



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, May 10, 2022

7:00pm Intentions of Joshua Filipetto and Benjamin
MacDougall – The Reidy Family

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

8:30am Intentions of Stasia Brohman – Catholic
Women's League

Thursday, May 12, 2022

8:30am Intentions of Pope Francis – Catholic Women's
League

Friday May 13, 2022

8:30am Intentions of Berney & Gwen Sytsma – Catholic
Women's League

9:30am St. Joseph School Mass & May Crowning

Saturday, May 14, 2022

5:00pm Intentions of Dwight Gross – Tove Schmidt
Ben Rider – Sue, Adam, and Becki Miller
Intentions of Margot Hennessey – Fern & Marie
Beaudry
Intentions of Berney & Gwen Sytsma & Family
– Terri Wellstead

Sunday May 15, 2022

9:00am Intentions of the Parish

11:00 am Special Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 8, 2022

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World
Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious
life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up
good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you to be
a priest, religious or deacon, 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

May 9	Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
May 10	Rev. Pawel Jamroz
May 11	Congregation of the Resurrection C.R.
May 12	Rev. George Stortz
May 13	Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
May 14	Rev. Robert Hetu

Michael House Baby Bottle Campaign

The Baby Bottle Campaign for Michael House is taking
place once again starting this weekend Mother's Day,
Sunday, May 8th 2022. Be sure to pick up your baby
bottle today for the Michael House Baby Bottle
Campaign. Fill your bottle with cheques, bills and
change and support the life-changing programs at
Michael House Pregnancy and Parenting Support
Services. This is the one annual campaign for Michael
House, and it is our opportunity to support the important
work that they do. Bottles will be returned on Father's
Day. To watch a brief video about the campaign, visit
Drop Box:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/zd9uuhooyuqadkf/Baby%20Bottle%20Video.mp4?dl=0> or **YouTube:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJkNCTU7p8Q>

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

As previously announced, the Diocese of Hamilton has
committed \$4 million to the Canada-wide \$30 million
pledge toward healing and reconciliation initiatives. In
addition, the Diocese will be holding annual in-pew
collections which will take place beginning this **May 14
& 15**. Special envelopes for this collection are available
in the Narthex. The collection will be taken up next
weekend and any support for this important cause
would be greatly appreciated. Attached to this bulletin
you will find a copy of a letter from Bishop Crosby, and
a sheet entitled "Indigenous Reconciliation Fund:
Frequently Ask Questions."

Knights' Bottle Drive – May 14th

The Knights of Columbus have scheduled a Bottle
Drive for May 14th to raise funds for Knights of
Columbus Council #15333 charities. Please drop off
any bottles between 10:00am and 2:00pm, and join us
if you can assist as well during that day.

Religious Articles

Please make sure you visit the back tables this
weekend for Mother's Day gift ideas. Spring is finally
here, so start planning your garden ideas with one of
our religious garden statues. Requests for other
religious items can be taken. Please email your
requests to psbowen@wightman.ca. (Any large, heavy
items include delivery and set up if you are unable to
take home. Please call Sherie/Paul @ 226-203-1653.)
Happy Mother's Day and Happy Spring.

Canadian Food for Children

Thank you for your continued support for Canadian Food for Children. All clothing, as well as shoes, clean and in good repair, for children and adults, is always appreciated. Especially needed are food items such as rice, pasta, canned fish and meat. Thanks so much for your generosity in remembering those in great need.

Ramoth House is Looking For Help

Are you looking to give to a mission field a few hours a month? Ramoth House needs moms, grandmas and aunts to support young moms. Ramoth House is urgently seeking women to join our Support Staff Team. Training provided! A detailed job description is available at <https://www.ramoth.ca/pages/career-and-volunteer-opportunities> to apply email your resume to Jennifer Sanabria, Director of Programming at director@ramoth.ca

Parenting Tip Of The Month

As the buds begin to sprout and the weather allows us to head outdoors more often, take some time to discuss the importance of God's created world with your children. Point out the connectedness of each of us to nature and our dependence on it to survive. Help them understand that every person is tasked with being a steward of God's world. Explain how we can each participate in caring for nature and remind them that when we each do our part, nature thrives and so do we.

Marriage Tip Of The Month

It is true to say that no two people think exactly alike and that is why being married can sometimes be challenging! What makes complete sense to one person, may not make sense to the other; what one likes the other may not; what is funny to one, may be anything but to the other! It is important for married couples to constantly remind themselves that marriage does not mean you are exactly the same. Allow room for differences and don't judge your spouse on your own likes and desires, but instead try to move together to a more neutral place that you can both live with. And sometimes, agree to disagree! Your spouse has many diverse qualities, embrace them when you can and work to negotiate when you can't, so love will flourish and provide a strong foundation for all of it! From:

Organ Concert May 14th – 7:00pm

Melville United Church, 300 St. Andrew St. W, Fergus, would like to invite you to an organ concert to showcase their extensively refurbished organ There will be a free will offering in support of Ukraine and The Grove Hub (Fergus Youth Wellness Hub).

