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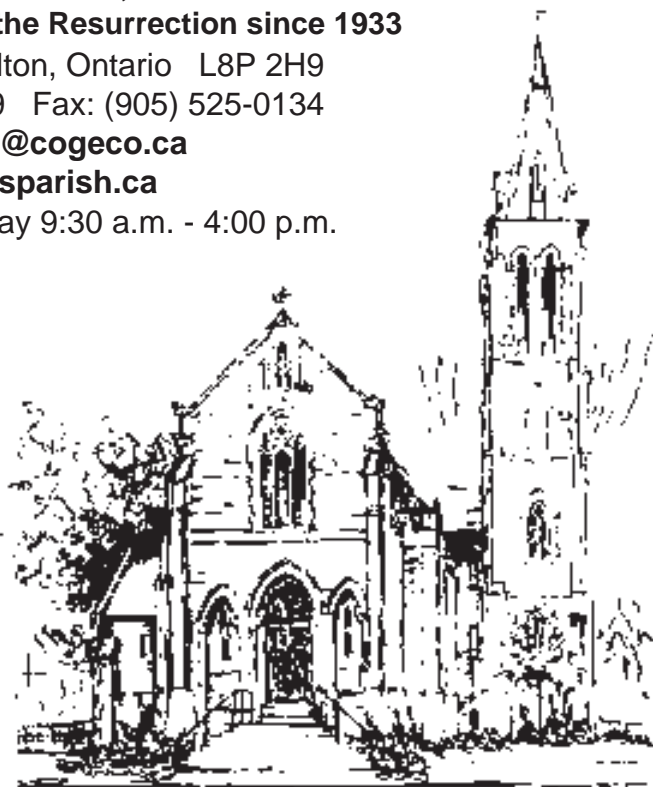
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WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE



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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 8/9	February 12/13	March 5/6
April No Baptisms	May 14/15	June 11/12
August 13/14	September 17/18	October 22/23
November 12/13	December 10/11	

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	Rochelle Martin	905-522-4355
Vice Chair	Harry Douglass	905-632-5258
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Youth Group Rep.	Peter Gauthier	905-526-9395
School Rep.	Elin Paxton	905-521-1737

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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

LAY MINISTERS for JANUARY 8 / 9

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Lilli Schikolenko Jill Lyons Cathy Brogly	Verdi Gough Christine Weir Patrick Reilly	Mark Mindorff Confirmandi
Eucharistic Ministers	Maureen Harper Elizabeth Harper Jeannie Milani	John Bittman Roberta Weiss David Shea Angela Cocca	Betty and Cam Howey Bernice Clark Mike Scozzaro Clara Wallman
Servers	Bernadette Francisci Dori Haines Maria Consulta	Sylvia Kukucska Ben Kukucska Michaela McCollum	Larissa Reid Morghen Dick Claire DePaul

PASTA SUPPER WITH A TWIST!

The date for the Pasta Supper has been set for
Sunday, January 30.

We are adding a new twist this year...

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 May are encouraged to attend a preparation meeting on Mon., **January 10**.

Youth Ministry

Net Ministry team #2 will be visiting out parish this year. The Family Retreat will be on Saturday, January 22nd. We hope that our youth and their parents will attend this year's event, so please mark your calendars. More details will come in future bulletins.

We are also looking for billets for the Net Team. Each billet will have two of the team members (there are 5 females and 5 males in this year's team) staying with them on the 21st and 22nd. Please contact Peter Gauthier [905 526-9395] if you would like to offer your home to these young adults who are devoting a year of their lives to spreading the teachings of Christ.

ADOPTION BUILDS FAMILIES

Have you ever considered adoption? Would you like to hear more about the adoption process through the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton? Please join our adoption staff for an information night on Wednesday, **January 19** at 7 p.m. at the Society, 735 King St E. For further information call 905.525.2012, ext. 3125.

*May your New Year be
Joyous and Fruitful*

Social Justice: Climate change is an issue of justice

Because carbon emissions are produced mainly by the wealthy countries of the North, yet their effect is felt more acutely by the poor countries of the Global South, climate change is an issue of justice that concerns Development and Peace. As Anglican Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, South Africa, Desmond Tutu pointed out, "the world's poor are being harmed through a problem that is not of their making." Canada must assume a significant proportion of global responsibility, as it ranks second globally in terms of its carbon footprint. Canada produces an annual carbon footprint of 20 tonnes per capita – second to only the United States. The New Year is traditionally the time for resolutions, a time to reflect on how we can improve. How can you reduce your carbon footprint? Walking more or taking transit? Supporting local farmers? Refusing to drink bottled water? Wearing a sweater and turning down the heat? Whenever you do these things, you are acting for justice. Think about it.

