parishioners who have experienced the loss of a loved one over the last few weeks. We especially remember Elisabeth Braun, mother of Betty and Frank Hanta; Silvia Gregory, mother of Donna and Jim McGreal; Fran Matthews, mother of Sarah Matthews and her husband Mike Valente; Patricia McCallum, mother of Sandra McCallum and her husband Dave Riddell and Antoinette Riddell, mother of Dave Riddell and his wife Sandra McCallum. May the Lord console these families and may our prayers be a support to them during their time of grief.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) was one of the most important and influential church musicians of the Victorian era. He worked as a composer, conductor, cathedral organist, and as a teacher at the Royal Academy. He was known to have a somewhat abrasive personality, and in a letter to his sister in which he comments on a collection of hymns that he was trying to have published, he describes it as "a good thick book. I hope it will suit thick heads." One of his most enduring compositions is the tune *Aurelia*, which we sing this weekend at 5:00 and 11:30 as the closing hymn. Along with being alive and well after 150 years, *Aurelia* also has traveled well. It is well-known in both Japan and Korea, often sung at weddings as *Love Divine and Golden*.

**Youth Ministry: We welcome the members of NET Ministry this Sunday.** This retreat will run from 2:00 until 7:30 in the church hall. It should be a fun and spiritually uplifting event. The retreat team, young adults from across the continent, will use games, story-telling, skits and songs to deliver their messages. Please plan to join us. Dinner will be provided.

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS** This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. James Link, CR, Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.), Fr. Daniel Hinsperger, Fr. William Trusz, and Fr. Michael Downey.

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