

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



TUESDAY, March 10th

- 8:00am Conversion of Sinners
+ Blanca Aurora Zea
7:00pm Deceased Members of CWL

WEDNESDAY, March 11th

- 8:00am + Maria Vander Griendt
7:00pm + Neil Eilwood Peart
+ Berno Juche

THURSDAY, March 12th

- 8:00am All Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm + Giuseppe and Vincenta Favero

FRIDAY, March 13th

- 8:00am + Bernice Carey
7:00pm + Sr Mary Veronica Bajus, CSSF

SATURDAY, March 15th

- 9:00am + Harvey Lawr
5:00pm + Antonio Nini

SUNDAY, March 16th

- 8:30am + Maria Femiak
10:15am Intentions of Parish Parishioners
12:00noon Ralph and Marjorie Goodwin-Wilson



May God's peace be with those who have recently died, especially, 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 March 8, 2020

Candle #1 –
Candle #2 –

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: Feb 29/March 1, 2020 \$ 6,445.80
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.

Easter Schedule

Extra Reconciliation Times:

April 7 - 10am to 12 pm; 12pm to 2pm;
2pm to 4pm; 6:15pm to 6:50pm;
7:30pm to 9:00pm

Stations of the Cross - 7:30pm

March 11 - Knights of Columbus
March 18 - Fr Hope
March 25 - CWL
April 1 - Sports Youth Group



Sunday April 5, Palm Sunday

8:30am, 10:15am and 12noon

Thursday April 9, Lord's Passover

7:00pm
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
7:45 – 11:00pm



Good Friday April 10

11:00am and 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross 7pm - Fr Bergsma

Saturday April 11

11:00am Blessing of Easter Foods and 8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday April 12

8:30am, 10:15am and 12noon

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR - BE AWARE

If you receive an email from reverendjeffbergsma@gmail.com please **DELETE** right away. This is a fraudulent email. Thank you.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today's Gospel is one of great mystery: the Transfiguration. Moses and Elijah appear next to Jesus, who himself is completely transfigured, radiating pure light. Imagine yourself there...the sight must have been out of this world! In the face of all this glory. Peter's first reaction is to set up three dwellings. Offering them worldly comfort. How often is God right in

front of us, showing us his divinity and his plan for our life, and we focus on logistics and worldly preoccupation?

As a matter of fact, today during Mass, we will witness one of the greatest miracles of all time: bread and wine becoming Jesus' body and blood. The Eucharist is the sacrament where we get a glimpse of God's glory and power. For a moment, heaven and earth meet. As we witness this miracle today, where will our heart and mind be? Will we be checking the time or reveling in God's glory? Will we be thinking about the things we need to do this week or listening to God speak to our heart? God's words to the disciples are a wake-up call: "Get up and do not be afraid." They prompt us to focus on what's important: not worldly considerations but an attentive ear and an open heart to his ever-living word, calling us to be examples of heaven here on earth. *Excerpt from Living with Christ*

THE IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

We are inviting *all the Irish and those who wish to be*, to another fun night of Irish Dance, Music by Shepherd's Knot, Food and Frolicking. Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 14, 2020 after the 5pm Mass in the Church Hall – tickets \$22 available at the parish office.** All families and friends are invited. For more information call Marti Valeriote at 519-362-0555.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE- SPRING MARKET

Our annual Spring Market Place will take place on Saturday, April 18th, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., St Joseph, Guelph Church Hall. Tables (6ft) available for sale at a cost of \$30. If you are interested please email synnottw@yahoo.ca or phone at 519-222-2848.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – ANNUAL DINNER

The CWL Annual Dinner takes place at the Guelph Country Club, Woodlawn Road on Tuesday, April 14th; start time 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Join us to celebrate the CWL 100th Anniversary. Evening includes appetizers, buffet dinner and an interesting speaker. Tickets are \$30.00; available from Mary Stuart at 519-767-0075 or stuart.mary@hotmail.ca

ONE HEART ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN

We are looking for volunteers to help with the campaign. If you are interested or would like to find out more information please contact one of our campaign leaders: Tracy Bolzon at 519-822-4614, Donna Haley 519-8229742 or Jim Rooney at 519-824-4322. Also, please visit our website for more information on the campaign. www.stjosephguelph.com

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The Share Lent collection is on the week-end of March 28th/29th. Consider giving a twoonie a day to help support the many social justice projects funded by Development and Peace. Collection envelopes will be made available the week-end before the Share Lent collection for you to use. St. Joseph Parish has donated between \$10 000 and \$15 000 over the last several years to help Development and Peace fund its many important and worthwhile projects. Let's continue this amazing generosity!

