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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
	Ilidia Botelho	905-522-2380
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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LAY MINISTERS for SEPTEMBER 11 / 12

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Lilli Schikolenko Jill Lyons Joyce Taylor	Larry Bomford Kathleen Dekker Bruce Law	Andrea Wade Cindy Heuck Bill DiFrancesco
Eucharistic Ministers	Sister Maureen Sweeney Melanie Dawn Douglass Patty Foley	Therese Gervais Lynne Adams Keltie Law Roberta Weiss	Jacqueline Horn Emily McDonald Aniko Ivanyi Bernice Clark Mike Scozzaro
Servers	Lilly Francisci Bernadette Francisci Dori Haines	Ben Kukucska Sylvia Kukucska Iszak Illes	Morghen Dick Andrew Linger Catherine Linger

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

On Saturday, **September 11th** stop by to say hi to members of the Parish at the Locke Street Festival and enjoy peach crepes, barbecue hot dogs, sausages and cold drinks. Books, jewelry and attic treasures will also be available.

WANTED - new and gently used books and jewelry for the Locke St festival - contact Lori 905.522.4719 for pick up or drop off instructions.

A reminder that canned goods will be collected at the Festival in support of Mission Services.

Next C.W.L. General Meeting, September 28th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All members and women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Our next Card Party will be held on Thursday, **September 16** at 1:00 p.m in the Church Hall. Join us for an afternoon and come and meet your friends.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS....

Devastating floods have ravaged Pakistan and Development and Peace is urging Canadians to make a donation to help these flood victims.

Donations can be made by phone 1.888.664.3387, online at www.devop.org or by mailing a cheque made out to Development and Peace to 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. W. 3rd Flr., Montreal, Quebec. H3G 1T7. Please indicate the donation is for the Pakistan floods.

Back to School: A Social Justice Perspective: In our highly developed, democratic First World societies, we too often take our universal, comprehensive, publicly funded schools for granted. When railing at our school system's perceived (and often real) deficiencies, it is easy to lose sight of its successes in not only educating individual students and improving their life chances but also in sustaining and evolving our social, economic, and political systems. Too many outside our privileged existence are not even aware of the opportunity they are missing, either because it is simply unavailable in their society, or denied to them through social (e.g., gender or class) or economic (inaccessible schools or unaffordable fees for even primary grades) barriers. As we start a new school year, let the students among us resolve to take full advantage of their opportunity to be educated. And let the rest of us resolve to improve our schools here, as well as consider how to extend the benefits of schooling, either directly and personally if we are able or through promoting national or international policies and programs, to those in the rest of the world who do not have the right to, or the opportunity for, a proper education.

STEWARDSHIP FAIR

The weekend of **September 25 / 26**, St. Joseph's Church is holding a Stewardship weekend after all Masses, including the 5:00 p.m. mass on Saturday.

This will take place in the parish hall. It is a wonderful opportunity for all parishioners to learn about the various ministries within the parish. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Ministry coordinators are asked to organize a display. Contact Ildia Botelho at 905.522.2380 or Linda Pandzich at 905.528.8470.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Join us on Sunday, **September 12** after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses for the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast. This will be a great way to socialize with parish friends after the summer break. See you there.

Come away and pray for a while... Praying with the Sisters of St. Joseph: All interested women are invited to join the Sisters of Joseph at the Motherhouse at 574 Northcliffe Ave., on Saturday, **September 25** from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The day will include Mass, a short talk on prayer, time for prayer and reflection and lunch. Suggested contribution is \$15. Please call 905.528.0138 to register before September 20 and for directions.

ADOPTION BUILDS FAMILIES

Have you ever considered adoption? Would you like to hear more about the adoption process through the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton? Please join our adoption staff for our information night on Wednesday, **September 22** at 7 p.m. at the Society, 735 King St. E. For further information call 905.525.2012, ext. 3125.



