

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 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 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.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LAY MINISTERS for MAY 8 / 9

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Sharon Boase Julia Lossing John O'Connor	Kathleen Dekker Pat Reilly John Skinner	Cindy Heuck Danny Shea Annette Mihic
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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Thank you to members and parishioners who volunteered and participated in our trivia night on April 24th. Your involvement made the evening a success and congratulations to team 7 who won with a total of 80 out of 100 questions correct.

Thank you to members and parishioners who joined us for our annual pot luck meeting on April 26th. It was a yummy assortment; all dishes were delicious but this year's highlight was Janet's amazing dessert.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT

It is time to start thinking about enjoying some social time with some of your fellow parishioners. We have booked Knollwood Golf Course for Sunday, **June 13th** for our annual golf tournament. Details will be coming. As we play a "best ball" tournament, everyone can contribute to their team's success, no matter what their handicap is. Please mark your calendars now, as we know how quickly weekends in June fill up.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2010 will be celebrated from May 2 to May 7. This year's theme, "*Catholic Education*" *Rejoicing in Hope*, comes from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians where he writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always... and the God of Peace will be with you" (Phil 4:4,9). During this week, schools will be celebrating the gift of Catholic Education with special prayers and presentations. We ask that the parish continue to pray for our Catholic schools, that they may be marked by God's hope and joy. Contact your local Catholic school for more details.

Room in your heart and home? Make a difference in the life of a child. The Catholic Children's Aid Society will be hosting an information night on Wednesday, June 2, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Society, 735 King St. E. Call: 905-525-CARE (2273) to register, visit our website www.hamiltonccas.on.ca

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

The Fair Trade Coffee Blind Taste Test held last weekend on Coffee Sunday was a great success. We can now tell you that the local roaster was SkyDragon, competing with our "old reliable" supplier, Alternative Grounds of Toronto. Thanks to those who filled out the survey sheets and offered their comments - at least a handful of you said that we should be sourcing our coffee locally now that it is available, no matter what the survey says - and thanks to those who on such short notice provided the baking, fruit, and other treats for those who attended. The Social Justice Committee will have to examine the results of the survey before coming to a decision about our future supplier. Stay tuned for a future announcement.

FAITH AND FUN SINCE 1941 In the words of one of our former campers, "*I think it's cool how Camp Brébeuf mixes faith with fun!*". Camp Brébeuf is a Catholic Camp located on 110 acres of forest and stream in the beautiful town of Rockwood Ontario. Our facilities include many exciting features such as a rock climbing wall, high ropes course, archery range, swimming pool, canoe pond, sports field, wood cabins, outdoor chapel and more. Run by the Hamilton Catholic Youth Organization under the guidance of Bishop Tonnos and the Diocese of Hamilton, Camp Brébeuf offers Summer Camp programming for grade school students and a Leadership Camp for those entering grade 9 all the way up until grade 11. For more information visit: www.campbrebeuf.ca or call 519-856-4671.

INVITING ALL ST. MARY SECONDARY SCHOOL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

St. Mary Catholic Secondary School will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary of Catholic Education from May 27 to 30, 2010. If you are interested in volunteering at any of the events, please call 905 528-0214, ext. 507. For more information check out the website at <http://stmary40thanniversary.webs.com/>



The Offertory Collection for April 24 / 25 was \$6,660.73.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, MAY 3

8:00 Mary Santoni Marg Webster

TUESDAY, MAY 4

8:00 Calogera Ippolito David Gris & Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

