



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 10

8:30 am Ethel Saunders - Jean Martin

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

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 11

8:30 am Intentions of Reona Rogers

Friday, March 12

8:00 – 8:25 am RECONCILIATION

8:30 am Bruce Mann – Bud & Marcie Fauteux

Saturday, March 13

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

4:00 – 4:30 pm RECONCILIATION

5:00 pm Joan Kelly – Jim & Catherine Dandy

Ethel Saunders – Bev & Herman Lavigne

Larry Cyr and deceased Kowalchuk Family
Members

Maureen Genning.

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 8	Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam
March 9	Rev. Stephen Gilbert
March 10	Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny
March 11	Rev. Marko Puljic
March 12	Rev. Robert Kavelj
March 13	Rev. Ilija Petkovic



Third Sunday in Lent – March 7, 2021

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry: He was zealous: He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact the Hamilton Diocese at 905-528-7988

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Mass of Chrism

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Monday, March 29th, 2021 in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This year, due to COVID capacity limitations and social distancing requirements, **attendance at the Chrism Mass will be limited to Priests only.** Each year at the Mass of Chrism, the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates Sacred Chrism. The blessed and consecrated Oils are taken to the Parishes of the Diocese to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year. The Priests serving in the Diocese, together with the Bishop, renew the promises of their Ordination in which they committed themselves to serve this local Church in imitation of Christ the Priest, Prophet and Shepherd. Let us pray for all who minister to God's holy people in our Diocese – our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, lay leaders, and all God's holy people.

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**

REVISED Income Tax Receipts Available for Direct Deposit Donations

It has come to our attention that there was a glitch in the preparation of many (but not all) of the tax receipts for those who make their donations by direct deposit. The revised receipts are now available in the Church Hall. Our apologies for this inconvenience.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will continue on March 10th and we welcome everyone to attend and make this a part of your Lenten preparation as we approach Easter. **Now Livestreamed!**

One Heart One Soul Campaign

Some parishioners have expressed that they had difficulty getting onto the One Heart One Soul website to see Fr. Ken's video and other information about the campaign. We are happy to say that all this information has been copied on our own website now, so just go to www.stjosephfergus.org and it will be the first thing you see. Just click on it and it will all be there for your review!

-Parousia**The Bible & the Mass PLUS****Weekly Discussion with Deacon Trevor**

Why return to Mass? Our very lives depend on it. It's the summit of God's plan for our salvation. It's time to wake Catholics up to the awesome power, the incredible gift, that is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The alternative is unthinkable. Enter Parousia: The Bible and the Mass, coming Lent 2021. In our latest Journey Through Scripture study, get ready to join host **Scott Hahn** to uncover how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. Visit https://youtu.be/pTD_9GHfMI to see the trailer. Sign up now to watch all ten episodes for FREE at <https://bit.ly/37tenGZ>.

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

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. Registration is required so we can send you the zoom link, but the session is free of charge.

This is an important issue which will not go away unless we provide tools for people (including parents) to end its destructive use. Consider registering to learn how more on this issue at:

<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!

Parenting Tip of the Month

The amount of time spent together as a family during COVID might be considered by some to be too much, but it may also be filling a real need. Past research has shown that children consistently identify a desire to spend more time with their parents and family. Time for them means direct, active engagement. The long-term benefits to family relationships are proven: children grow up healthier in mind, body and spirit. Enjoying quality time with their family's means children are more likely to turn to their family for love and support, keeping them healthy. So play with your kids, watch a movie together and discuss its message(s), pray together, be active together, cook together and/or clean together; the possibilities are endless. So remember, time with family is powerful when it is interactive, shared by all and fun!

Marriage Tip of the Month

At the heart of every relationship there needs to be a foundation of love and respect. When couples respect each other, including their differences, they continually build each other up and enjoy time together. When we respect the other in relationship, we can accept their desire to influence us with their understanding of what is true, good and beautiful. When we are open to our spouse's view of things, we not only grow, but we grow together. When we grow together, we cannot help but grow in love.