2011 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 11 / 12 - \$6,239.97, &

DECEMBER 18 / 19 - \$6,558.38.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

No morning Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00 Intentions of Gail Rusnell Susan Harper

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00 Leo Violette The Violette Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 Carolina & Wasył Piczak Rosemary Piczak
Irene Moscardini Betty & Barry Taylor

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 Ona Baksys Edgar & Lydia Jegeris

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

5:00 Bill Farrell Joe Carroll
Anah Smith Lorraine & Dean Lossing

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

9:30 For all the people of St Joseph's Parish
11:30 Jordan Cranstone Patty Foley

Desk Scribbles . . . Epiphany . . . January 2nd, 2011 . . . Jim Link, C.R.
Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

When Danish philosopher Kierkegaard reflected on the uniquely Matthean narrative of the journey of the magi, he marveled at the motivation of those royal travelers ("Only a Rumor," *Meditations from Kierkegaard*, James Nisbet and Co., London: 1955). The scribes Herod called together were able to explain where the messiah should be born, but that knowledge did not motivate them to join the magi. On the contrary, they were quite unperturbed by the news and had no desire to go to Bethlehem. Similarly, said Kierkegaard, we may know the whole of Christianity but make no movement. The power that forever altered heaven and earth leaves many of us completely unmoved. If God walked into the room when we were watching TV, would we even get up out of our chair?

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent when we gathered in the afternoon for choral evensong with our three choirs singing the "O antiphons," I could not help but reflect during the prayer that none of us really has to look far to discover God's presence or experience how God truly is Emmanuel, "God-with-us." God is bumping into us, soaking us from the inside out, surrounding us, accompanying us, feeding us, consoling us, guiding us when we are wandering, and leading us out of the darkness into light. Perhaps the challenge is recognizing this God-with-us in the very places we move and exist each day instead of thinking that God is somewhere, out there or up there.

The magi set out motivated by stars and dreams. We don't have to go that far. We are constantly tripping over God's presence in the blessings we receive, in the love

that is given and shared, in the bread and wine that is broken and given, in the forgiveness we receive and give to others, in the many events and experiences of our lives that are bubbling and brimming with the Spirit.

Like the light that guided the magi to find the Christ child, there are signs of God's presence, love and Spirit in our own community of St. Joseph's Parish, that shine forth like stars in the sky.

Since my arrival in September 2009, I have been deeply aware of the concern of our parish community for the poor and those who have less. Even in the midst of difficult economic times, our monthly collection for Our Neighbors in Need, has been constantly generous. We are one of the only parishes that give food vouchers cards to those in need to enable them to buy fresh meat, milk or whatever they need. Those who receive this gift are very grateful. This concern for those who are less fortunate is also evidenced in our concern for one another. I have overheard countless remarks of parishioners asking about the welfare, health and well-being of someone who sits near them in the pews or of a neighbor or a loved one. I have heard words of congratulations at baptisms, births, anniversaries, and words of appreciation for a service given or a gift received. I have seen joy in the faces of our children in Sunday liturgy, our choir singing, loving service in a cup of coffee poured at a funeral reception, the face of love in commitments to ministries of singing, ushering, altar serving, reading, giving Holy Communion — all given without thinking of thanks. And there are many, many more.

Who needs to go on a journey to find God? The light of the star has stopped over the corner of Locke and Herkimer. May we have eyes to see.

WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY to a number of our parish members who have suffered the loss of a loved one over the holiday season: to Diana O'Donnell and family on the death of Diana's sister Teresa; to Calogera Messina and family on the death of Giuseppe Messina; to Dr Joseph Carroll and family and Patrice Graham on the death of Mark Carroll. May our prayers be a support to these families and may the Lord grant Teresa, Giuseppe and Mark eternal rest.

CHOIR NEWS... *Magnum Mysterium*, the Parish Choir's compact disc recording of Christmas music is available for \$15. from Stillman Matheson, any member of the Parish Choir, and at the Parish Office during the week

MANY THANKS for all who donated items for the Giving Tree, in support of Birthright. The diapers, receiving blankets and other baby items helped a newborn and mother have a better Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD DRIVE A Reminder that the Good Shepherd Centres asks for our help to keep their shelves stocked at this time of year. Please bring in donations of non perishable food items to help those in need.

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