

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, May 18th - St John 1

8:00am + Marc Wysocki
+ Maurice and Marie Savard
+ Mathew Odom
Intentions of John Baxter
Intentions of Theresa Tran
7:00pm + Rose Mifsud

WEDNESDAY, May 19th

8:00am + William Synnott
7:00pm + Roderick Masala Zulu
+ Giuseppe Orobono
Intentions of Ron and Marlene Clayton
Intentions of Tracy Bolzon

THURSDAY, May 20th - St Bernadine of Siena

8:00am + Alegene Tela
7:00pm + Rebecca Nazal

FRIDAY, May 21st - St Eugene de Mazenod

8:00am + Edmund Sharratt
7:00pm + Maria Manera

SATURDAY, May 22nd - St Rita of Cascia

9:00am + Norma Dales
5:00pm + LucasParel

SUNDAY, May 23rd - Pentecost

8:30am + George and Jennie Beitz
10:15am Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00noon Intentions of Tran Family



May God's peace be with those who have recently died, and those being persecuted for their faith & race, and those killed in natural disasters & their families. Please remember our parishioners who are sick and homebound and those in our Prayer Network in your prayers.

DO YOU HAVE A VOCATION?

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of May 16, 2021

Candle #1 – INTENIONS OF ZOFIA GADZINSKA

Candle #2 – INTENTIONS OF TRACY BOLZON

Please use the envelopes provided or one of your own to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle. The requested offering is \$10 each. You may place the envelope in the collection or drop it in the Parish Office.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offerings for May 8/9 **\$2,640.00**
Thank you for your contribution and God Bless!

If you would like a receipt for your contribution, we need your name & full address. If you would like envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Donations, please call the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

The Premier of Ontario announced yesterday, more restrictions on the Stay-at-Home Order to help control the spread of COVID in the Province. **On Monday April 19th, 2021**, all the Churches in the Diocese of Hamilton will be **closed for Public Mass** for the current Stay at Home Order.

The Parish Office will be closed during Stay-at-Home Order. If you need to contact the office, please do so by email at stjosephguelph@rogers.com – Tracy will be checking daily.

We will continue to LIVE STREAM the 10:15 Mass on Sunday's. Please go to our YouTube Channel – [WATCH LIVE](#)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available from the parking lot daily from 7 am until 9 pm. **Please stay in your cars.**

Confessions will be by appointment only. Please call the office to make an appointment to see Fr Bergsma or Fr Gregory.



SUNDAY REFLECTION

As they were looking on, he was lifted up. (Acts 1:9)

There is so much mystery surrounding Jesus' ascension into heaven. For example, why did the risen Christ leave the earth after only forty days (acts1:3)? How was he lifted up physically into the sky (1:9)? Did it happen instantaneously or over a period of time? We may never know the answers to these questions this side of heaven. But we can understand something of God's great love for us as we meditate on this feast.

First, the ascension tells us that when Jesus took on our human nature in the Incarnation, he didn't do it temporarily. The Word became flesh, not just for the thirty-three years Jesus walked the earth, but forever. The Incarnation of Christ was an act of great humility – God stooping down to become a creature. But it was more than God stooping down. He was also lifting us up because Jesus, as much man as he is God, has taken his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:19). Now our own human nature is caught up in the life of the Trinity. That's how much God loves us!

Second, because we are praying to a God who is still both human and

divine, our relationship with Jesus is very personal. As we pray, we can picture a real human being standing before us, looking into our eyes and comforting us with a warm embrace. Not only that, but we know that in heaven, Jesus in his human body is physically interceding for us (Hebrews 7:25). How reassuring it is to know that he understands our human condition! He has experienced it himself and so sympathizes with our weaknesses (4:15). Today, spend some time at Mass reflecting on the great wonder of a God who loves us so much that he would become one of us – not just a short time, but forever! **“Father, I thank you with all my heart for Jesus, the Word made flesh.”** *Excerpt from the Word Among Us.*

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival, May 27th, 2021, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM for the screening of *The End of Immigration*. This powerful documentary examines the realities of temporary foreign workers in Canada and reveals an inequity that is having a profound impact on the society in which we live. Following the film, Sarah Guinta, Coordinator for the Office of Justice and Peace, and Rev. Peter Ciallella, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Burford, will offer a conversation regarding ministry to temporary foreign workers in the Diocese of Hamilton. RSVP online: <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/> or by email: library@hamiltondiocese.com. Join the discussion! The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace.

Catholic Moms Groups: Where Moms Connect and Find Support for their Journey.

Now, more than ever, moms are feeling isolated and are craving connections. A Catholic moms’ group allows women to connect with other moms, topics of interest, topics that impact their personal selves and God; it provides both support and encouragement. Beyond that, moms groups help develop friendships with other moms providing proven mental health benefits and is a way of drawing women together to form a stronger sense of parish community.

As with all ministry, parish groups will have local autonomy, but having a plan and material for getting started can make for a more successful experience. **Join us for a zoom session on Tuesday, June 1st at 7 P.M.** to learn more about the what, where, when and why of starting a moms’ group and hear information on the material available to provide support.

We will welcome Mrs. Dorothy Pilarski, who spearheaded this ministry in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2015, to this gathering and she will share with us the excellent detailed online website she has created to provide support. This is a chance to see the website and hear the overview of all the materials and support available from her Catholic Moms Groups website.

This session will be an information sharing session, so is recommended for pastors, associate pastors, lay ministers and/or interested lay members of your parish who may be interested in starting a group, or those who would like to know what supports are available for an existing group. A training session for those who are interested will occur later. **This event will be**

provided using zoom, so registration will be necessary. You can register under upcoming events on the Diocesan home page at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/catholic-moms>.

DAILY MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

Prayer is not introspection. It is not a scrupulous, inward-looking analysis of our own thoughts and feelings but it is a careful attentiveness to the Presence of Love personified inviting us to an encounter. Prayer is the presentation of our thoughts—reflective thoughts, as well as daydreams, and night dreams—to the One who receives them, sees them in the light of unconditional love, and responds to them with divine compassion. This context of thinking in the Presence, of conversation and dialogue with Love, is the joyful affirmation of our gentle Companion on the journey with God who knows our minds and hearts, our goodness and our beauty, our darkness and our light. The Psalmist prays the prayer for us (Psalms 139:1–3; 23–24):



O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising, you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
all my ways lie open to you...
O search me, God, and know my heart. O test me and know my thoughts.
See that I follow not the wrong path and lead me in the path of life eternal.

Unpacking Patris Corde – With a Father’s Heart

“WITH A FATHER’S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as “the son of Joseph””. This opening line from Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, released on Dec. 8, 2020 to mark the opening of a Year of St. Joseph, sets the tone for the entire letter. In *Patris Corde*, we hear that, “St. Joseph reminds us **that** those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, May 25th at 7 P.M. for a 90 minute zoom webinar** (by phone or internet) to discover more about the Patron Saint of both the Catholic Church and Canada. Presented by Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch (PH, VG) and Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (M.R.E.).

Registration is required to receive the zoom link and can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/online-webinar-unpacking-em-patris-corde-with-a-father-s-heart-em->

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

The following Prayer was prayed by Pope Francis on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph:

Prayer to St Joseph
Protect, O Holy Guardian, this our nation.

Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know — like you do — how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility.

Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters.

Sustain those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick.

Bless, O St Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

Accompany, O St Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest.

Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement.

Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor.

With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic.

