

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LAY MINISTERS for OCTOBER 9 / 10

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Cathy Brogly Phyllis DeRosa Koetting Leah Fuller	Christine Weir Mary Tompkins Patrick O'Reilly	Mark Mindorff Adriana Rerecich Andrea Wade
Eucharistic Ministers	Patty Foley Sister Maureen Sweeney Anita Ormond Gough	David Shea Angela Cocca John Bittman Roberta Weiss	Bernice Clark Betty and Cam Howey Diane Shea Phyllis Dwyer
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**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.

Living Rosary – Thursday, **October 7** (Feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary) at 6:15 in the Church. All parishioners are welcome. If you or your family would like to lead a decade, please call Linda Pandzich at 905-528-8470. Social to follow.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the parish on Tuesday, **October 5**, 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

**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 Tues., Sept. 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).

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 summer months.

BISHOP TONNOS will celebrate the Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday, **October 10** at 11:00a.m. This Mass will be followed by a reception in the Cathedral hall until 3:00 p.m. This is intended as an opportunity for people from across the Diocese to bid farewell to Bishop Tonnos as he retires after 26 years as Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome for both Mass and reception or for either event.

The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton is currently in need of Volunteers to drive our children to important scheduled appointments. We are looking for responsible and caring individuals who have flexible time to share.

At the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton. Volunteer Drivers are an integral part of the service delivery to our children and their families. Our drivers also complement and enhance services provided by our staff.

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Driver or would like more information, please contact Lisa Hostein, Volunteer and Development Coordinator at 905-525-2012 x 3256 or via e-mail at lisa.hostein@hamiltonccas.on.ca We need you!!!!

Development and Peace invites you to the 2010 Education and Action Campaign **Workshops** on Saturday, October 16 from 10:00 to 2:00 (lunch included) at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 305 East 37th St. (on Fennell west of Upper Gage).

Development and Peace is urgently asking you to contact your MP and urge him/her to vote for Bill C-300 when it comes up for vote this fall. In 2009, the bill just narrowly passed its second reading by a vote for 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.

In 2008-09, Development and Peace's campaign on mining gathered thousands of signatures, calling on the government of Canada to implement the recommendations, including the appointment of an independent ombudsperson to investigate allegations of corporate misbehaviour. Bill C-300 is a private member's bill that was introduced to Parliament on February 9, 2009 by Liberal MP John McKay. The Bill proposes to implement a number of key recommendations and if passed, Bill-C300 will:

For more information on Bill C-300 see devp.org



The **OFFERTORY** Collection
for **SEPTEMBER 25/26** was **\$6,315.35**.
Thank you for your continued generosity!

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00 Robert Orr Carol & Don Smith
Louis Bobin Paulette Surette

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 Intentions of Daniel McGarr Kathleen McGarr
Anne Stokl Marie Valentine

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00 Irene Moscardini
Leo Violette Karen & Frank Hanta & Family
The Violette Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00 Everett Linehan Jerry & Helen Creedon
Peter Antony Marshall The Marshall Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 Anne Formichella Dan & Erica Corsi
Irma Hunt Susan Harper

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

3:00 Wedding – Lauren Konig & Andrew Lytle
5:00 Special intentions The Bontempo Family
Elisabeth Braun Ann Beusejour

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30 Norm McDonagh Joan McDonagh
11:30 For all the people of St Joseph's Parish

Desk Scribbles . . . 27th Sun Ord Time . . . October 3, 2010 . . .
Jim Link, C.R.
Habakkuk 1:2-3;3:2-4; Psalm 95; 2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14; Luke 17:5-10

There is a poignant scene described in holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel's book *Night* in which he tells the story of watching two adults and a young boy being hung on a gallows outside their barracks. "Then came the march past the victims. The two men were no longer alive. Their tongues were hanging out, swollen and bluish. But the third rope was still moving: the child, too light, was still breathing . . . And so he remained for more than half an hour, lingering between life and death, writhing before our eyes. And we were forced to look at him at close range. He was still alive when I passed him. His tongue was still red, his eyes not yet extinguished. Behind me, I heard the same man asking: "For God's sake, where is God?" And from within me, I heard a voice answer: "Where He is? This is where--hanging here from this gallows." That night, the soup tasted of corpses."