8:00 Charles C Mark Polly & Ray Plant & Family

9:15 School Mass Jordan Cranstone
Req by School staff

THURSDAY, MAY 6

8:00 Elisabeth Braun Sheila & Denis Corr

FRIDAY, MAY 7

8:00 Alex Keating The Bugiardini Family

SATURDAY, MAY 8

5:00 Carmelo Cino Grace Criminisi & Family

Sebastiana Bontempo The Bontempo Family

SUNDAY, MAY 9

9:30 Robert Souter Tony & Ildia Botelho
Ted Cunningham

Catherine & Pat Cunningham & Family

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

In our second reading, John recognizes that it is God dwelling among us who is making all things new. We are caught up now in a new creation. The old order has passed away; the sea, a symbol of chaos and disorder, is gone. All that lies ahead is the new Jerusalem, a new people drawn into intimate relationship with God as a husband loves his wife. God has pitched his tent among us and dwells with us. We are active partners in this relationship and have work to do in helping bring God's reign to completion. It may be God's work, as Paul and Barnabas understood, but God needs us.

The great 15th century mystic and doctor of the church, St. Teresa of Avila recognized this partnership with God, when she wrote:

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out on the world, yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now."

The ball is in our court now, the Spirit is present among us. May the Spirit help us to be the body, hands, feet and eyes of compassion of God for others so that we may truly love as Christ has loved us.

Did you know....? During the month of May, you will hear at all the Masses musical settings of *Ave Maria*. Traditionally, May is the month when Roman Catholics focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. "The practice dates back at least 700 years, and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world." (*May the Month of Mary: Paying Tribute to Mary the Mother of Jesus* by Rachel Bellerby.) The setting heard this weekend at 11:30 was composed by Jacob Arcadelt, a 16th century Franco-Flemish composer.

YOUTH MINISTRY This Sunday we are bringing back a very popular activity from last year - Ultimate Frisbee. Come out and join us for a fast moving team game for all to play. We will meet at the parish hall for 2:00 and walk to The Rez (Reservoir Park). There will no Youth Ministry next week, as it is Mother's Day.

WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY to Lisa and Steve DeSimone on the death of Steve's father Pasquale DeSimone and to Joyce Brown on the death of her mother in law, Jane Brown. May God grant Jane and Pasquale eternal peace and may the Lord console these families. May our prayers support them during this time of great loss and grief.

CONFIRMATION NEWS The church was full this past Thursday evening as the Confirmandi joined in procession to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. We are very grateful to Bishop Crosby for leading us in prayer and we would like to thank the many volunteers who have generously helped out with the various activities and preparations that lead up to this beautiful ceremony. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and inspire us all!

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Charles Fedy, CR, Fr. Edward Mahony, Fr. James Petrie, Fr. Martin Vallely, Fr. Jeff Bergsma and Deceased Religious Sisters and Brothers.

Desk Scribbles . . . 5th Sunday Easter . . . May 2, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.

Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 145; Rev 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33, 34-35

The teacher had just finished giving her class a thorough lesson on the Ten Commandments and then began to quiz them on their knowledge.

"What is the first commandment?" she asked. A deathly silence crept over the room. No one answered, so she called on a boy who clearly was staring into outer space and was obviously not paying attention. The boy lowered his head, thought a bit, and then responded, "The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple!"

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment. This commandment is actually an old commandment with a new twist: Love one another as I have loved you. Jesus presents his life, death and eventual resurrection as the pattern of love, the template for his disciples to follow. The way that Jesus loves is the way that God loves and this is the way that God's children must also love.

We have all heard that old question: "If Christianity were a crime, would there be enough evidence to convict us?" As we examine our lives, what stands out as possible evidence to support our claim to Christianity? In what ways are we loving as God loves, forgiving and giving as God does? When was the last time we denied ourselves and gave something to someone else? It could be a donation of money, time, giving up our right for justified vengeance, a gift of undeserved forgiveness, or a myriad of other things. And if we have done any of these things, do we give God the credit or pat ourselves on the back for being so magnanimous of heart?

In the first reading, after fruitfully preaching the word of God, Paul and Barnabas have returned to the place they started. When they arrived they called the community together and related all that God had done with them. They may have done the preaching but, clearly they saw that it was God who was doing the work. They saw themselves as the instruments, the vehicles of God's love.

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