

From the Pastor's Desk

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A blind boy sat on the steps of a church with a hat by his feet. He held a sign up, which said, "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat and then took the sign, turned it around and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words. Soon the hat began to fill up, as a larger number of people were giving money to the blind boy. Later that afternoon the boy recognized the footsteps of the person who had changed the sign. So, he asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?" The man replied, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way. I wrote, 'Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it.'" Both signs told people that the boy was blind. The first sign simply said the boy was blind, however, the second sign told people how blest they were that they could see. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the story: "*Be thankful for what you have!*" Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear. Catch yourself when you start complaining about what you do not have. Remember where there is life there is hope! This Thanksgiving weekend, let us truly be grateful for our many, many blessings.

Join us Thanksgiving Monday at 10:00 a.m. for a Mass of Thanksgiving. We will be collection non-perishable food items for our local foodbank and monetary donations will also be accepted. The Mass will be followed by a time of fellowship and light refreshments in the parish hall. Come meet old friends and make new ones!

A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Who does not **thank** for little will not **thank** for much." ~ Estonian Proverb

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Little Mandy asked her pastor, "Father, why can't I take Jack my pet turkey to church?" Her pastor responded, "Because he uses such FOWL language and that would upset Jesus!"



Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish

We extend a warm welcome to all.

We pray that you feel at home.

Please introduce yourself and

Consider becoming a member of

Our family of faith.

Prayer Intentions

Monday, October 10, 2022 - Thanksgiving

10:00am Members of St. Joseph Parish

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

7:00pm Helen Sheehy – Jim & Peggy Sheehy

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

8:30am The Nunes Family – Jak & Maria Fatima Nunes

Thursday, October 13, 2022

8:30am Owen Slcombe – Mary Epoch

Friday, October 14, 2022

8:30am Doreen Cormier – Tove Schmidt

Intentions of Monica Fitzsimons

Saturday, October 15, 2022

5:00pm Intentions of Fr. Ken Miskiewicz – Katarina & Louise

Bob Landoni – Laurie Landoni

Margaret Bolster – Wayne Bolster

Sunday October 16, 2022

9:00am Intentions of the Parish

11:00am Robert Landoni – Grace Robinson

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

October 10	Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
October 11	Rev. Lech Wycichowski, C.R.
October 12	Chaplains
October 13	Rev. Lajos Angyal
October 14	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
October 15	Rev. Charles Galea

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 9, 2022

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? In gratitude, ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, sister, brother or deacon? 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/

Baptism – Sunday October 9, 2022

Join us at the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday, October 9 as we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for one of our youngest parishioners.

Church Office Closure

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Monday, October 10th and on October 11th. The Office will reopen on Wednesday, October 12th as usual.

Knights of Columbus Parish Bazaar Lunch

The Knights of Columbus will be providing lunch at the St. Joseph's Parish Bazaar on Saturday October 29th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. We will be serving peameal bacon on a bun and beans with apple crumble for dessert. Juice, coffee and tea will also be provided. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. Hot dogs and cookies will be available free of charge for all children under 12. Please note that TAKE OUT will also be available for anyone preferring that option. We look forward to seeing you at our Parish Bazaar.

PSW Help Needed

Claire Veltri, our parishioner from Elora, is in desperate need of a PSW in her home to care for her for a couple of hours in the mornings Monday to Friday. No lifting required. The family would be willing to consider hiring a student or anyone reliable and trustworthy. If you or someone you know is interested, please call Gemma McGeragle (daughter) at 905-805-0408 and leave a message (school bus driver).

Another Parishioner Needs Your Help

Cameron Schumacher, a longtime parishioner of St. Joseph Parish, is seeking assistance. He is no longer able to drive and is hoping to find someone who might be able to offer him a ride to Church on the weekend. He lives on Scotland St, and prefers to attend the 5pm Mass, but he is flexible. If you think you might be able to help Cam, please send him an email at cameronschumacher005@gmail.com.

All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery in Guelph will take place in Our Lady Immaculate Mausoleum on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 11:00am. The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome.

Let Your Voices Be Heard

St. Joseph's Choirs are currently seeking additional people to join – the Choirs and their music add so much to our celebration of the Mass, funerals, etc. and if you are interested in learning more you should contact Frank Rider at FRider@southeasthope.com or John Rooyakker at royakers_j@hotmail.com

Canada Needs Our Lady Prayer Vigil

You are invited to join us for the *Canada Needs Our Lady* Canada-wide Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 15 at the corner of Strathallan and St. David St. North (corner by St. Joseph's Church). Praying the rosary will take place between noon and 1 pm approximately. Please join us in prayer to our Lady with the intention that Canada will adopt godly laws that uphold righteousness and that God will bless our nation and restore it to its Christian roots. Any questions can be directed to Pat Woode at 519-787-4683.

Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive

The next Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive will be Saturday October 15, from 10:00am - 2:00pm with drop off at St. Joseph's Parish in Fergus, thanking you in advance for your support for our community charities.

Thursday Club 2022

We are happy to welcome you back to a Modified Thursday Club! We are planning an informal get - together on Thursday, October 20 at 1:30 in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served and this will be a great opportunity to renew our friendship with our fellow parishioners! Please plan to attend! New parishioners are most welcome! If more information is needed call Marie at 226-383-4195.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Good and gracious God, we give You thanks today, as we do all days, first and foremost for the gift of creation and the gift of life. We ask You to bless this food, that it may nourish us and sustain us, and strengthen our ability to do Your will. We pray in thanksgiving for all the hands involved in bringing it to our table. You tell us, Lord, that to whom much is given, much is expected. May this meal and the fellowship we enjoy not only serve as clear reminders of Your love of us, but of Your call for us to share Your love and to serve our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. We ask this as we ask all things, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

