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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

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519-885-0331 ext 312
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905-528-0138

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LAY MINISTERS for FEBRUARY 6 / 7			
	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Phyllis DeRosa Koetting Lorraine Lossing Lilli Schikolenko	John Skinner Pat Reilly Mary Tompkins	Cindy Heuck Bill DiFrancesco Nick Kovacs
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Lossing	Maria Ennett Joanne Matsos	Gail Reid Aniko Ivanyi Kim Dorman
Servers	Lilly Francisci Bernadette Francisci Claire DePaul	Natalie Zidanic Grace Zidanic Mikayla McCollum	Michael Mattice Andrew Linger Catherine Linger

PASTA SUPPER

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS YET? There are still tickets available for the Annual Pasta Supper, to be held this Sunday, **January 31, 2010**. Tickets are 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

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.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Here is a brief summary of Development and Peace's activities in Haiti. Since January 17, two staff members from Canada have been in Haiti to help direct aid, and to tell us about the challenges, and signs of hope, on the long road ahead. You can read a blog of their experiences on the Development and Peace website, devp.org. Over the last 50 years the Haitian people have enjoyed only a few, brief periods of democracy. Our Development and Peace work there is essentially directed to strengthening the capacity of groups working for social improvement, to support economic development activities, to empower women, and to promote a culture of peace. The \$350,000 annual budget supports 7 key partners that work in these areas. The earthquake that devastated Haiti this month is added to the long list of calamities that have befallen this country over its history, some acts of nature, and some caused by humans. We pray that the resilience of its people aided by the solidarity of the international community will enable Haiti to be reborn as a just society.

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, amount and envelope number. Make cheques payable to St. Joseph Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

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 23 / 24** was **\$5,821.68**
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00 Cora Mangan Frances Adams

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:00 Aniela Nalezny Stefan Neliiezny

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8 a.m. William Ormond Sister Carol Anne

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 Barry Rae Daniela Conz & Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 Intentions of Patrick Duff Kathleen McGarr

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

3:00 Wedding - Josephine Castiglione
Kevin Frizzell Rose Frizzell

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

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

What was in the mind of God when God was dreaming about creating us? What part of God's life does God want reflected and revealed through our living? If we can get even a small glimpse of that self identity, we will know what we need to do, what jobs fit our becoming who we are and which do not.

Lest we think this is a daunting task, we must always keep in mind that we never have to do this alone; no, God's spirit is always with us. This unfolding of our being, our becoming, is a joint venture. God's spirit strengthened Jeremiah to continue preaching God's word even when it wasn't welcome, even when it caused him suffering. Jesus too was strengthened by the Spirit when the word he spoke threatened the status quo of the people so much they wanted to kill him. God will do no less for us.

The path to our becoming ourselves is well marked out. It is the path of love that St. Paul describes in his poetic description of *agape*, the kind of love that is patient, kind, not envious or boastful or rude. This is the love that does not insist on its own way nor is it ever irritable or resentful. This love never rejoices in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. This love never ends.

This, in fact, is the very same love that made us and dreamed us. This love will carry us through thick or thin, joy or trial. And in the end it will lead us home.

Desk Scribbles . . . 4th Sun Ordinary Time . . . January 31, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 71; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

The late Archbishop Anthony Bloom, a Russian Orthodox bishop, wrote in one of his early books *Beginning to Pray* that God has a special name for each one of us. But it's not the name that people call us by or the name we sign our cheques with --- no, this name is identical with our very being because it's the name --- the word so-to-speak -- that used to create us, to breathe us into being with. It's a name that can only be heard in the depths of our hearts. It's a name that God speaks constantly in love or else we would not be. Psalm 139 reminds us that it is God who formed our inward parts and knit us together in our mother's womb. God dreamed us and thought about us long before we were even made and God took great delight in our birth.

And so, that means, like Jeremiah, we too were chosen and commissioned before our birth to do something for God and that 'something' is simply to be ourselves, to be who God made us to be as a reflection of God. What we do in life, our job or occupation or other activity should then be a means of carrying out our mission, to tell the world something about God that only we can tell, to be a clearly spoken "word of God."

One of the places, then, that we must start is not by first of all looking for the perfect job, occupation or way of life. No, the starting point is to try to reach some understanding of just exactly who God made us to be.

OUR SINCERE PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY to Dr Ted O'Brien on the death of his daughter Maureen, to Aryana and Yasaman Karimianpour on the death of their mother Josefina and to the Uzbalis family, Nan, Vic, Jeff and Sheila on the death of Dillon Freddy Uzbalis. May the Lord console these families and may our prayers be a support to them during their time of grief.

DID YOU KNOW? The text of the Communion anthem at the 11:30 Mass this weekend, *Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart*, is from a prayer written by the 8th century scholar, teacher, and poet, Alcuin of York. Born in the year 735, Alcuin attended the Cathedral School in York as a child, became a teacher there as an adult, and became headmaster in 778. In 781, he was appointed head of Charlemagne's Palace School at Aachen, where he remained until his retirement in 796. The setting being sung by the choir today was composed by David Ashley White, the head of the School of Music at the University of Houston, Texas.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Jose Silva, Fr. Varghese Palmattam, C.M.I., All Lay Ministers, Fr. Vincent Panikulam, C.M.I. Fr. Wom-Il Ko, and Fr. Mike Francis.

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