



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.

Prayer Intentions

Wednesday, January 20

JoAnn Whitley – Mary Epoch

Thursday, January 21

For the Sick of the Parish & their Families

Friday, January 22

Fr. Mike Francis & Fr. Peter Meyers – Jane Thatcher

Saturday, January 23

Gordon Taverner – The Cipparrone Family

Wieslawa J. – Jane Idzik

Dean Duffield – Margaret Duffield

Verna Epoch – Jim & Peggy Sheehy

Jack Karn – Anne Karn

Intentions of Maureen O'Shea – Sharon O'Shea

Sunday, January 24

Intentions of the People of the Parish



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 17, 2021

A good vocation prayer to say every day from the time we are young until we are in our golden years is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

Sunday Mass Livestreamed

Mass will continue to be livestreamed each Sunday at **10am** – visit our website at www.stjosephfergus.org and click on the link, or watch at a different time in the day on Youtube. Just search St. Joseph Fergus Sunday (insert date).

During Lockdown...

Please note that even though the Church will continue to be closed, you will still be able to reach us. You are welcome to leave a voicemail message at 519-843-2006 or send us an email at stjosephfergus@hamiltondiocese.com. You can also drop off correspondence in our mailbox at the South Door, or by slipping it through the slight opening in the Front double doors. We will be collecting mail and messages regularly and sending any important information to parishioners by our email Bulletin, or you can visit www.stjosephfergus.org.

A Walk Through Fratelli Tutti –

We are created to be relational, to be in communion with God and one another. Pope Francis's new Encyclical *Fratelli tutti* expresses the Pope's deep concern that humanity is becoming more and more isolated from each other. He states, "If we take each other seriously, then we should be brothers and sisters and friends, and not just anonymous beings." Join us on Zoom for a free webinar on Wednesday, January 27th at 7 p.m. for a 90-minute look at this beautifully written document. Registration is required, since the zoom or phone link for joining the session will need to be e-mailed or provided to you by phone.

2020 Income Tax Receipts

Due to the pandemic, this year's income tax receipts will be mailed to everyone in the coming weeks. If you have moved, or normally pick up your receipt at the Church, please ensure that we have your correct mailing address.



Bible Sunday

In 2019 Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. This year, it will fall on Sunday, January 24th and regrettably, we are not able to distribute any prayer cards or resources. We would, however, like to encourage our parish community to continue to deepen our relationship with Christ the Lord through Sacred Scripture.

Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for the journey

We invite you to visit the Family Ministry Office on the Diocesan website <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> to see the programs offered and to register. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Marriage Support

Is your marriage experiencing more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected? **The solution is Retrouvaille**, a program for married couples facing challenges in their relationship. Its purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. It is a practical program where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next weekend begins March 12, 2021. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Parenting Tip Of The Month

Children love to read the same book repeatedly, eat the same lunch every day and they do best, in fact thrive, on a daily routine. The predictable makes children feel secure and competent because they know what to expect. With little children, routines for mealtimes, bed and bath times, prayer time and even playtime, can be a great comfort, making for happier children. This same wellness from routines also works for older children. The more routine in their lives, the more relaxed and happy their personality. So, start the New Year by creating a schedule for all family members, try it out and see how much peace can come to your household!

Marriage Tip Of The Month

Marriage unites two people together in an intimate partnership, allowing each person to feel loved and cared for by their spouse. God made us relational, so marriage meets our need for another in our lives and fulfills our deepest need to be known. Yet, sadly, too many married people feel lonely. So, why not make 2021 a year of joy? Talk to each other about your hopes for the future; tell your spouse about good things or bad that have occurred at work; share a joke, funny story or a frustrating event from your day. When we share our lives with another we connect more deeply, feel part of the others life and loneliness disappears. An easy way to keep intimacy intact and loneliness away. (Family Ministry Office thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com).

Anniversary Mass 2021

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years Anniversary on the Diocesan website at hamiltondiocese.com. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass

A Prayer For Uncertain Times

God of infinite mercy, hear our prayer!

In this time of bewilderment and fear, we ask you to give us the courage to take care of one another as Jesus did. For those who are ill, especially those who are frightened and alone, for those who cannot access healthcare, for those who are homeless and lost, hear our prayer!

In the midst of our sadness and grief, we ask you to give us words to comfort one another. For those who are dying, and for those who have already died from this virus, for those who tend them & for those with no one to tend them, hear our prayer!

In the midst of our own anxiety we ask you to give us the courage to support one another as you would. For those who are unexpectedly unemployed, for employers who share what they can, for our government and financial institutions and those who lead them, hear our prayer!

In the midst of our struggle to ensure a healthy future for all who live on this planet, we ask you to give us the hope that surpasses our current understanding. For healthcare workers, spiritual leaders and our faith communities, for artists and poets, for prophets and teachers, hear our prayer!

In the midst of our growing awareness that all life on Earth is connected, we ask for the heart to respect and cherish all life. That all peoples recognize that we are all your children, hear our prayer!

We trust in you and your power working in us.
Please hear and answer our prayers.
Amen!

Sister Cynthia Serjak