

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

Tuesday, May 11 Intentions of Chris McCabe Wednesday, May 12 Intentions of Reona Rogers Thursday, May 13 Intentions of Keith Sims Friday, May 14 Mary Ann Steel Saturday, May 15 Betty Blackie – Mary Waterman Intentions of Fern Beaudry – The Family Sunday, May 16 – Livestreamed at 10am Intentions of the Parish Special Intentions

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Rev. Allison Mahoney, C.S.C.
Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.
Congregation of the Resurrection C.R.
Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
Rev. Edwin Lapinski, C.R.
Very Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.

6th Sunday of Easter, May 9, 2021

The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you." The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests, religious and deacons can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, contact the Hamilton Diocese by email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or call 905-528-7988.





Daily Mass Intentions

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that during this pandemic Fr. Ken offers Mass every day for the intentions of all parishioners of St. Joseph Parish. If you have any intentions that you would like included in these Masses, please let us know by telephone or email and they will be included. Please continue to pray for the end of this pandemic so that we can gather, pray and give thanks together!



One Heart One Soul Campaign

The One Heart, One Soul campaign is a community effort that is bringing us together for the good of the Parish and the Diocese. We have received 71 pledges in the amount of \$332,500 which is 83% of our goal. This is tremendous news. However, we have not heard from everyone who calls St. Joseph their parish home.

I whole-heartedly believe that our projects are needed. Additionally, I believe because when we come together to accomplish our goal (especially during the pandemic) we will become a more faithful and faith-filled parish. If you still have the campaign materials that were sent, give them another look and see what you can do. If you don't have the materials, you can go online to oneheartonesoul.ca and find our parish, see the information and make a pledge. Whatever gift or pledge you make, will be greatly appreciated. Together, with the Lord, all things are possible.

Unpacking Patris Corde – With a Father's Heart

"WITH A FATHER'S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph"". This opening line from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Patris Corde, released on Dec. 8, 2020 to mark the opening of a Year of St. Joseph, sets the tone for the entire letter. In Patris Corde, we hear that, "St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation." You are invited to join us on Tuesday, May 25th at 7 P.M. for a 90 minute zoom webinar (by phone or internet) to discover more about the Patron Saint of both the Catholic Church and Canada. Presented by Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch (PH, VG) and Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (M.R.E.). Registration is required to receive the zoom link and can be found at https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/ online-webinar-unpacking-em-patris-corde-with-afather-s-heart-em- (on the home page go to Upcoming Events). or contact Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival, May 27at 7– 9 pm"The End of Immigration".

This powerful documentary examines the realities of temporary foreign workers in Canada and reveals an inequity that is having a profound impact on the society in which we live. Following the film, Sarah Guinta, Coordinator for the Office of Justice and Peace, and Rev. Peter Ciallella, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Burford, will offer a conversation regarding ministry to temporary foreign workers in the Diocese of Hamilton. RSVP online: https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/ or by email: library@hamiltondiocese.com. Join the discussion! The *Reel Justice Film Festival* is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace.

Parenting Tip Of The Month

COVID-19 continues to dominate and control much of our lives. All of this affects children, but since they take their cues from adults in their lives, we can help them to feel resilient. Remind them of how happy you are, despite all that is happening that you are together as a family. Remind them of the beauty of nature that is all around for them to see and enjoy, that technology lets them connect with other family and friends and that through all of this we can continue to pray and ask for God's blessings. When they hear anger and frustration, they feel worry and concern; when they hear optimism and calm, they too feel those emotions as well. Let us remind our children how much we love them; help keep them strong during the pandemic. From: Family Ministry Office.

Marriage Tip Of The Month

Listening may be the most important aspect of any relationship, but it is also the hardest part for us to get right! Listening requires our full attention, not just to the words spoken, but also to the emotions attached. Doing so allows us to understand how our spouse is feeling and, if we listen attentively, to repeat back what we are hearing. When we do this without first making a defensive reply, issues get resolved and our spouse feels supported. Then we can reverse roles, expressing our thoughts and feelings on the issue, as our spouse becomes the listener. Happy couples work on these skills until they become second nature, thus keeping their relationship bond strong. From: Family Ministry Office.

2021 Catholic Education Week in Ontario

The week of May 2-7, 2021 marks the celebration of Catholic Education Week in our province. This year's theme is, "*Nurturing Hope.*" His Excellency, Bishop Crosby has prepared two video resources in support of Catholic Education Week, 2021; a video message highlighting our seven Catholic District School Boards and a pre-taped Liturgy of the Word. Both videos can be found here: <u>https://hamiltondiocese.com/catholic-education-week/</u>. Bishop Crosby has also prepared a message for Catholic Education Week 2021 and this can be found on our website – <u>stjosephfergus.org</u>.

Merciful God, bless my mother this Mother's Day for her loving and nurturing ways. Through her care and intercession, you graced me and formed me in so many ways. May the love you gave me through her be showered on her today and for all eternity. Americ