When I was in graduate school in St. Louis, I met a friend of Elie Wiesel's who told us that, for Elie, that event was not a moment of faith breaking through but a moment of absolute despair. God had abandoned them.

Our readings this Sunday call us to a deeper faith and reliance on God. The prophet Habakkuk encouraged his people to hold on in the midst of their trials and tribulations. God would surely come to help them although the divine timetable may test their patience. However, in the end, the faithful will not be disappointed. The righteous, Habakkuk tells them, shall live by faith. The meaning of the word translated as "faith" here (*'emunah*) is steadfast loyalty, holding on in obedience to God's law, even when it apparently pays no dividends.

The gospel examines faith from a different perspective. Faith is a gift; it is something we must ask for. And because faith

is a gift, those who receive it cannot take credit for what it can do even if it is able to uproot a tree and send it to the sea. No, anything accomplished by faith is because of God's power. "The greatest honor God can do for a soul is not to give it much, but to ask much of it." (St. Thérèse of Lisieux) And in a similar vein, St. Ignatius of Loyola prayed: "Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen."

St. Thérèse's and St. Ignatius' words are inspiring but, in our age and culture that so values individual freedom, incredibly difficult to respond to. They ask for — no, demand — a response in faith, an abandonment of our will, our energies, our plans, our timetables to those of God. Perhaps, most of us can respond only with the words of the centurion in the gospels, "Lord, I do believe; help my unbelief." And pray as the Apostles did, "Lord, increase our faith."

STEWARDSHIP FAIR Thank you to all who took part in last weekend's Stewardship Fair in the Church Hall. The displays were wonderful and there was good energy among those who hosted and those who were exploring the various ministries and activities that go on here at St. Joseph's Parish. A very special thank you to Ildia Botelho and Linda Pandzich who spent many hours editing, writing and assembling our Stewardship booklet. It would not have been the same without all the work you did behind the scenes.

YOUTH MINISTRY - This week we'd like to welcome the youth, ages 10 to 17, back to our Youth Ministry. We'll be meeting for a games night in the church hall from 7:00 until 8:30. We are going to be asking for your input as to what activities you'd like to do this year. The month's activities are on the newsletter available at the doors of the church. We look forward to seeing some familiar faces as well as some new ones.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR We are asking for donations of mums, to be used to decorate the altar for the Thanksgiving weekend. Please bring in a plant whenever you can and it will be placed in the sanctuary by our Arts and Environment committee for the holiday.

CHOIR NEWS The *Gloria* which we sing near the beginning of every Sunday Mass is an ancient hymn with origins going all the way back to the night of Christ's birth. The opening line is of course the words that the angels sang when the birth of Jesus was announced to the shepherds. The subsequent verses were added over the next couple of centuries, and became an example of the "private psalms" which were compositions intended to be in imitation of the original psalms. The *Gloria* was first used in the Mass of Christmas Day in the 2nd century, but was not used regularly in Sunday Mass until the early 6th century, and then only if a bishop was presiding. Widespread use in Sunday Mass was established in the 11th century, and it has been part of the "Ordinary" (non-changing parts) of the Mass ever since. The *Gloria* has been set to music hundreds of times, from simple chant settings to large-scale concert versions with choir and orchestra.

ENTERTAINMENT 2011 COUPON BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED – copies are available from the parish office or at the back of the church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be hosting its annual Clergy Appreciation and Fraternal Night in their hall at 222 Queenston Rd., on Friday, **October 8** at 7 p.m. For information and tickets call 905.549.8636.

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