

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### TUESDAY, September 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Thanksgiving Mass  
7:00pm Deceased Members of CWL

### WEDNESDAY, September 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Giuseppe and Antonietta Tonto  
7:00pm + Paciencia Marinay Quintano  
+ George Bova  
Intentions of Krusky-Munoz Family  
Intentions of Bob and Marilyn Langlois

### THURSDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Ralph and Margorie Goodwin-Wilson  
7:00pm + Pietro and Elena Gemin

### FRIDAY, September 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00am + Canadina Grohs  
7:00pm + Mary Bay

### SATURDAY, September 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00am + Helen Moore  
5:00pm + Anthony Tran

### SUNDAY, September 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Intentions of Kelly and Hartwick Families  
10:15am + Nick and Grace DeNardis  
12:00noon Intentions of All Parishioners



*May God's peace be with those who have recently died, especially 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Candle #1 – MOISES MENDES and FAMILY**

**Candle #2 – ISABEL MARTINS**

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 Offering: August 30/September 1 \$ 6,855.55  
Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish Community!

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.

### SUNDAY REFLECTION

Following God is not a task for the faint-hearted. The first reading and the responsorial psalm are powerful reminders of how great is God and how wonderful God's plans. Taking on the larger-than-life task of submitting to God's ways will challenge us. Jesus reminds his followers, and Paul echoes these sentiments from behind bars, that discipleship makes tough demands (such as giving up all your possessions). Why then should we follow God? Will life not be easier if we follow our own desires or only commit ourselves half-heartedly to Christianity (becoming the proverbial cafeteria Catholic)? The reason most people attempt anything challenging is because of the results. An athlete sacrifices and trains for better performance; a student reads, writes and reviews consistently to obtain desirable grades. So too, following God will produce greater results than anything else we commit ourselves to.

The result of following God is everlasting life. Our lives are perishable. We return to dust, but God has promised to restore and protect the life we originally received. Christ came to show us that our earthly lifespan does not have to be all we know. God has prepared something so much better, eternal paradise, for us to enjoy without end. *Excerpt from Living with Christ*



### UPDATING OUR OFFICE RECORDS

We like to keep our records up-to-date. If you have changed your address or phone number, please give us a call 519-822-4614 or send us an email: [stjosephguelph@rogers.com](mailto:stjosephguelph@rogers.com)

### VOLUNTEER AWARENESS

People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. Regardless of the motivation, what unites them all is that they find it both challenging and rewarding. Volunteering gives you the chance to vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in. It gives you the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than yourself and use your responsibility for the greater good.

**On Saturday September 14 after 5pm Mass and Sunday September**

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**15th after all Masses** we will be hosting a volunteer fair for all parishioners to come and see what our church community has to offer. Without volunteers we would not be able to grow and enrich our church community. Come see what St Joseph parish has to offer.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – MEETING**

CWL General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass in the Church Hall. All members are invited to come out and check out all of our activities for the following year.

**INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FIESTA**

Once again, we are inviting all ethnic groups to participate in our International Family Fiesta on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** following the 5pm Mass. If you “live” your culture and cook ethnic foods, we would love to experience them in the Church Hall that evening. We have connected with some of our ethnic groups to contact their own communities. This will be a potluck event where each ethnic group will have their own table of foods, flags and favours. Also, if you want to contribute musically, we are encouraging this. Just call the office so we can plan for extra space. Good will offering.



**KNIGHT'S of COLUMBUS – BREAKFAST**

Knights of Columbus will be holding their breakfast next **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> after all Masses**. Please come out and enjoy a great breakfast with fellow parishioners while supporting the Knights of Columbus Charities – good will offering.

**USHERS REMEMBRANCE**

We remember gratefully the loyal, steadfast service provided by Florindo Scapin at 10:15am Mass these many, many past years. His courteous and welcoming demeanour left an indelible impression on all who knew him. He was a firm believer that children should be active participants in the Mass, as evidenced by having them take up the gifts and warmly thanking them for doing so. Florindo's presence among us is still deeply felt, as his son David graciously accepted the invitation to fill his dad's position. Thank You David! Your kindness is much appreciated! Our deepest condolences are extended to Florindo's wife, Erminia, daughter Margaret, son-in-law Glen and son David. You were a true gentleman's gentleman Florindo. Your memory will linger on. With affection and great appreciation, 10:15am Ushers.