Come Retreat With Loyola House

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- **Listening to Indigenous Voices 8-Day Retreat** - NEW! - May 18-26 - *facilitated by Shasha Sky & Dave Skene from White Owl Native Ancestry Association and Victoria Blanco, Mark Hathaway, & Trevor Scott, SJ from the Jesuit Forum*
- **Birds: Weekend Retreat** - NEW! - May 27-29
- **Amazing Friendships Weekend Retreat** - NEW! - June 3-5 - *facilitated by Kerry Wilson & Greg Kennedy, SJ*
- **Directed Prayer Weekend** - June 3-5
- **Bees: Weekend Retreat** - NEW! - June 10-12
- **Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment** - June 10-12
- **8-Day Directed Retreat** - July 20-28

These retreats are on-site at Loyola House! There have been lots of changes...20 ensuite washrooms have been added, bedrooms updated, plus much more!

Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519 824 1250 ext 266.



May is the Month of Mary

The following prayer, known in Latin as "Sub Tuum Praesidium" and first found in a Greek papyrus, c. 300. N It is the oldest known prayer to the Virgin:

We turn to you for protection.
 Holy Mother of God.
 Listen to our prayers and
 Help us in our needs.
 Save us from Every danger,
 Glorious and Blessed Virgin.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

May 8, 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month, Pope Francis welcomed delegations representing various Indigenous communities to Rome. In his remarks on the final day of their visit, the Holy Father expressed his indignation, shame, and sorrow at the role Catholics played in the abuses of the residential school system.

Pope Francis' remarks acknowledged the pain and sorrow he heard in the stories of those who attended residential schools and spoke of the path forward between the Church and Indigenous peoples. The Holy Father said, *"I wish to tell you that the Church stands beside you and wants to continue journeying with you. Dialogue is the key to knowledge and sharing, and the Bishops of Canada have clearly stated their commitment to continue advancing together with you on a renewed, constructive, fruitful path, where encounters and shared projects will be of great help."*

In living out this commitment to accompany our Indigenous sisters and brothers who are suffering, the Diocese of Hamilton has established the ***Indigenous Reconciliation Fund***. This fund, which is part of a Canada-wide \$30 million commitment, will support Indigenous-led initiatives of healing and reconciliation. Both the Diocesan and the national fund will be overseen by a board comprised of Indigenous members.

The Diocese of Hamilton is committing \$4 million to this fund, which will support projects both local and national in scope. This commitment from the Diocese is firm, such that any donations you make will support these projects over-and-above our \$4 million commitment. I ask humbly for your generosity in support of this initiative. May God, the Creator of all, bless this journey we will take together toward a relationship of trust, healing, and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+ Douglas Crosby, OMI

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

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Indigenous Reconciliation Fund: frequently asked questions

What is the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund?

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund has been established by the dioceses of Canada to provide funds for Indigenous healing and reconciliation initiatives. Each Diocese in Canada will commit funds to the IRF, who will in turn fund local projects as identified by Diocesan or regional committees comprised of Indigenous and Catholic representatives. The total commitment across Canada will be at least \$30 million.

What is the Diocese of Hamilton's share of this commitment?

The Diocese of Hamilton is committing \$4 million to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. All funds raised from parishioners will be over and above this \$4 million, making this a minimum commitment. Of these funds, \$2.1 million will be allocated locally through partnerships within the Diocese of Hamilton, while \$1.9 million will support initiatives in other dioceses or communities in need across the country.

What projects will be funded through the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund?

The specific projects, programs, and initiatives supported by the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund will be determined based on the recommendations and deliberations of the Indigenous members of our local fund committee. However, we do know the funds will be allocated broadly to programs that work toward accomplishing Call to Action #61 of Canada's *Truth and Reconciliation Commission*: healing and reconciliation projects; culture and language revitalization projects; education and relationship-building projects; and dialogues for Indigenous spiritual leaders and youth.

Who will be managing the fund?

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund will be managed with financial measures in place to ensure transparency and good governance. Board directors and members of the corporation collectively bring a strong financial acumen and deep commitment to the healing and reconciliation journey. The directors of the Board include:

Chief Wilton Littlechild, Ph.D., a Cree chief, residential school survivor, and lawyer who served as a Commissioner for the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission* of Canada.

Giselle Marion, who holds a law degree from the University of British Columbia and was called to the Bar in the Northwest Territories in 2008.

Rosella Kinoshameg, an Odawa/Ojibway woman from the Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation Territory.

The members of the corporation include:

Natale Gallo, a former Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus, where he represented Canada on the International Board of Directors. Nat is also a parishioner in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Claude Bédard, National President of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Canada.

Barbara Dowding, former National President of the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Who will sit on the local Indigenous Reconciliation Fund committee?

While the local membership of the committee is not yet finalized, at least half of the committee's members will be from local Indigenous communities.

Are donations tax-deductible?

All donations are eligible for charitable receipts which will be given through your parish. Accordingly, cheques can be made out to your parish, listing *Indigenous Reconciliation Fund* in the memo field.

For more information, please contact the Stewardship and Development Office at 905.528.7988 or give@hamiltondiocese.com