



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

Due to Fr. Ken's injury, there
Will be no weekday Masses
With the exception this week of
Thursday, July 1st **Canada Day**

Thursday, July 1, 2021 – Canada Day

9:00am Act of Entrustment of Saint Joseph

Saturday, July 3, 2021

5:00pm Intentions of Fern Beaudry – Beaudry
Family
Intentions of Ken Miskiewicz – Mac & Gail
Brown
John MacNally

Sunday, July 4, 2021 – Livestreamed at 9am

9:00am Intentions of the Parish
11:00 am Special Intentions

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

June 28 Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
June 29 Rev. Msgr. Martin Valley
June 30 Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans)
July 1 Rev. Jacek Kryn, S.A.C.
July 2 Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.
July 3 Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 27, 2021

Jesus healed Jairus' daughter by saying "Talitha cum" which means "little girl, get up!" Has the Lord called you to get up and walk? Perhaps Jesus wants you to help others get up and walk. If you feel God is calling you to the priesthood, religious life or the diaconate, contact the Hamilton Diocese at 905-528-7988 x 2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



Join us in Welcoming

Please join us in welcoming Msgr. Dennis Noon this weekend as our guest celebrant for the Saturday and Sunday 9am Masses. We also welcome Fr. Terry Sehl who will join us to celebrate the Sunday 11am Mass. We are very grateful that they can be with us.

News about Fr. Ken

To date Fr. Ken has been recuperating nicely with the help of close friends, who are also looking after Joey. Fr. Ken is feeling well and not experiencing much pain but is unable to bear weight on his ankle. We hope to hear from the doctors soon as to when they expect him to be able to return. It will likely be several weeks yet. We will keep you posted. Please keep him in your prayers.



Church Office Hours

With the loosening of pandemic restrictions, we are pleased to advise that the Church is open Monday through Thursday 9am to 4:30pm for private prayer. Please enter through **the front doors of the Church**. The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, July 1st for Canada Day, and the Church itself will be closed after the 9am Mass.

July 1st Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph

St. Joseph Parish and parishioners have been invited by the CCCB, in solidarity with the Holy Father's proclamation of a Year of Saint Joseph, to celebrate an **Act of Entrustment of Saint Joseph**. This will take place here on **Thursday, July 1st at 9am** with Msgr. Dennis Noon.

Bishop Crosby's Letter to Everyone in the Diocese of Hamilton

Last weekend, a letter from Bishop Crosby was read to everyone in the Hamilton Diocese concerning the sad legacy of Residential Schools. Attached to this bulletin you will find a copy for your review. While National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada has passed, we must continue to pray for our Indigenous brothers and sisters!



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

June 18, 2021

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

The sad legacy of Residential Schools and the reality that Catholic entities participated in the Government policy which removed Indigenous children from their families and from their culture has once again been brought to the attention of Canadians. The discovery of 215 bodies of children in graves beside a former Residential School in Kamloops has brought us face-to-face with the stark and tragic history that many Indigenous children in Residential Schools died. When they died, often their bodies were not returned to their families and communities for burial.

This tragic and painful part of our history as a nation and as a Church causes us to grieve with the families of these children and feel sorrow and deep shame for our participation in the policies which created the Residential Schools. The recent discovery in Kamloops moves us to renew our efforts, which began many years ago, to bring about healing and reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples of our land.

Thirty years ago, on July 24, 1991, as President of the Oblate Conference of Canada, in the presence of about 10-15,000 Indigenous peoples at Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta, I delivered an apology for the involvement of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in government sponsored Residential Schools across the country. It was among the first of such apologies offered to the Indigenous people. In 2015, Father Ken Forster, then Provincial Superior of OMI Lacombe Canada Province, repeated the apology and outlined commitments that the Oblate community had made to the Indigenous peoples they served, including making available to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) all of their archives relative to the Residential Schools, and to offer to university archives those materials that the TRC did not require.

The Catholic Indigenous Council was established to assure that Catholic Indigenous voices might be heard at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle was formed so that Catholic Indigenous peoples, and other Catholic groups and organizations might come together to respond to the Calls to Action of the TRC. One of their first recommendations encouraged the Catholic Bishops to support the *United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which the Bishops did on April 27, 2018. The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, including the Diocese of Hamilton, have provided financial support for the creation of a “Spirit Garden” at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto to honour Residential School survivors.

While the Diocese of Hamilton ran no residential schools, we remain keen participants in the process of healing and reconciliation. We made a significant contribution to the *Moving Forward Together* campaign of the CCCB; funds were directed to support Indigenous education opportunities at institutions of higher education within our Diocese. We also have an on-going partnership with the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay to provide financial and administrative support as well as on-site ministry formation and mental health assistance for Indigenous youth.

The work of healing and reconciliation is, and must be, ongoing. Plans for a delegation to visit the Vatican and meet with Pope Francis were derailed by travel restrictions related to the pandemic. With the easing of those restrictions, it is expected that this visit will take place later this year.

I invite Catholics in the Diocese of Hamilton, to pray this weekend and especially on Monday, June 21st, National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada, for our Indigenous brothers and sisters – for the healing of past wounds, for wisdom to accompany one another on the path to reconciliation, and for a future full of hope.

All are invited to visit the Hamilton Diocesan website for information and resources to inform, to encourage and to heal.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

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