**HOW TO BECOME A CATHOLIC- RCIA**

Becoming a Catholic is a life long journey that begins with our baptism and continues throughout our life. It is a continual saying “Yes” to the Lord. Like all human institutions, we are not perfect, however together we are called to strengthen one another in faith. As Pope Francis so aptly noted “the Church is a field hospital” a place where wounded people gather to receive grace, forgiveness and mercy from God.

Before a person is ready to be received into the Church, whether by baptism or by profession of faith, preparation is necessary. For adults and children who have reached the age of reason (age seven), entrance into the Church is governed by the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). The amount and the form of this preparation depend on the individual's circumstances.

The RCIA is not simply a “convert class”, nor is it just a “new way to become Catholic”. It is, rather, an ancient rite of the Church, whereby adults learn more about the Catholic Faith, share their own faith stories, grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, and are immersed into the faith life and practice of the Catholic Church. One of the important aspects of the RCIA is that it is a “process”; an initiation process, and a process of conversion. It is also a journey; a journey which we make together, but which will be different for each person on the journey.

On this journey you will be assisted by the support and prayers of many people in this parish community. Primary among these people will be the RCIA team, your sponsors, and your prayer partners. You will also,

however, come to experience the prayerful support of the entire parish community.

Our RCIA Program will start in **mid-September**. If you or you know someone is interested in joining us in this journey or need to be Confirmed, **contact the parish office**.

Come see why our Holy Father stated that belonging to the Church “is truly the most wonderful experience we can have: to belong to a people walking, journeying through history together with our Lord, who walks among us! We are not alone; we do not walk alone. We are part of the one flock of Christ that walks together.” We invite you to come walk with us.

**HUNGARIAN MASS – September 29**

A Hungarian Mass will be celebrated here at St Joseph Parish, Guelph on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm celebrated by Fr Tamas Forrai. All are welcome to attend.

**DAILY MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY**

A PRAYER



Dear Lord,

Today I thought of the words of Vincent van Gogh: “It is true there is an ebb and flow, but the sea remains the sea.” You are the sea. Although I experience many ups and downs in my emotions and often feel great shifts and changes in my inner life, you remain the same. Your sameness is not the sameness of a rock, but the sameness of a faithful lover. Out of your love I came to life, by your love I am sustained, and to your love I am always called back. There are days of sadness and days of joy; there are feelings of guilt and feelings of gratitude; there are moments of failure and moments of success; but all of them are embraced by your unwavering love... O Lord, sea of love and goodness, let me not fear too much the storms and winds of my daily life, and let me know there is ebb and flow but the sea remains the sea.

**CHILDREN WHO ATTEND PUBLIC/PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

If you have a child who is or will be attending a Public, Private or home schooled, parents will need to register them for our Religious Education program. This program will teach Catholicism to children in Grades 1 through 7. In order to receive sacraments, children MUST have some Catechism classes. If they have been in Public Schools for years, they may not be able to receive the sacraments in the year they wish to receive them – there will be some catching up to do. Please call Donna Haley at 519-822-9742 to register or for more information. There is a cost of \$40 per child or \$90 for three or more children. Classes take place each Tuesday from 6:30-7:30pm in the Church Hall starting September

**Life Changes: Who am I Now?**

Are you anticipating a major life change, or have you recently been through one? Do you wonder where you go from here? This workshop will explore self-image across one's life-span, the components of self-esteem and will help provide you with tools to help you gain strength to navigate change, including any grief that may be part of the journey you are now on. Presented by Anna Racine at Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre in Niagara Falls; a one-day retreat on Saturday, Sept. 21st from 9:30 – 3:30 PM. For more information contact them at 905-356-4113 or at [www.carmelniagara.com](http://www.carmelniagara.com).

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR - Adult and Youth**

Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS) is sponsored by: BLD-GVO St. Joseph Guelph Prayer Group. This will take place **every Friday evening starting October 11<sup>th</sup> to November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019** St Joseph Church Hall at 8:00pm. (November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm). LSS Proper weekend is November 22-24 at St Joseph School (10 Guelph St). **Youth ages 14-18yrs and Adults 18yrs and up. Cost: free of charge.**

If you know of anyone interested and who would benefit from this seminar or need further information and/or, to register, please call or e-mail: Minh and Trang Le: 519-827-9467 ([trangle.guelph@gmail.com](mailto:trangle.guelph@gmail.com)) Ed and Susan Reyes: 519-821-7555 ([sl.reyes@hotmail.com](mailto:sl.reyes@hotmail.com)) St. Joseph Rectory: 519-822-4614 ([stjosephguelph@rogers.com](mailto:stjosephguelph@rogers.com)) (Tracy)