

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, September 17th

8:00am Intentions of Nhan Tran
7:00pm + Peter Degan

WEDNESDAY, September 18th

8:00am + Mary Them Thi Nguyen
7:00pm Intentions of Fr. Leszek Szczygiel

THURSDAY, September 19th

8:00am + Margaret Rebellati
7:00pm + Jim Mahoney

FRIDAY, September 20th – St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon

8:00am + Joseph Thoan
7:00pm All souls of Vasquez Family

SATURDAY, September 21st – St Matthew

9:00am + Bessie Russenstrom
5:00pm + Jerome, Anne and Garry Hubert

SUNDAY, September 22nd

8:30am Intentions of All Parishioners
10:15am + John Callaghan
12:00noon + Albert Paloma



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

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of September 15th, 2019

Candle #1 – ESTER LIPANA

Candle #2 – HALEY FAMILY

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: September 7/8 \$7,404.66

Pre-Authorized Month of August \$

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

Today's readings remind us of the boundlessness of God's mercy. In our flawed humanity, we continually stray from the path we know leads to eternal life. But God's compassion and forgiveness are much stronger than his justifiable anger. God never gives up on us.



The first reading speaks of the Israelites turning from God to worship a golden calf, a difficult image to relate to. Yet, we are bombarded daily with calls urging us to acquire more superficial possessions. New cars, bigger homes, clothing, jewels, gadgets – each one a contemporary “golden calf.” How easy it is to succumb to the media's temptations! Yet, God calls us, in the silence of our hearts, to forsake these false gods and return to him. His tenderness and mercy are always ours for the asking.

Luke's Gospel focuses on the pain of loss and the rejoicing that follows its reversal. The most powerful element in this passage is the story of the “lost” son. As we hear it, perhaps we recognize ourselves in the son who abandoned home and family in favour of reckless living. Perhaps we identify with the elder son's discontent and envy when his father warmly welcomes his brother home. Perhaps we relate to both.

Heavenly Father, give us the grace to answer the call to share in love, mercy and forgiveness. *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

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

VOLUNTEER AWARENESS - TODAY

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. **TODAY** 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.

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FIESTA

Once again, we are inviting **all** ethnic groups to participate in our International Family Fiesta on **Saturday, October 5th** 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 29th after all Masses**. Please come out and enjoy a great breakfast with fellow parishioners while supporting the Knights of Columbus Charities – good will offering.

ATTENTION STUDENTS IN GRADES 8 – 12!

St Joseph Sports Youth Group starts its 11th year on Friday September 20th at St Joseph School gym from 6-8pm. We play sports and fun games while learning about our catholic faith. There are events to attend and opportunities to volunteer. Contact Brent or Wendy Pickering, wbnpick@rogers.com or 519-837-8209.

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 29th at 3:00pm celebrated by Fr Tamas Forrai. All are welcome to attend.

ROSARY SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 6th, at 3:30 pm, with Bishop Ustrzycki, we will celebrate one of our faith's oldest and most time honoured tradition, a time to meditate on the mysteries of our faith. Our Blessed Mother gave this gift of the Rosary to St. Dominic in the 13th century. A gift to mankind, a weapon in a time of darkness, our “Spiritual Sword” as St. Dominic used it to overcome the heresy of the Albigensianism! Come, pick up your Rosary, your spiritual sword and join in this communal battle against the devil and his evil works!

“When God willed to renew the face of the earth, He began by sending down on it the fertilizing rain of the Angelic Salutation. Therefore, preach my Psalter.” Our Lady's words to St. Dominic

DAILY MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

There is probably no prayer in the history of Christianity that has been prayed so frequently and intimately as the prayer “Lord, have mercy.” . . . This cry for mercy is possible only when we are willing to confess that somehow, somewhere, we ourselves have something to do with our losses. Crying for mercy is a recognition that blaming God, the world, or others for our losses does not do full justice to the truth of who we are. At the moment we are willing to take responsibility, even for the pain we didn't cause directly, blaming is converted into an acknowledgment of our own role in human brokenness.

The prayer for God's mercy comes from a heart that knows that this human brokenness is not a fatal condition of which we have become the sad victims, but the bitter fruit of the human choice to say no to love.

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.

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 11th to November 24th, 2019** St Joseph Church Hall at 8:00pm. (November 1st 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) Ed and Susan Reyes: 519-821-7555 (sl.reyes@hotmail.com) St. Joseph Rectory: 519-822-4614 (stjosephguelph@rogers.com) (Tracy)