DAILY MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

Fear is the great enemy of intimacy.

Fear makes us run away from each other or cling to each other, but does not create true intimacy. When Jesus was arrested in

the Garden of Gethsemane, the disciples were overcome by fear and they all “deserted him and ran away” (Matthew 26:56) Fear makes us move away from each other to a “safe” distance, or move toward each other to a “safe” closeness, but fear does not create the space where true intimacy can exist...

To those who are tortured by inner or outer fear, and who desperately look for the house of love where they can find the intimacy their hearts desire, Jesus says: “You have a home . . . I am your home . . . claim me as your home . . . you will find it to be the intimate place where I have found my home . . . it is right where you are . . . in your innermost being . . . in your heart.” The more attentive we are to such words the more we realize that we

do not have to go far to find what we are searching for. The tragedy is that we are so possessed by fear that we do not trust our innermost self as an intimate place but anxiously wander around hoping to find it where we are not. We try to find that intimate place in knowledge, competence, notoriety, success, friends, sensations, pleasure, dreams, or artificially induced states of consciousness. Thus, we become strangers to ourselves, people who have an address but are never home and hence cannot be addressed by the true voice of love.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 14, 2020** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - MASS WITH BISHOP CROSBY

On **Thursday, March 12 at 7pm**, Bishop Crosby will be visiting the Basilica of Our Lady for a special Mass for 40 Days for Life. 40 Days for Life is a time of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The prayer vigil is taking place daily from Feb 26 to Apr. 5 in downtown Guelph, and all are encouraged to sign up to pray. Visit 40daysforlife.com/guelph for more details, or call 519-836-6311.

EASTER BRUNCH - SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre; 5420 Hwy 6 N, Guelph, ON. Be sure to book a spot for this year's Easter Brunch! There will be a smorgasbord of breakfast and lunch favourites that is sure to delight your palate! Tickets are \$25 ea, seniors & children under 12 years - \$16 ea, with children under 6 years free. Reserved seating - 10 am or 12:30pm. To reserve call 519 824 1250 ext 241 or email officecoordinator@ignatiusguelph.ca April 1.

WHY IS GIVING UP SOMETHING FOR LENT A SALUTARY CUSTOM?

By denying ourselves something we enjoy, we discipline our wills so that we are not slaves to our pleasures. Just as indulging the pleasure of eating leads to physical flabbiness and, if this is great enough, an inability to perform in physically demanding situations, indulging in pleasure in general leads to spiritual flabbiness and, if this is great enough, an inability to perform in spiritually demanding situations, when the demands of morality require us to sacrifice something pleasurable (such as sex before marriage or not within the confines of marriage) or endure hardship (such as being scorned or persecuted for the faith). By disciplining the will to refuse pleasures when they are not sinful, a habit is developed which allows the will to refuse pleasures when they are sinful. There are few better ways to keep one's priorities straight than by periodically denying ourselves things of lesser priority to show us that they are not necessary and focus our attention on what is necessary.

WHY ARE SUNDAYS EXCLUDED?

Because Sunday is the day on which Christ arose, making it an inappropriate day to fast and mourn our sins. On Sunday we must celebrate Christ's resurrection for our salvation. It is Friday on which we commemorate his death for our sins. The Sundays of the year are days of celebration and the Fridays of the year are days of penance. *Excerpt from EWTN.*

GRIEF RELIEF

Grief can be a lonely experience, but you are not alone. Join us for a six-week (one session per week) grief program led by Dr. Wendy Hofman **starting on April 16 and running until May 16th.** These sessions will offer personal support, ideas on how to manage your grief and a greater understanding of grief's impact on people. To register contact Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249; or do so on line at www.hamiltondiocese.com. Join us and find some “grief relief.”