



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, March 17

8:30 am Intentions of Loretta, Larry & Oliver Sangster

9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (until 10am)

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 18

8:30 am Intentions of Chris McCabe – Hope & Jerome Lehman

Friday, March 19

8:00 – 8:25 am RECONCILIATION

8:30 am FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Larry Cyr and deceased members of the Kowalchuk Family

7:00pm FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Josef Krekel – Elisabeth Krekel

Saturday, March 20

3:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (until 4:30pm)

4:00 – 4:30 pm RECONCILIATION

5:00 pm Ethel Saunders – Terri Wellstead

Intentions of the Sander Family – Catholic Women's League

Intentions of the McCabe Family – Ryan Butts
Angela Theresa Pace

Jessie Weadick – The Weadick Family

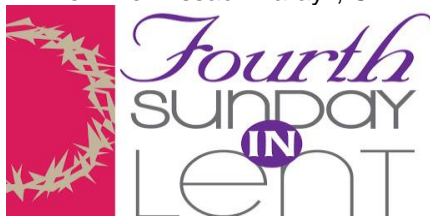
Sunday, March 14 LIVESTREAMED at 9am

9:00 am Intentions of the People of the Parish

11:00 am Special Intentions

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

March 15	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
March 16	Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
March 17	Lay Parish Ministers
March 18	Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.
March 19	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
March 20	Rev. Rev. Issac Tharayil, C.M.I.



Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 14, 2021

St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works." If you think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon, contact the Hamilton Diocese at 905-528-7988

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



March 13 – 19, 2021

The candles at the **Shrine of St. Joseph**
Burn for the repose of the soul of
Josef Krekel

Feast of St. Joseph

Friday, March 19th is the Feast of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In honour of our patron, we will celebrate Mass at 8:30am and 7:00pm on that day. Everyone is welcome. The evening Mass will be **Livestreamed**

Bishop Crosby issues Decree Regarding Easter Duty during Pandemic

This week we received a copy of a Decree from Bishop Crosby and Msgr. Kroetsch dispensing the faithful of our Diocese from Easter Duty this year, 2021. A copy has been posted on our website (stjosephfergus.org) for all to see.

-Parousia

The Bible & the Mass PLUS

Be sure to join Deacon Trevor this Friday to discuss the latest episodes of *The Bible & the Mass*. If you haven't signed up yet, go to <https://bit.ly/37tenGZ> and register to watch all ten episodes hosted by Scott Hahn for free. The videos are released each Wednesday, and Deacon Trevor will host a video discussion group on each Friday evening of Lent at 7pm. To join the Zoom meeting: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82234495848?pwd=VWNTc05ZYythWmprNHZJV1VTeWt4QT09>
Meeting ID: 822 3449 5848 Passcode: 571352

Vaccines: Faith and Science Working Together

The Catholic Women's League, Toronto Council, invites all CWL members to a virtual presentation given by Dr. Moira McQueen, Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. The presentation will take place on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 from 7pm to 8:30pm. To register (by March 21), contact Shaila D'Souza, TDC Recording Secretary shailaflavy@gmail.com, and to submit questions send your email to Iris McNulty at Irismcnultycw@hotmaill.com

Tuesday Night Masses To Resume Soon

Fr. Ken plans to begin holding Tuesday evening Masses again on March 23rd at 7:00pm. This could change if the WDG COVID status changes. You will be notified should this happen.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will continue on March 17th and we welcome everyone to attend and make this a part of your Lenten preparation as we approach Easter. **Now Livestreamed!**

Pornography: The Threat, Impact and Catholic Remedy

Pornography is one of the most important issues to understand in our world today. With the ease of its availability on the internet, it has affected people of all ages and backgrounds, whether male or female. Pornography today is violent and degrading and often involves young people who have been sex-trafficked. **Join us on zoom (by internet or phone) March 25th from 7-8:30 P.M.** and hear more about the threat and impact of pornography on children and adults, how we can educate ourselves and our children to counter its negative influence and how our Catholic faith provides hope to those impacted. Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett and Deacon Joseph Di Loreto.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help>.

The Reel Justice Film Festival

is back for another year! A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the *Reel Justice Film Festival* shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice. Films are screened once a month and provide an opportunity for community discussion about ways we can all support actions for change. Details and the full schedule can be found at:

reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com. This year the festival is going virtual! All of the films will be available online. **Special family friendly screening March 25th 6:30pm – 8:00pm - *To the Arctic***, narrated by Oscar winner Meryl Streep. The film takes audiences into the lives of a mother polar bear and her twin seven-month-old cubs, as they navigate the changing Arctic wilderness they call home. RSVP online or by email at library@hamiltondiocese.com. Join the discussion! Pope Francis Proclaims Year of St. Joseph.



In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a Holy Year in his honour. On December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Father called on the Church to follow St. Joseph's powerful example of quiet obedience, courage and tenderness and to pray to him for the "grace of our graces – our conversion". The Pope wrote that "each of us can discover St. Joseph as an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble." St. Joseph serves as a powerful reminder that those who appear hidden, or in the shadows, can play an incomparable role in salvation history."

The key Protector of Our Lady and the Christ Child, St. Joseph provides the spiritual fatherhood to help us protect marriage and the family from the present day threats that are reaching extraordinary heights. Sister Lucia, the longest lived visionary of the Fatima apparitions wrote "The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about marriage and the family". In addition to being named Patron of the Universal Church, Patron of Canada and the Patron of our own Parish in Fergus, St. Joseph is often referred to as the Terror of Demons for the important role he can play in protecting our families.

To help us celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th, and the rest of this year of St. Joseph, the Knights of Columbus have donated a banner to be displayed in our Church. The inscription on the banner in Latin reads "Tu eris super domum meam" which translates to "You shall take charge of my home and family".