

# St. Joseph Parish



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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 11/12

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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## 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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### LAY MINISTERS for MARCH 27 / 28

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	Sharon Boase Julia Lossing John O'Connor  <b>Passion Reading</b> Phyllis DeRosa Koetting Grant Ranalli Leah Fuller	Larry Bomford Deirdre Pike Amy Maggio  Kathleen Dekker Denise Campuzano Pat Reilly	Josie Shea Adriana Rerecich Gerry Shea  Danny Shea Linda Pandzich Lynne Taffs
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### *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE - The Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m.**

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

**"Celebrate What's Right With the World"** - Tuesday, **March 23** at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. All members and women of the Parish are welcome to attend our general meeting on Tuesday, March 23rd. After a short meeting we will be watching the 22-minute video "Celebrate What's Right with the World". This inspirational film can help us approach our lives with celebration, confidence and grace. We hope to see you there.

**Trivia Night 2010 - Saturday, April 24** - 7pm in Parish Hall

Find out how much you don't know; working in teams of 8 you will solve general knowledge questions. Join us for this evening of fun, prizes, food and cash bar. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale after Easter. You can reserve yours now by calling Linda 905-528-8470 or Lori 905-522-4719.

**Ladies mark your calendar** for our annual Pot Luck Supper, which will be on Monday, **April 26** at 6pm in the Parish Hall. We'd love to try your favorite recipe and have you take home some new favorites. All women of the parish are welcome to join us.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

**Thank you for supporting CCODP**

Today Solidarity Sunday we had a special Share Lent collection for The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Development and Peace has recently committed \$50,000 for emergency relief efforts in Chile, which was struck by a hard-hitting 8.8 magnitude earthquake on Saturday, February 27th.

The earthquake has affected some of the poorest regions in the country and has left 2 million people in need of aid. It is estimated that 1.5 million homes have been destroyed.

As part of the Caritas Internationalis federation, Development and Peace will provide funds for emergency relief operations which will distribute food through its network in the country. This is being coordinated by local partner Caritas Chile. Caritas has also sent a search and rescue team to help find survivors trapped under rubble. "Caritas Chile is working in coordination with governmental and civil society organisations in establishing a national help network, in spite of enormous communications difficulties," reported Caritas Chile Director Lorenzo Figueroa.

Development and Peace will be accepting donations from Canadians to further help with this emergency response. The organization's annual fundraising drive is currently underway with the goal of raising \$10 million, with 10 percent of money raised set aside for emergency relief operations.

If you were not able to make a donation today you can designate your funds in next Sunday's collection using the Share Lent envelopes or by indicating that your donation is for Share Lent and to go to Development and Peace. For further information about CCODP check out their website at [devp.org](http://devp.org)

**CRUTCHES AND BAGS** - Please support struggling Haitians:

There is an urgent need for CRUTCHES of all sizes to protect the integrity of stump sites for future successful prosthesis. Calling all who can sew sturdy BAGS WITH HANDLES (upholstery material or leatherette). These will be used at food distribution centres when 100 lb bags are broken down into family sized portions. Please bring your donations to the church before April 9. MANY THANKS!

#### ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH ONGOING FOOD DRIVE

A reminder that St Joseph's Parish is holding an ongoing food drive. Non-perishable food items may be left in front of the Sacred Heart altar every Sunday. The food items most desired by the Good Shepherd presently are peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned pasta, juice, canned tuna and salmon. Thank you for your generosity.



The **OFFERTORY** Collection  
for **March 13 / 14** was **\$4,693.99**.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

## MARCH 21, 2010

### LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

#### MONDAY, MARCH 22

8:00 Peder Larsen CCAS Board & Staff

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 Pelino DiBenedetto Vivian & Stuart Walsh

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

8 a.m. Intentions of Mark Carroll Patrice Graham  
Michael Sinclair Sr Michaela Sinclair

#### 7 p.m. Evensong

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 Janis Niedra Lydia & Edgar Jegeris  
7 p.m. Reconciliation Service

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 Paola & Antonio Sergi Barbaro Saveria

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 27

5:00 Jack Droughan Marg Chiarot  
Irene Moscardini Louise Ormond

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 28

##### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

9:30 For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish  
11:30 Intentions of Rosemary Duffy  
St Joseph's Parish 11:30 Choir

longer be under the power and domination of another nation but would be free to worship and give praise to God as the one who was constant, loving, forgiving and generous in providing for their every need as God's own people.

