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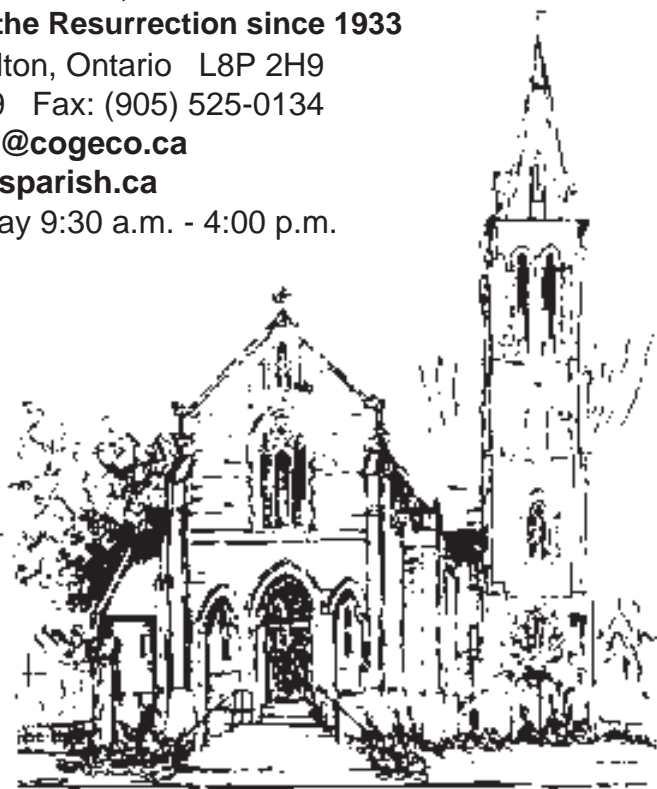
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Sunday Eucharist

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 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
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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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

LAY MINISTERS for JANUARY 15 / 16

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Rose O'Connor Lynda Narducci Joyce Taylor	Mary Tompkins Kathleen Dekker Shirley Rodrigues	Cindy Heuck Bill DiFrancesco Annette Mihic
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
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**GET YOUR TICKETS
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 are on sale now.
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 Ministries is coming soon! This year we're going all out and offering a FAMILY RETREAT in which parents and their children get to enjoy the fun, faith, and food that these talented youth leaders always bring on their road trip across Canada! All you need to do is come on Saturday, January 22 and bring a favourite family dish for the potluck supper after the 5pm mass. The retreat officially starts in the parish hall at 1pm (but if you get there later on that's great too!) And ends after dinner - around 8pm. It promises to be an amazing experience for the whole family and if you're a little hesitant about going just ask any of the youth who came last year and they'll tell ya how much fun and surprises are in store!

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: Human Trafficking Rampant in Canada

Human Trafficking is the second largest organized crime worldwide. It is a \$32 billion annual black market industry, that is even more than Nike and Starbucks combined. Thousands of women, men and children are being coerced into joining the profitable Canadian sex trade in which few criminal charges are laid. While Canada has been a destination of sex trade immigration, recent studies have shown that there is a growing number of exploited sex workers who were born in Canada or had legally migrated. A disturbing trend in the sex trade is the use of the internet and social networking websites that can be used to lure and sell young victims.

2011 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES The Offertory envelopes for the New Year are now available. **We ask that you not use leftover 2010 envelopes as in some cases envelope numbers have been reassigned.** Please 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 so we can keep our records up to date.

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 **JANUARY 2** was **\$5,319.94**.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 Daniel Robinson Sheila & Aksel Thomsen

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00 Michael Matusick Sister Carole Anne

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00 Laura LeBlanc Elle Allain & Family
9:15 School Mass - Ruth Bensette

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 Mary Gibbons Susan Harper
Virginia Alavata The Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 Jean (Gina) & Ubaldo Mazza
Clara Wallman & Family
Severino Venzon & Joseph O'Connor
Joanne Venzon & David O'Connor

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

5:00 Bill Conry Larry Bomford
John Cassucio Dan Lunney

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

9:30 Peder Larsen Vivian & Stuart Walsh
Ted Cunningham
Catherine Cunningham & Family
11:30 For all the people of St Joseph's Parish

the heritage and legacy of our parents, grandparents and other ancestors, we need a community of faith to help us understand what it means to belong to Christ. That is why one of the blessings for the parents, states that parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith and prays that they be the best teachers by what they say and do. Our faith is clearly is more "caught" than "taught." This is a huge responsibility and it is not to be taken lightly. We commit ourselves to preparing our children to be good and responsible citizens of the world; we also need to help them find the guiding stars in their lives that will lead them to God. But even parents need the community of believers to help them in their duty as Christian parents.

And we need to recommit ourselves to renewal, to let our faith be freshened up, and shaken awake. Paragraph 14 of the "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy": "Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious and active participation in the liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people" (1 Peter 2) is their right and duty by reason of their baptism. In the restoration and promotion of the sacred liturgy, this full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else; for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit." In other words, we need to pay attention to and to remember who we are and what we are called to become. God will help us if we let God.

As theologian Mary Collins [*Celebration*, National Catholic Report Pub. Co., Kansas City, MO: Jan 2011] writes: "We are being invited to celebrate the dignity of our baptism in every liturgical celebration and we are being called to live the identity given to us in the liturgy. We are always being invited to let go of whatever in ourselves is not Christ. Yet it is only with an inspiring vision of the mystery we are – by God's choice, God's generosity and God's extravagant trust and love — that our gratitude will grow and that it will become more and more our heart's desire to live in the full stature of Christ."

Desk Scribbles . . . Baptism of the Lord . . . January 9, 2011 . . . Jim Link, C.R.
Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

I have long been convinced that baptisms should be celebrated during Sunday liturgy when the community gathers just as we already do here at St. Joseph's. Obviously, we don't do it very often or it may lose its meaning, but we need to celebrate baptism frequently enough to keep it in front of our minds and hearts lest we forget. Baptism is a most underrated sacrament and yet it is the beginning, the doorway to all the sacraments. The sacrament of baptism changes everything in us in a way that we often do not appreciate or even understand.

Many times when we are at the back of the church as we begin the opening dialogue for baptism with the parents and godparents, I wonder if they really understand the seriousness, the implications and the absolute wonder of what is about to take place. These children of theirs are about to become home for God, tabernacles of God's presence. Just and these parents named and claimed their children at birth, in baptism, God gives them the name of his own Son. They are christened, literally, made to be "like Christ." We are reminded of St. Augustine who charged us as a baptized people: "Become who you are, the body of Christ!"

Yet baptism is not magic, it needs and demands a community of believers to be the soil and catalyst for its growth and becoming. Just as we grow and learn what it means to be a member of our own families and to share in

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 the Huba family on the death of Andrew Huba, to Joan McDonagh and family on the death of Joan's son Allen, to Ella Allain on the death of her brother in law, Jack Carrol. May our prayers be a support to these families and may the Lord grant Andrew and Allen and Jack eternal rest.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED SERIOUSLY if you have a vocation to be a sister, brother, or priest? Are you looking for an opportunity to get away for quiet prayer and reflection to explore this more serious? Set aside a weekend for yourself and make a discernment retreat arranged specifically for this purpose. Which weekend? February 25-27, 2011. The retreat will take place at the Scarboro Mission Centre, 2685 Kingston Road in Toronto. The retreat is intended for persons 18 and older and is sponsored by the Toronto Area Vocation Directors Association (TAVDA). For more information please contact the parish office.

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