



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

Thursday, September 30, 2021

7:00pm Peace and Reconciliation

Saturday, October 2, 2021

5:00pm **Special Intentions of Ron & Audry Vollick**

Intentions of Denny Trainor –

Don & Barbara Cassidy

Keith Sims – St. Joseph School Staff

Reona Rogers – Mac & Gail Brown

Tim Law – Knights of Columbus

Sunday October 3, 2021 – *Livestreamed at 9am*

9:00am Intentions of the Parish

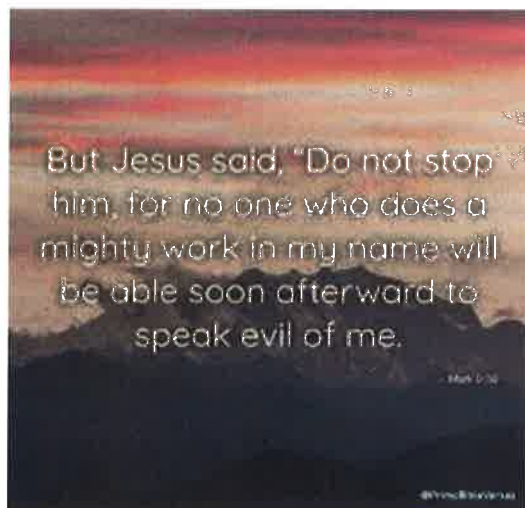
11:00 am Special Intentions

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Sept. 27	Very Rev. Jeff Bergsma
Sept. 28	Rev. Gregory Merkley
Sept. 29	Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood
Sept. 30	Rev. Wallace Metcalf
Oct. 1	Rev. Robert M.F. Kiffman
Oct. 2	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 26, 2021

Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel that God is calling you with the gift to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon, call Bishop Wayne Lobsinger at the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



Confirmation Celebration

Congratulations to our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, September 25th. The Sacrament was conferred by Msgr. Dennis Noon. These students were originally scheduled to be Confirmed in the Spring of 2021. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers!

September 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In June, the federal government passed new legislation making September 30th a national statutory holiday commemorating National Day for Peace and Reconciliation. This special day commemorates the history and ongoing trauma caused by residential Schools and is intended to honour the survivors, families and communities who continue to grieve for those who were lost. **Please join Msgr. Noon for Mass at 7:00pm on September 30th** for the intentions of peace and reconciliation. We need to continue to pray for the healing of our nation and in particular for reconciliation between the Indigenous People and all citizens of Canada.

Thanks From The Knights of Columbus

Thanks to everyone who supported our Drive-Thru Pork Roast last Saturday by purchasing meals and making donations for our Coats for Kids Program. We sold out the 150 meals that we prepared and the proceeds are being used to fund a large portion of the cost of the 48 winter coats that we are supplying to our local distribution partner The Community Resource Centre. These coats will be distributed to children in our community who are in need of coats for this winter. Thank you so much!

Collection Baskets

The Collection baskets, which were located at the Main doors in the Narthex, have been moved to the tables at the back of the Church for security reasons.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message from Bishop Crosby Regarding

COVID Vaccines

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

Church Office Closed – September 30

The Church Office will be closed on September 30 for the new National statutory holiday for Truth and Reconciliation.

Update on Fr. Ken

Fr. Ken will be undergoing his heart procedure on Wednesday, September 29. Please keep him in your prayers!

Collection For The Needs Of The Church In Canada September 19, 2021

Why is there such a collection? Every year, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese by means of the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC), the Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau, has described this Collection as “an opportunity to all the faithful to help their dioceses collaborate in financing the regional episcopal assemblies (the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, and the West) and also the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC). These associations support the Bishops in their local ministry and in working together on issues of common concern.” Any additional revenues raised help the diocese support its own diocesan pastoral programs and other activities. The CCCC is the national assembly of the Catholic Bishops in Canada, and includes the Bishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches. **Last weekend was the designed date for this collection, but we will continue to collection late donations for the next couple of weeks before submitting to the Diocese.**

Palliative Care Information

Palliative care seeks to provide the best possible quality of life for people who have a serious or life-threatening illness or disease. Palliative care views the patient as the main concern during care, treating the whole person, instead of focussing exclusively on the medical issue they are dealing with at the time of need. The entire goal of palliative care is to provide the best quality of life for the individual. The Diocese of Hamilton, understanding the challenges for both patient and family during a time of need, brought together a committee of experts to gather information to assist you to navigate the various needs you may have at this time. Visit www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on Family & Youth. Do not hesitate to reach out to if we can be of further support at this time. 905-528-7988

Fergus & Elora Life Chain - October 3

One hour could save a life! All are invited to come together for an hour of peaceful prayer and witness. Join Life Chain, a pro-life prayer chain, to pray for women and families who have been wounded by abortion, to pray for women to choose life, and to witness to the value of every unborn child. In Fergus, Life Chain will be from 4-5pm at the intersection of Highway 6 / Tower St at Belsyde Ave. In Elora, Life Chain will be from 4:30-5:30pm at the intersection of Wellington Rd 7 at the Canadian Reformed Church.



The following Prayer was prayed by Pope Francis on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph:

Prayer to St. Joseph

Protect, O Holy Guardian, this our nation.

Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know – like you do – how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility.

Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters.

Sustain those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick.

Bless, O St. Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

Accompany, O' St. Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

Accompany, O St. Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest.

Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement.

Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor. With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic.

Amen