

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

Chairperson	Laura Rossiter	905-546-0781
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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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LAY MINISTERS for OCTOBER 23 / 24

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Leah Fuller Rose O'Connor Lynda Narducci	Michael Coughlin Amy Maggio John Skinner	Annette Mihic Jennifer Weir Ken Sherman
Eucharistic Ministers	Sheila Corr Maureen Harper Sister Maureen Sweeney	Ene and Paul Readyhough Carol Larsen Judi Santi-DeRubeis	Helen Anderson Ilidia Botelho Rochelle Martin Mike Scozzaro Anne Elizabeth Beattie
Servers	Bernadette Francisci Fischer Schikolenko Maria Consulta	Natalie Zidanic Grace Zidanic Mikayla McCollum	Julian Mulroney Andrew Linger Catherine Linger

**THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL BAZAAR IS SET
NOVEMBER 20 / 21 MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Be sure to plan to attend and if you are canning, or knitting, please set aside some of your handiwork for one of our tables.

Main Draw tickets are now being distributed.

We thank you for your support.

Be sure to check the bulletin boards for a list of area Bazaars that will take place in the next few weeks.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This year's session has begun and meets on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m, in Room 3 of the rectory. This is a process of welcoming adult newcomers into the Catholic Church and continues once a week until spring. If you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a Roman Catholic, please let them know. Register at St. Joseph's office at 905-528-0019 or stjosephsparish@cogeco.ca

JOIN US Our next Card Party will be held on Thursday, **October 21** at 1:00 p.m in the Church Hall. Join us for an afternoon and come and meet your friends.

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS are invited to attend a diocesan workshop. The dates are set for December 4 and November 20, respectively. The facilitators will be Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, Laurie Monique and Sister Kathleen O'Neill. Please contact the parish office for registration forms and more information.

Development and Peace Justice Committee follow up to Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace Mining Campaign: Urge your MP to vote for Bill C-300 this Fall!

Bill C-300, also known as the "responsible mining bill," is an important piece of legislation that will be coming up for another vote in the House of Commons as soon as October 27th, 2010. The third reading of this Bill was held on September 20th, during which several MPs spoke in support of the Bill, although some still oppose it. On October 26th, the Bill will have a second hour of debate for its third reading, which will then be followed by a vote shortly thereafter. In 2009, the Bill just narrowly passed its second reading by a vote of 137-133. That vote was won by reaching out to MPs and reminding them that Canadians are committed to justice and sustainability, and we expect our companies to behave responsibly. Please follow up if you are able with a call or email to your MP and for more info go to dev.org

Are you grieving the loss of a relationship through death, divorce, or separation? Do you want a NEW BEGINNING? **NEW BEGINNINGS** helps people of all faiths to discover the deeper meaning in their lives and in their changed circumstances with the help of a trained team of men and women who are divorced, separated and widowed as well. **Where? Mount Mary, Ancaster**

When? Friday Nov. 26th to Sunday Nov. 28th, 2010

Cost? \$175 (includes accommodation, meals and program - flexible payment options available – call for details)

Contact: Anne at the Diocesan Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education at **905-528-7988 x 2251**.

ALTAR SERVERS ARE INVITED to attend a Pizza Party on Tuesday, **October 19** in the parish Hall from 3:30 to 5 p.m. We hope you will join us.

**FOR CHILDREN WHO DO NOT ATTEND
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:**

The Religion Home Study Program is a parent-run program that provides religious instruction to Catholic children (Grades 1 to 8) who attend public, private, or home-based schools. The classes run once weekly for a total of 20 weeks through the school year. If you are interested in registering your child(ren), please attend the registration meeting at the home of Mary Louise Pigott (91 Paisley Ave. N. in Westdale) on Tuesday, **September 21** at 7pm. Registration fee is \$30 per child (cash or cheque made out to Shirley Rodrigues). For more information please contact Shirley (905-929-6549; shirley.rodrigues@sympatico.ca) or Mary Louise Pigott (905-524-2423; mlpigott@cogeco.ca).

There is also a correspondence program run by the diocese: **Family Faith Development in the Home!** Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School. These programs are intended for children not currently receiving religious instruction but can be beneficial to families wishing to engage in faith development as well. Contact Carol at the **Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education**, 905-528-7988, ext 2238 or www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information and for registration forms. (These programs are the same courses previously offered by the School Sisters of Notre Dame).



The **OFFERTORY** Collection
for **OCTOBER 9 / 10** was **\$5,872.43**.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 Scott Emerson Porter Dianne Porter
Peder Larsen Joanne & John Skinner

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 Intentions of Eileen Burkitt A friend
Lidia Lovisa The Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00 Doreen Ferletic Sister Michaela Sinclair

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00 Frances Karges Sister Carole Anne

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 Joseph Gallizzi The Gallizzi Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

5:00 Irene Moscardini Cesare & Barbara Moscardini
The intentions of the Ormond Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:30 For all the people of St Joseph's Parish
11:30 Leonard Lentini Francesca Adile & Family
Joe Melo The Family

Desk Scribbles . . . 29th Sun Ord Time . . . October 17, 2010 . . .
Jim Link, C.R.

Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

I am not sure but I think that Elizabeth was 79 when I met her. She had escaped from the former Czechoslovakia with her two daughters, the shirts on their backs and bullets whizzing over their heads. Eventually, she found her way to Canada and a new life for her family. I buried her husband that year and shortly afterward, she had a stroke which partially paralyzed her. We missed her at morning Mass. Elizabeth sat in the first pew on the right, always dressed in black and early so she could get her prayers in before Mass began. Our daily Mass was at 7:30 a.m., a time that my body managed but my brain and the rest of me were still in bed. One morning, I crawled out of bed, stumbled through the rectory into the church for Mass, desperately trying to rub the sleepyheads from my eyes. As I came out of the sacristy and approached the altar, I looked up and there, in the front pew, sat Elizabeth. It was a bitterly cold January morning and the sidewalks were covered with un-shoveled snow. Still handicapped from the stroke, she had walked the two blocks from her apartment to come to church.

Elizabeth, that morning, strengthened my faith in God without a word being spoken. It was her steadfast faith that, again and again, pulled her through the trials and triumphs of her life journey.

What happens when we pray? How do we think our prayers affect God? So often, as Fred B. Craddock writes [*Luke*, Westminster, John Know Press, Louisville, KY: 1990], our prayer life often seems to consist of "hurling our petitions against long periods of silence." It is what we do with this silence that cultivates an authentic faith and deepens our commitment to God. As we now know about the life of Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta, she lived most of her life in faithful service while God was silent to her. The lives of many of the saints tell the same story. The closer they got to God, the less they seemed to know and experience God. The great mystic and doctor of the church, St.

Teresa of Avila would caution those who "experienced God" to not grab or hold on to the gifts but to the giver. The feelings, emotions and whatever else we identify with God are *not* God but simply gifts or footprints of God in the sands of our lives. So, what we perceive as God's silence, or absence does not mean that God is not communicating or present to us; it is just that we don't experience God. Because a blind person cannot see the sun, it does not mean that the sun does not exist. It is a reminder to us that God is God and we are not.

In our readings this Sunday, Moses and the unnamed widow in the gospel teach us about persistent prayer. Paul reminds Timothy in the second reading that scripture can be a rich source of learning about God and in helping us grow in relationship. "Pray to God in the storm," urges a Danish proverb, "but keep on rowing!" Mahatma Gandhi has been credited with a similar piece of advice. "Spin carefully, spin prayerfully, leaving the thread with God." And who could forget the persistent of the inventor Thomas Alva Edison. After years of trials and thousands of failed experiments in trying to make a light bulb, Edison told a reporter, "I have not failed, I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." In the end, his invention changed the world. Surely, greater persistence on our part will change our lives. My old friend Elizabeth knew that firsthand.

WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY to Edna Avery and her family on the death of Edna's husband Charles. May the Lord console the Avery family and may our prayers be a support to them during their time of grief.

YOUTH MINISTRY Youth Ministry will meet at the Cherry Hill gates of the Royal Botanical Gardens at 2 p.m. for a two hour hike (weather permitting). Contact Janet OSullivan @ 905-528-2282 if weather is questionable. Please dress for the weather; see you there!

CHOIR NEWS On Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 PM, the St. Joseph Parish Choir will join several other Catholic choirs for a concert at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 938 Highway 8 in Stoney Creek. Admission is by donation, and everyone is welcome.

The United Nations' International Day for the Eradication of Poverty has been observed every year on October 17 since 1993. It was instituted to promote "people's awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution worldwide, particularly in developing countries." To mark this occasion, just before the 11:30 Mass this weekend the choir will sing *Lord of Feasting and of Hunger*, which speaks of the hope that some day no-one will suffer from lack of food.

In a setting by Palestrina, the Offertory motet speaks not of our physical needs, but of the spiritual:
As the hart longs for water, so my soul yearns for you, O God.

ENTERTAINMENT 2011 COUPON BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED – copies are available from the parish office or at the back of the church. We thank Ron Valvasori once again for organizing this parish fundraiser.

GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD BANK NEEDS YOUR HELP - Please remember Good Shepherd Food Banks when you shop for groceries. Bring in your food donations whenever you come to Mass. Help restock the shelves after the Thanksgiving holiday.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Anthony Ciavarro, Fr. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B., Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles (C.S.), Scalabrinians, Fr. Paul Boucher, Fr. James Link, C.R., and Fr. Toby Collins, C.R.

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