



Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome to St. Joseph Parish.

We pray that you feel at home. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith.

Mass Times & Intentions

Wednesday, November 18

8:30 am **Tilly Taylor**- Ron & Audry Vollick
Followed by Adoration in the Church until 10am

Thursday, November 19

8:30 am **Larry Cyr & Deceased members of the Kowalachuk Family**

Friday, November 20

8:30 am **Tony Reilly** – Lori Cipparrone

Saturday, November 21

3:30 to 4:30pm Adoration in the Church
5:00 pm **Kevin Costin** – Frank & Lori Cipparrone
Tilly Taylor – Lena Nudds & Teri Wellstead
Tony Reilly – Orecia Taylor & Family
Mary Donaghue - Paraic Donaghue, Kelly McGuire

Sunday, November 22

9:00 am **Mass for the People**
11:00 am **Special Intention**

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Nov. 16	Very Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
Nov. 17	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Nov. 18	Consecrated Men and Women
Nov. 19	Rev. David Lewis
Nov. 20	Rev. Ernest Varosi, C.R. (Deceased)
Nov. 21	Rev. Robert Hetu

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Nov. 15, 2020

What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you **contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**



Congratulations

Congratulations to our Grade 8 students who finally received the Sacrament of Confirmation either last Saturday or this Saturday. They were prepared for the Sacrament in the Spring but due to the pandemic we were forced to postpone. Please include the students and their families in your prayers.

The Magnificat Advent Companion and The Word Among Us – Advent Edition

Once again, a kind donor has gifted the Parish with copies of this year's **Magnificat Advent Companion**. In addition, we have already received **The Advent Edition of the Word Among Us**. Both can be found in the Narthex. Quantities are limited, so please pick up your copies asap to avoid disappointment.

Novena of Masses for the Immaculate Conception

As our Diocese's Shrine to the Blessed Mother the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Novena will be seeking the intercession and protection of the Mother of God, and Mother of the Church, on our Diocese in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Novena Masses will be held at 7:00pm from November 29 to December 7 inclusive. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 8. All the faithful of the Diocese are welcome to take part in this Novena. **Please note that all Diocesan COVID protocols must be observed while at the Basilica.** Even if you cannot come to the Basilica of Our Lady in person please join this Novena in prayer from your home. Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.

And here at home

Fr. Ken will be offering Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Joseph Parish (Fergus) on December 8th at 7pm

A Note From Gail Brown Re Religious Articles

This year, we are unable to display religious articles for sale due to the pandemic. I have been advised that my supplier is unable to get the Religious Calendars and Planners. The supplier's advice was to check on Amazon. I will be accepting orders for **Advent candles**. The regular set of 4 standard candles costs **\$10.75**, and a miniature set costs **\$8.00** (tax included). If you would like to place an order, you may contact me at 519-843-1022 or email me at gailjbrown@gmail.com.

Check out our Updated Website!

We have been working on updating our Parish website and with some excellent design ideas from Tristan Parker and ICS Computers its about ready to be launched. Be sure to check it out at

www.stjosephfergus.org.

Anniversary Mass 2021

As the restrictions from COVID-19 continue and for the safety of all concerned, a decision has been made to cancel the annual Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021. Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021, so you will be able to register your anniversary on line and we will send you the certificate you would have received if the Mass had gone ahead. More information will be sent in January about how to register.

Parenting Tip Of The Month-

November is the month in which we both pray for and remember our dead. We also celebrate Remembrance Day, a day we give thanks to all those who have died for our protection and freedom. It is a wonderful month to speak to your children about others who have gone before you. Share the legacy and traditions your ancestors have left for your family and the influence they have had on your lives. Talk to them about how we honour them by our daily actions and remind them to pray for them, not just in the month of November, but all year long. November is a month to discuss our own history, but also the history and traditions of our Catholic faith: All Saints Day, All Souls Day, attending Mass, the prayers we say at Mass, prayers before meals and bedtime, to name a few. Those that have gone before us have influenced us; let us help our children know and reflect on all they have left us.

Marriage Tip Of The Month

As winter approaches, we move into maintenance mode: we clear the gutters on the roof so water can flow freely, we change to winter tires to prepare for the coming cold and snow and we gather and store outdoor summer items from the yard to keep safe for next year. Do we take the time to offer maintenance to our most important relationship? Do we discuss shifting roles as our family changes and then discuss what we both need to stay happy and healthy? Do we check to see if we have prioritized each other instead of everything else? Do we spend time making sure our finances are in order? Do we pray together for patience, love, kindness and compassion to grow and strengthen in our relationship? Maintenance takes time, but for love to thrive, it is so necessary.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses

Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.



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**Coping with the Holidays
... when someone you love
is gone**

When it does not feel like "Peace on Earth",
know that you are not alone.

Learn and share strategies for coping at
Christmas.

Know that your loss is not forgotten.

Date: Monday November 30, 2020

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Online Webinar on Zoom

(Participants can join by computer or phone)

Cost: Free of charge

Please call to register at 905-528-7988 (ext. 2249) or online at hamiltondiocese.com

Pope's Prayer Intention for November

In his prayer intention for the month of November, Pope Francis calls us to *"pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind."* *Artificial intelligence is at the heart of the epochal change we are experiencing.*

Robotics can make a better world possible if it is joined to the common good.

Indeed, if technological progress increases inequalities, it is not true progress.

Future advances should be oriented towards respecting the dignity of the person and of Creation.

Let us pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind... we could say, may it "be human."

- Pope Francis