



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, October 19, 2021

7:00pm **Kathleen Ellis** – Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

8:30am **Intentions of John Kowalchuk**

Thursday, October 21, 2021

8:30am **Intentions of Jack Clerkin**

Friday, October 22, 2021

8:30am **Brian Macartney** – Mary Epoch

Saturday, October 23, 2021

5:00pm **Tony Reilly**

Peter Manning – Jerome & Hope Lehman
Intentions of the Spiritan Prayer Group –
Doug and Marie McGilvray

Luise Venner – DaMaren Family

Sunday October 24, 2021 – Livestreamed at 9am

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

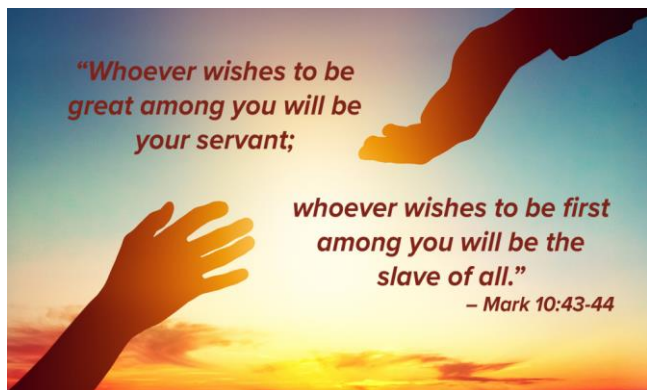
11:00 am **Special Intentions**

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Oct. 18	Very Rev. Adrian Lee
Oct. 19	Very Rev. Michael King
Oct. 20	Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)
Oct. 21	Rev. Marko Stefanec
Oct. 22	Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I..
Oct. 23	Rev. Yvon Paquin, O.H.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct. 17, 2021

Jesus' life was the best "job description": sympathy; mercy; service; compassion; and total giving. Life is rewarding when one lives for others. Do you want to serve or be served? If you are willing to serve as a priest, religious or deacon, call Wayne Lobsinger at the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



October 16 – 22, 2021

The candles in the Adoration Chapel
Burn for the **Intentions of Robert Landoni**

Update on Vaccination Policy **in the Diocese of Hamilton**

The Diocese of Hamilton has made some amendments to their Vaccine Policy. In particular:

“At this time we will only require proof of vaccination from those volunteers who are active in Parish life, will be attending functions at the Parish or will be volunteering during times of the day where they will come in contact with other individuals.”

Volunteers who do not provide proof of vaccination and who are in contact with Parishioners such as Choir Members and Ushers, can provide services to the Parish as long as the Parish Priest agrees to this and agrees to take on the responsibility of administering tests. Tests are only required on the days they are volunteering.”

We are in the process of ordering rapid tests which are to be self administered at the Church prior to Mass or whatever other work the volunteer is doing. Fr. Ken or his appointees are to be present at time of testing, and results are to be reported to the Parish. The tests will be available without cost to you.

For vaccinated volunteers – proof of vaccination can be dropped off at the Church Office, emailed to stjosephfergus@hamiltondiocese.com or put in an envelope and dropped into the collection baskets at Mass. They will not be sent to the Diocese but will remain in the Parish office. **Proof of vaccination is required by October 31, 2021.**

Congratulations

Congratulations to the final group of young people to receive their First Communion on Saturday October 16th. We have now completed the sacraments that had to be rebooked from 2020-2021, and look forward to moving ahead with the next groups of students in the new year. Please keep them in your prayers!



Canadian Food for Children is once again open and in full operation. Clean, unstained clothing, for all types of weather, in good repair is always needed, ball caps and winter hats (washed please) as well. Some items on their wish list are soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste and eyeglasses/sunglasses with cases. Left-over wrapped Halloween candy is also very much appreciated. Sugar and candy can persuade a starving child, who will often refuse to take any food, to start eating. Thanks so much for your generosity.

ReStart: A Separation and Divorce Recovery Program

Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office - (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

Pope Francis recently announced that the next Synod of Bishops will take place in October 2023. The Theme of the Synod is: ***For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.*** For the first time, the meeting will be the culmination of a “three-year path” involving all of the People of God at every level of the Church. This “path” is a process rather than an event, which Pope Francis will solemnly inaugurate this October 9-10, is meant to be a manifestation of “synodality) which is a form that realizes the participation of all the people of God in mission.

The synodal path will take place in three phases. The first phase (October 2021 to April 2022) begins on

October 17th under the leadership of the Bishop in each Diocese. This stage is conceived as a broad consultation with the People of God in each Diocese. The second phase (September 2022 to March 2023) is the “continental” phase. This will involve the fruit of deliberations on each Continent. For example, Canada and the United States of America will collate their responses to the questions posed by the Holy See and submit them to the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops in Rome by March 2023. The final phase of the Synod will take place in October 2023 with the celebration of the Assembly of Bishops in Rome.

In the Diocese of Hamilton, a Committee has been established to guide the Diocesan Phase of the Synodal Process. Information will be sent to the Parishes in late October and the parishioners in the Diocese of Hamilton will have an opportunity to respond to the questions to be considered by the Synod. The actual consultation will take place beginning in November and conclude by mid-December, so that our Diocesan Report can be prepared and sent to the Ontario Assembly of Catholic Bishops to be included in the Canadian report. We pray for the success of this unique and historic synodal process:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

With you alone to guide us, make yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of the truth and what is right.

All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, for ever and ever. Amen.