



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

Saturday, October 9, 2021

5:00pm Intentions of Ann McGarry – Edna & Family
Sean McMillan – St. Joseph School Staff
Gerri Anaka – Catherine Cyr
Edward Mulcahy – Irene and Family
Helen Sheehy – Jim & Peggy Sheehy

Sunday October 10, 2021 – Livestreamed at 9am

9:00am Intentions of the Parish

11:00 am Special Intentions

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Oct. 4	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
Oct. 5	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Oct. 6	Felician Franciscan Sisters
Oct. 7	Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
Oct. 8	Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu
Oct. 9	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 3, 2021

Matrimony – a beautiful vocation so misused today.
 Celibacy – a beautiful gift so misunderstood today.
 Whether we do God's work in pairs or as a single
 person in ministry or in a community, we do God's work
 because He calls us. If you feel God is calling you to a
 Church vocation, call Bishop Wayne Lobsinger at the
 Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-
 7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



First Communion Celebration

Congratulations to our young people who received the
 Sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday, October 2,
 2021. The Sacrament was conferred by Msgr. Dennis
 Noon. These students were originally scheduled to be
 Confirmed in the Spring of 2021. A second group will
 be receiving the Sacrament on October 16. Please
 keep these young people and their families in your
 prayers!

Clarification of COVID 19 Protocols for Mass

Last week, we released information about the Diocese
 of Hamilton's Vaccination Policy. We would like to take
 this opportunity to remind everyone of the existing
 protocols for Mass:

1. Parishioners are not required to be vaccinated to attend Mass;
2. All participants at Mass are required to wear masks. Anyone not wearing a mask is not to be admitted to the church unless they can provide a written valid medical exemption;
3. All liturgical ministers (including Lectors, Altar servers, Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and music ministers) must be fully vaccinated. Servers under the age of 12 who cannot be vaccinated are not permitted to serve at this time;
4. All ministers of Holy communion are required to sanitize their hands prior to and after distributing Holy Communion. They are also required to wear a mask of shield when distributing Eucharist;
5. Everyone is encouraged to continue receiving Communion on the hand;
6. Those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue are to receive Communion from the Priest and must receive after all who have received Communion in the Hand; and
7. The Priest is to sanitize his hands before giving Communion to the next person if he has touched someone's tongue.

Statement from the Canadian Catholic Bishops on Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of Canada

The Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, took the opportunity to affirm and acknowledge to the Indigenous Peoples the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. They acknowledged the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. They also sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies, the Catholic Bishops of Canada expressed their profound remorse and apologized unequivocally. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, the Bishops pledged to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, they invited the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. They further committed to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves. A delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous Peoples, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. The Bishops of Canada have pledged to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We are committed to continue the journey with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. For more information, please contact the diocese or visit www.cccb.ca.

Release from Canadian Catholic Bishops Announcing Financial Pledge of Support

On September 27th, the Conference of Canadian Catholic Bishops said in a news release that they are making a nation-wide collective financial commitment of \$30M to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families and their communities. The full News Release is available for your review on our website – stjosephfergus.org.



World Mission Sunday

This year World Mission Sunday is on October 24, 2021. It is a world-wide celebration of and collection for the missionary church. The funds raised will go to establish and support rural health care clinics, renovate rectories, chapels, build new churches and provide for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday

Missionary Month Prayer

Dear God,

You have blessed us with your truth. You have guided our lives along the right way. You shower our lives with love.

May we who have received so much from you never cease to proclaim what we have seen and heard.

May we always be missionary disciples, who proclaim your truth through lives well lived.

May you continue to support our efforts to bring the Gospel of your Son to the world.

May we always tell of your many blessings to those who have yet to experience your love.

On this World Mission Sunday, may your whole Church recognize their call to support the work of the missions.

May all your faithful recognize its responsibility to provide for those communities who have only recently come to the faith.

May the voices of your people always reach your altar in heaven as they pray for the missions.

May we always proclaim what we have seen and heard that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.