



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, February 1, 2022

7:00pm Ellene Hill – John & Jean Paul

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

8:30am Intentions of Arlene Blackmore – Dolores Schmidt

Thursday, February 3, 2022

8:30am Teresa Lehman – Jim & Peggy Sheehy

Friday, February 4, 2022

8:30am Maureen Beresford – Dolores Schmidt

Saturday, February 5, 2022

5:00pm Special Intentions – Bob & Molly Myers
Intentions of Harry & Bernadette Cullen – John & Mo Rutherford
Ted KleinGebbinck – Mary KleinGebbinck
Gerrard Kenny
Teresa Lehman – Paul & Cathy Goetz

Sunday February 6, 2022

9:00am Intentions of the Parish

11:00 am Special Intentions

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 30, 2022

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/



Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Jan. 31	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
Feb. 1	Rev. John Van Hees
Feb. 2	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God
Feb. 3	Rev. Hayden Starczala
Feb. 4	Very Rev. James Petrie, E.V.
Feb. 5	Rev. Gerald Mulhall

WICC – World Day of Prayer 2022
I Know the Plans I have for You

We are normally invited to join fellow Christian women in our community to celebrate the WICC World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures. It is intended to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The 2022 service was written by the committee from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Due to the pandemic, it was felt best that we not gather locally. After February 1st, you can view the World Day of Prayer 2022 Service Video by going to www.wicc.org. The same video will be shown on local TV channels on Friday, March 4th.

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre

is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. For more information please visit: www.mountmary.ca



Dates for Sacraments for 2021-22
School Year Have been set!

The following dates have been set for celebration of the Sacraments for the children of the Parish:

First Reconciliation – March 24, 2022

First Communion - April 30 & May 7, 2022

Confirmation – April 23, 2022

Teachers at St. Joseph School will be providing information on how to register your child. If you are the parent of a homeschooled child who is of the age to receive the Sacraments, please speak with Fr. Ken or contact the Church office.

The Word Among Us

Copies of the February issue are now available in the Narthex while quantities last.

The Reel Justice Film Festival

We are excited to offer another year of engaging films, which spotlight issues of social, political, and economic injustice. **Join us February 24, 2022 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** for our second film, **After the Storm** which follows the transformational journey of 550 families as they come together to build the Pope Francis Village, a sustainable resettlement site for coastal communities in Tacloban, Philippines devastated by Super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. In the aftermath of this natural disaster, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, supporting local organizations, transformed a piece of land into new homes, a new community, and new lives. Run time: 48 minutes. The **Reel Justice Film Festival** is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to view our 2022 schedule or to secure your spot at any of our virtual screenings!

Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide

Excerpts from a Statement to the Faithful in the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton:

What is the Church's position on Euthanasia & Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS)?

The Catholic Faith has consistently taught that it is always gravely wrong to commit suicide or to help another person do so. While we offer understanding and sympathy when suicide occurs, we can never condone making an informed decision to take one's life or to assist another in doing so.

"We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of."
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2281)

Life is a gift from God to be cared for and protected at all its stages. As Catholics we believe that we are called to live our lives to the fullest extent possible from birth until natural death.

Can someone considering Euthanasia or PAS receive the sacraments?

Near the end-of-life Catholics will normally celebrate the sacraments of Confession, Communion and Anointing of the Sick. These sacraments are given to bring forgiveness of sins and to strengthen the recipient to bear patiently his or her sufferings, uniting them to the Cross of Jesus Christ.

The Church is generous in offering the sacraments; however, it is crucial that an individual have the proper disposition of faith to receive a sacrament (Canon 843).

If someone has made the decision to end his or her life – contrary to divine law and Church teaching – and is unwilling to reconsider this decision, he or she is not rightly disposed in faith to receive the sacraments. In this case a priest will continue to pray with the person, offering pastoral support while encouraging a change of heart.

Sacraments bear fruit only in those who receive them with the right disposition. (Catechism 1131). An attitude of faith and openness is essential.

What about the dignity of the person? Is it dignified to be incapacitated or to live with unbearable suffering?

... Dying with dignity means people would be accompanied in their last days, be provided with effective pain treatment and medical care and be offered access to spiritual and pastoral support.

Refusing treatment that is burdensome or without benefit to the person is not a form of suicide but of allowing life to proceed to its natural end.

Can a Catholic Funeral be celebrated for someone who has ended his /her life by Euthanasia or PAS?

The purpose of the funeral rites of the Church is to pray for the eternal salvation of the deceased person. We ask God to be merciful, forgive their sins and receive them into eternal life.... The Church frequently celebrates funeral rites for someone who has committed suicide; however, in the case of Euthanasia and PAS...there may be concern that the wrong message will be communicated by celebrating a funeral Mass. The priest, in this situation, may suggest more discrete alternatives for the funeral rites. In such circumstances the Bishop will be consulted.

If you are interested in receiving a complete copy of this statement, please contact the Church office. If you have questions, please feel free to speak with Fr. Ken.

Grandparent Prayer

Good and gracious God, thank you for the gift of my grandchildren. Open their eyes so that they can see the depth of my love for you and for them. Fill me with your love, and allow me to become an instrument of your love to every member of my family. Amen