

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.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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LAY MINISTERS for MAY 15 / 16			
	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Grant Ranalli Joyce Taylor Denise Konig	Shirley Rodrigues Amy Maggio Denise Campuzano	Nick Kovacs Mark Mindorff Ken Sherman
Eucharistic Ministers	Judi Kochanka Anita Ormond Gough Amanda Larsen	Keltie Law Judi Santi DeRubeis Carol Larsen Therese Gervais	Mike Scozzaro Bernice Clark Anne Elizabeth Beattie Rochelle Martin Ilidia Botelho
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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Ladies mark your calendars and plan to attend the next general meeting on May 25th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The meeting will open with the Crowning of Mary and a social will follow the meeting. This is the last meeting until September so we hope to see you there.

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.

Day of Prayer - Friday, May 21st.

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Opening prayer / meditation / song 9:45 a.m.

Two Spiritual talks

Bring a bag lunch; dessert, tea & coffee will be provided.

Please call or e-mail Sr. Elaine to register at 905.388.3966 or ssspertshire@sympatico.ca

Adoption Builds Families

Have you ever considered adoption? Please join our adoption staff for our information night on Wednesday, **May 19** at 7 p.m. at the Society, 735 King St. E. Call: 905-525.2012 ext 3125 for further information.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

Our next Social Justice Committee meeting is Thursday, **May 27**, at 7 p.m. in rm. 3 of the Rectory. Our next Fair Trade Sunday is the weekend of May 29/30.

Thank you to all who contributed to our Share Lent collection recently. A total of \$7672 was raised, a very generous amount, especially considering how close it was to the Haiti collection. On behalf of Development and Peace, and our brothers and sisters in the global south, we thank you for your generosity and solidarity. If you missed the collection, envelopes are still available at the doors of the church, or you can go online to devp.org.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

THE 50TH ANNUAL SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY MASS FOR SHUT INS

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate mass on Saturday, **May 29** at 2:00 p.m. at Annunciation of Our Lord Church, 280 Limeridge Rd. W. If you wish to arrange for transportation please call 905.648.3290.

FOUNDATIONS IN PARISH NURSING

Bringing the healing love of Christ to those we serve.

An Ecumenical formation program will be presented through the St. Peter's Institute for Catholic Formation (affiliated with St. Peter's Seminary, London, Ontario) and co-sponsored by the St. Joseph's Health Care Society. Join us for an ecumenical educational and personal growth experience for registered nurses, designed to introduce fundamental concepts of the practice of parish nursing. It is open to any nurse who is interested in integrating spirituality, health and wholeness into their nursing practice.

Summer residency program dates: July 9 thru' 16. Deadline for applications: May 31, 2010. Visit www.spicf.ca or contact Michelle O'Rourke RN MA morourke@rcec.london.on.ca or 1.866.483.2160 ext.7000261 for more information.

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 **MAY 1 / 2** was **\$6,577.76**.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, MAY 10

8:00 Marta & Wasyl & Dmitry Prytylak
 Hanni & Jeannette Smigielski
 Michael Sinclair Sr Michaela Sinclair

TUESDAY, MAY 11

8:00 Grazia & Francesco Bruccoleri
 The Bruccoleri Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

8:00 Lillian Bellideau Bernice Clark & Family

THURSDAY, MAY 13

8:00 Calogera Ippolito Salvatore & Diane Gris & Family

FRIDAY, MAY 14

8:00 Anne Patterson St. Joseph's Parish CWL

SATURDAY, MAY 15

5:00 Patricia Leasure The Consulta Family
 Intentions of Susan Harper Margaret Droughan

SUNDAY, MAY 16

9:30 Roger Gauthier
 David Shea, Janet OSullivan Shea & Kiera
 Rosario Agresta Caterina Agresta & Family
 11:30 For all the people of St Joseph's Parish

At the beginning of creation, the serpent said to the Adam and Eve, "Did God really tell you not to eat of the fruit of that tree? Why God knew that if you ate of it you would become like God?" That was the lie because if we go back one page to the first creation account we see that the man and woman were already made in the image and likeness of God. In other words, they already were what they were longing to become! That lie continues to be told and believed in a thousand different ways. It somehow leads us to think that God would not want us to be happy or that God would short change us in the fun department. So, we end up not trusting God fully and leave ourselves in control — just in case it does not work out.

