

**St. Joseph's Parish Family**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 19/20, 2020**



**Mass Schedule and Intentions**  
**September 21 – September 27, 2020**

**Monday** St. Matthew  
**8:00 am** Int. of Rudy & Maureen Levacic - Family

**Tuesday**  
**7:00 pm** + Pat Ryan – Margaret Boland

**Thursday** Bl. E. Tavernier-Gamelin  
**8:00 am** + Souls in Purgatory – Margaret Boland

**Friday** Sts. Cosmas & Damian  
**8:00 am** + Pat Hayes - Family

**Saturday** St. J. de Brebeuf & Companions  
**5:00 pm** + Silvano da Silva – Maria da Silva  
 + Pat Hayes – Nancy Thomson & Family

**Sunday** St. Vincent de Paul  
**11:00 am The Parishioners of St. Joseph**  
 + Jack & Adailine Guimaraes – Maria C. Machado  
 + Orlando Amorim – Husband & Children  
 + Lourdes Amorim – Antonio Amorim

**1:30 pm Eritrean Community**

**Next Week's Liturgical Readings**

**September 27, 2020 – 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 1) Ezekiel 18:25-28
- 2) Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
- 3) Matthew 21:28-32

**FOCUS: In love, God waits for us to turn to him.**

The Father calls each of us, daughters and sons, to participate in his work. Will we go to his vineyard? Even if we have said "no" 10 times, we can turn around! With the Father's help, we can turn from disobedience to obedience – from sinfulness to grace. The Father waits patiently, and is always welcoming.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In our first reading, the Lord speaks to Israel through the prophet Ezekiel and tells them that the wicked who turn from sin shall live. In today's Epistle, Paul exhorts the Philippians to live in unity, taking Jesus as their example of humility. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons whose father asks them to work in the vineyard; the first son refuses, but later obeys.

**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 – 4:00 pm

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

**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 – October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

A big "Thank you" to all who contribute generously to the regular Sunday Offering. May God reward your sacrifices.



**Parish Live-streamed Mass**

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

**"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

**PARTY!!! PARTY!!! PARTY!!!**

You are invited to help us celebrate Fr. Tom's **75<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm St. Joseph's parking lot. Hope you can make it!!

**CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSE**

Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.

## **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 those 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.

## **MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH**

Couple relationships often experience strain during times of stress and the last several months have provided some of the highest stress many couples have faced. It is important to step back and recognize why tensions might be running high and then engage in actions that can release the pent up stress. Try cooking together, walking, biking or hiking together, praying together, or any activity that will bring laughter to the day. It may even mean finding ways to have some time apart, whether that be one person being outside while the other is in, or one person being on one floor of the house, while the other is on another. Time together is wonderful, but too much can be distressing! Remember that you are in this together and together you can find ways to feel connected and beat any feelings of stress.

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