The second reading this Sunday is quite familiar to me as one of the readings I have chosen for my funeral (in the distant future). Paul, looking back at his life, judges it to be worthless rubbish in light of what he now knows in Christ. He has experience a new beginning, a new way of being that is driven and directed by the spirit and power of the risen Christ. From here on out there is to be no turning back, only a commitment to live each and every day with his face and heart turned toward Christ and the life on high that lays ahead. We too, joined to Christ, are invited to join in this journey.

Finally, in the gospel, we encounter the woman caught in adultery who is about to be stoned. Jesus saves her by exposing the sins of her accusers but leaves her with a warning not to sin again. We have all been given second chances by God; it is not for us to be backsliders or to forget or take for granted the new beginning we have been given. And it most certainly is not our prerogative to condemn any one else — judgment belongs to God and to God alone.

The ancient Israelites, Paul, and the adulterous woman in the gospel all were given second chances to start over and begin anew. In a special way during the season of Lent, God offers us the same chance. Let us pray we don't miss this graced opportunity to start fresh and let go surprise us with something new.

**RECONCILIATION TIME CHANGE:** Please note that Reconciliation is now offered Saturdays from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Desk Scribbles . . . 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent . . . March 21, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.

Isaiah 3:16-21; Psalm 126; Phil 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

I read an inscription in a high school year book once which stuck with me. It ran: "How come trouble always starts out fun?" Obviously, there may have been some regrets in that person's life. Often times we use an expression in English that goes something like, "If only I knew then what I know now" or "If I could do it all over again, I would — or would not — do it any differently!" So, what would life look like if we could do it all over again? Would anything change? Would we want to have done anything differently or just leave it as it?

Our readings for this Fifth Sunday on Lent, cycle C, all reflect on second chances. In the first reading God tells us, "Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; not it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." In light of the Israelites, this command may seem to be somewhat contradictory because the Israelites were always telling and re-telling the pivotal stories of their past as a cherished means of communion and thanksgiving in their worship. Even in the Seder Meal we have planned for Holy Week, it begins with a question usually asked by the youngest child, "Why is this night different from all other nights?" Then the mother or one of the adults in the family would answer by telling the story of the Israelites deliverance from bondage in Egypt. The various foods of the Seder Meal symbolize the elements of the story of the Exodus.

And so, God telling them to forget the past was perhaps a way of telling them not to cling to it or live in the past but to allow God to surprise them with something new. The "something new" is that God was bringing them to a place where they would no

**EASTER FLOWERS** You are invited to donate flowers (Easter lilies) which will be used to decorate the altar for the Easter season. Please bring your donations in during Holy Week anytime before Holy Saturday morning. If you wish to donate funds towards the purchase of Easter flowers, envelopes can be found at the doors of the church or in the pews. Your donations will help us keep the sanctuary decorated throughout the Easter season.

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS** This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Jason Kuntz, Fr. Murray Farwell, Chancery Office Staff, Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki, Fr. James Malone, and Fr. Stjepan Pandzic, O.F.M.

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Service of Reconciliation with Sacrament of Penance - Thursday, March 25 – 7 p.m.**

**Seder Meal - Tuesday, March 30 - 6 p.m.**

**Holy Thursday - Mass of The Lord's Supper - Thursday, April 1 – 7 p.m.**

**Good Friday – April 2 - 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.**

**Holy Saturday Vigil – April 3 – 8 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday Masses – April 4 - 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.**

**Easter Monday – No Morning Mass & Office is closed.**

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