Many years ago in doing marriage preparation with a couple I asked them if they understood that the marriage commitment they were making is permanent, ending only with death. The woman said 'No!' She could not say that she told me because the future is uncertain and she may want to get out it someday. I had to refuse to witness their marriage in the church. And yet, perhaps in smaller ways, we all say 'no' to God when things don't seem to be going the way we want.

One of the principles I try to bring to the celebration of Sunday Mass is the principle of letting go. The late liturgist, Fr. Eugene Walsh wrote once that the greatest gift any of could give to that experience of liturgy was simply the gift of personal presence, of paying attention, of being there and not anywhere else. It makes me think of the sight one often sees at rock concerts when people stage-dive or jump off into the crowd to find themselves lifted up on the hands and arms of the spectators. We need to stage-dive into God's loving care, trusting that we will not hit the ground. The Spirit who loves us and abides within us will not let us fall. Believe!

Desk Scribbles . . . 6th Sun Easter . . . May 9, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.
 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

English cleric and author William Law (1686-1761) once wrote, "The difference between a good and a bad person does not lie in this, that the one wills that which is good and the other does not, but solely in this, that the one concurs with the living, inspiring Spirit of God within him and the other resists it" (quoted in *A Treasury of Quips, Quotes and Anecdotes*, edited by Anthony Castle, Twenty-Third Publications, Mystic, CT: 1998).

If we are ever feeling lonely, abandoned or forsaken by God we would do well with reading and re-reading the first line of this Sunday's gospel reading: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." We are God's home! So when God thinks 'I am going home,' God calls our name.

This is the great gift of the Spirit who is not bound by time or space, who makes Christ really present and accessible to people of all time and ages. It is the Spirit that allows God to take up residence within us.

Good people — as we saw in opening quotation — are those who accept the fact the God is within us and, then allow that Spirit of God to direct their life. Yet we struggle with this. Many have a difficult time, first of all, even believing that God loves them, let alone entertaining the thought that God could actually be within them. And then, when it comes to letting go of our wills and letting God direct us, we can get frightened. It is for good reason that the first words that Jesus most often said to people was, "Do not be afraid, I give you peace."

If God desires only the fulfillment of our deepest longings and desires. God wants to bring us peace, shalom, the harmonious completion of our mind, body, and spirit. To have *shalom* in our life means we lack nothing, we are fulfilled. What then could ever cause us to be afraid? This is the best offer we are ever going to get from anyone, anywhere. It can only mean that we either don't understand or we are believing in a lie.

FIRST COMMUNION THANK YOU - A special thank you goes out to all of the teachers, principals, parents and students for helping with the ceremonies and preparations for this year's first communicants. They were all beaming with joy and excitement as they celebrated receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. May that joy and excitement continue to radiate in and through us all!

Did you know....? At the 11:30 Mass this weekend, we introduce a communion hymn that may be new to most people in attendance. The music for *Our Daily Bread* (CBW 600) was written by Robert Kreutz, who also composed the more familiar *Gift of Finest Wheat*. These are only two of a long list of songs and choral works that this American composer wrote for the Catholic liturgy after studying at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and the University of California. Robert Kreutz was the Director of Music for 30 years at St. Bernadette Parish in Lakewood, Colorado, and died in 1996.

YOUTH MINISTRY This Sunday there will be no Youth Ministry meeting, as it is Mother's Day.

THANK YOU to Daniela Conz and Linda Pandzich and the members of the Catholic Women's League who graciously hosted the reception after Saturday evening's concert. It was a lovely ending for this wonderful event. Thank you ladies.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. David Weise, Fr. Joseph Durkacz, The Sisters of Social Service (S.S.S), Fr. Edward Sheridan, Fr. Rafal Tomon and Fr. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.

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