

St. Joseph's Parish Family
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12/13, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions
September 14 – September 20, 2020

Monday

8:00 am Int. of Michael Levacic - Parents

Tuesday

Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 pm + Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira

Thursday

St. Robert Bellarmine

8:00 am Int. of Brian Levacic - Parents

Friday

8:00 am Int. of Gertie Kuntz - Family

Saturday

St. Januarius

5:00 pm + Jose Esteves – Maria Esteves

+ Pat Hayes – Julie & Andy Wybenga

+ Bert Dietrich – Ruth Ann & Family

+ Souls in Purgatory – Fernanda Lameira

Sunday

St. A.Tae-qon & Companions

11:00 am The Parishioners of St. Joseph

+ Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira

+ Stephen Altman – St. Joseph Music Ministry

+ Idolina Macedo – Macedo Family

1:30 pm Eritrean Community

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are now permitted by appointment only. Please contact the priest directly through the parish office.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Monday Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.

Tuesday Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.

Wednesday Ursuline Sisters (o.s.u.)

Thursday Rev. Michael Vanderbeek, L.C.

Friday Rev. Todd Arsenaault, L.C.

Saturday Rev. Fernando F. Pinto, C.S.Sp.

Pray for our Deceased Loved One and the Sick

Let us remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in Christ - who are sick: Fr. Chris Besigye and Greg deGroot-Maggetti

PARISH SUPPORT

Next Pre-Authorized Giving withdrawal – September 15th.

A big "Thank you" to all who contribute generously to the regular Sunday Offerings.



WEEKEND OFFERING

Sept. 5/6, 2020

Saturday/Sunday Offering

\$1569.00

Loose Donations

\$30.00

Building Fund

\$410.00



*Sincere thanks to all who share the responsibility of parish support.
 Your care, concern and generosity are greatly appreciated!!*

Next Week's Liturgical Readings

September 20, 2020 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1) Isaiah 55:6-9

2) Philippians 1:20c-24, 27 a

3) Matthew 20:1-16a

FOCUS: God's love and mercy are never-ending.

Isaiah advises us to *seek the Lord*, an activity we might think of as being complete as soon as we come to believe in him. But really, this is an invitation to grace – a grace that is constant, always available, and generous in its forgiveness. It is a promise of deep and perpetual care by a God who is completely different from us in his thoughts and ways, and yet never-ending in his love and mercy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah encourages his people to seek the Lord and ask for his mercy – God whose thoughts are so far above their own. Saint Paul tells the Philippians that Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. And though Paul longs to be with Jesus in the next life, it is better that he remains with them. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about workers in a vineyard, emphasizing the generosity of the landowner to all who labored.

PARISH OFFICES OPEN – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Thank you for your patience during these difficult times.

Office Hours: Monday – Closed

Tuesday to Friday – 12:30 pm – 4 pm

Please phone the office, leave a message and the person you wish to speak with will return your call and respond quickly.

Parish Live-streamed Mass

This weekend, Mass will be live-streamed at the 9:30 am at St. Anne Church; next weekend at the 11:00 am at St. Joseph.

PARTY!!! PARTY!!! PARTY!!!

You are invited to help us celebrate Fr. Tom's **75th Birthday!** We are social distancing and celebrating with a parade of cars passing by singing, and wishing our birthday boy a happy one!! Saturday September 26th @ 6pm St. Joseph's parking lot. Hope you can make it!!

"You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." Is the Spirit leading you or someone you know to ministerial service? If God is calling you to the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com

WELCOME BACK

A huge welcome back to all those returning to our schools and parish after summer break. Many thanks to all who joined in our Novena for a safe return to school. Let us all continue to include students, their families, and the hardworking teachers, ECEs, EAs, administrators, caretakers, and other school staff in our prayers. We are confident that you will all navigate this new way of learning successfully, and hope you have some fun along the way!

A note for those in public or private schools: If your child(ren) are not attending a Catholic School, those in Kindergarten through grade 12 are invited to join the Catechetical Correspondence Courses to replace their Religion and Family Life curriculum. Please contact Mary for more information.

FALL SACRAMENTS

During our 'great pause' this spring, our young people were unable to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation. We are happy to now have these celebrations rescheduled. Please keep them in your prayers!

First Communion: October 3

Confirmation: November 12

More information about First Eucharist and Confirmation 2021 will be available later this fall.

MASS FOR DECEASED

Mass for all the deceased during the COVID-19 pandemic will take place Saturday, October 10 at 11:00 am. At the request of Bishop Crosby, all parishes of the Diocese will celebrate Mass at that time for all who have died of the virus and for those who died during that challenging period. We want to offer our solidarity and support for the families of all who have died during these difficult times, often unable to grieve the loss of a loved one because of the public health restrictions prohibiting a final "goodbye", a proper celebration of life, and a decent burial. If you know of parishioners effected by the death of a loved one, please inform them of this celebration and contact the parish office with their names.

FOUR NEW PRIESTS ordained for the Diocese on August 15th! Congratulations to Father Paul Edmondstone (St. Matthew Parish, Oakville), Father Francisco Sordo, (St. Michael Parish, Oakville), Father Pawel Stankiewicz (Blessed Sacrament Parish, Kitchener) and Father Hayden Starczala (Holy Cross Parish, Georgetown), who were ordained Priests at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Because of COVID-19 protocols, the number of clergy and lay people who gathered for the celebration was restricted. Still, a spirit of joyful thanksgiving marked the event! We wish them well in their new ministry!

ON THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ENCYCLICAL *LAUDATO SI'*, Pope Francis has initiated a year-long anniversary to celebrate the letter and to deepen our understanding and appreciation for its focus on "the precarious state of our common home". Check out the website established for the year: www.LaudatoSiYear.org. We will hear more about this as the year unfolds!

JOB POSTING: A MINISTRY POSITION WITH THE DIOCESE: Director of Evangelization and Catechesis. With the recent retirement of Mr. David Dayler, and the appointment of Dr. Anne Jamieson as Director of the Institute for Catholic Education, the two positions are being drawn into one new position. The posting can be accessed on the [Diocesan website](#).

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we live in very real ways. Children are not immune to the impact that the virus has had and have probably heard more than we realize between media news clips and overhearing adults talking. This is a time to talk to your children and help them understand more fully what is going on in the world. Tell them that they can help themselves and others to be healthy and safe by following the instructions given by their parents, by teachers at school and by other adults who care for them. Remind them that our Catholic faith adheres to the fact that every person has dignity and each of us has to do our part to keep all people as safe as possible. As a family pray daily for all people to remain vigilant in their actions so we can defeat this virus. Empowering our children with concrete information and actions to undertake can prevent the development of very real anxieties from developing.