The **OFFERTORY** Collection
for **August 28 / 29** was **\$5,588.14**.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
NO MORNING MASS ON LABOUR DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 Ed Tangney Lorraine & Dean Lossing & Family
 Dick Barrett Stuart & Vivian Walsh

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 Sister Pia Sofia Liam & Joan Scanlan

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 Jeanne O'Brien Pat & John McKenna
 Grazia & Francesco Bruccoleri
 The Bruccoleri Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 Anne Patterson
 Intentions of Diane Wood Margaret Webster
 Marrienne Brereton Kathleen McGarr

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:00 Elisabeth Braun Irene Cummings
 Intentions of Fr Jim Link Susan Harper

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 Peder Larsen Paul & Maria Doesburg
 11:30 For all the people of St Joseph's Parish

**Desk Scribbles . . . 23rd Sun Ord Time . . . Sept 05, 2010 . . .
 Jim Link, C.R.**

Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 90; Philemon 9-10,12-17; Luke 14:25-33

On first hearing the words of Jesus in this Sunday's gospel they may seem harsh and demanding. Does he really mean that we have to *hate* our families and our lives in order to become his disciples? Who among us is up to that? Some scholars have suggested that the Greek verb here is not literally "to hate," but rather means to regard something or someone as inferior or less important when compared to the all-important person. Others say that this makes Jesus' statement too weak. The bottom line is probably as Reginald Fuller [*Preaching the Lectionary*, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN: 1984] concludes: "The gospel raises the uncomfortable question: How can a bourgeois Church renounce all its possessions as a precondition for discipleship?"

Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer also reflected deeply on the cost of discipleship. What does it cost us to believe? We are obviously talking about more than just money — although money can easily be part of the equation. Does my belief, my claiming to be a disciple of Jesus, really show any evident signs in my life? Does it ever make me uncomfortable? Or do I cut and paste and design my own kind of religion and belief system? Reginald Bibby, the University of Lethbridge sociologist who specializes in Canadians and religion, seems to find evidence that many Canadians fall into this pattern of practicing *religion a la carte*. Are we too guilty at times? Can we dare let the challenge of being a true follower of Christ make demands on our lives, our wills, our time, our resources, emotions, energy and relationships?

The challenge of the gospel is not going to go away no matter how we try to tone it down or benignly re-interpret its demands to make God first and all else second. The promise is that everything we grieve in loss we will get back a hundredfold; but until we actually let go, we will never know the truth. We do believe; God help our unbelief.

NEW MASS TRANSLATION COMING SOON As many of you have been aware, for many years, the International Committee for English in the Liturgy has been working on an updated translation of the Mass. Last week this translation was officially approved for first use in the United States as of November 27, 2011. Most likely the timing will be the same for the Canadian Catholic Church. If you would like to preview of some of the changes you can view them online at www.USCCB. Check out the tab for **SAMPLE TEXTS**. The new changes will require adjustment on all of our parts after having used the present texts for some 40 years; but there are some improvements, corrections and challenges to look forward to. We will all have plenty of time to get ready.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER WANTED: from time to time our senior parishioners need help with grass cutting and gardening. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office at 905.528.0019.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS – Sunday, **September 19** at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Stoney Creek. Please gather to pray to the Lord for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, to listen more attentively to the call to holiness and to celebrate the gift of vocations within the life of the church. All are welcome to join in this joyful celebration of faith being hosted by the Catholic Women's league, Knights of Columbus, and Serra Club of the Diocese. Light refreshments will be available following the celebration of the Eucharist.

CHOIR NEWS The choirs of our parish will be returning soon from summer vacation to resume rehearsals and regular singing at Mass. If you have ever thought about being part of the Music Ministry at St. Joseph's, now would be a good time to get involved. There are three choices open to you; the Children's Choir practices on Wednesdays after school and sings at the 5:00 Mass, the Family Choir practices on Wednesday evenings and sings at 9:30, and the Parish Choir practices Thursday evenings and sings at 11:30. For more information please go to the Parish website, call Stillman Matheson at 905-528-0019 or send an e-mail to stillman.matheson@stjosephsparish.ca.

GET CLOSER ... STAY CLOSER

Be the best you can be! "KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS" is a ten week video-based program for anyone (**married, dating, or single**) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. The program runs Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. starting September 16th, at the Chancery Office. The cost is \$45.00/person. **For more information, please call the Office for Ministry, Family & Religious Education at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249**

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Register NOW for 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 at 905-528-7988, x 2238 or check out our website at 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.

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