

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

March 26, 2017 A.D.

4th Sunday of Lent



MASSES THIS WEEK

- Mon., Mar. 27**
8:00 am † Dec'd jail inmates
 req. Rosa Paiva
- Tues., Mar. 28**
7:00 pm † Gil Rodriguez Brase
 req. Patricia Chircoski
- Wed., Mar. 29**
8:00 am † Maria Jose Ledo
 req. Eugenio Ledo
- Thurs., Mar. 30**
8:00 am Int. of Steve Altman
 req. Rosa Paiva
- Fri., Mar. 31**
8:00 am † Lucia Davita
 req. F & L Palcich
- 7:00 pm** **Stations of the Cross**
- Sat., Apr. 1**
9:00 am Int. of Carlos Araujo
 & Family
 req. Rosa Paiva
- 5:00 pm** In Thanksgiving to St. Luzia
 & St. Bento
 req. Maria Capa
- † Floyd & Pearl Merkle
 req. Estate
- † Souls in Purgatory
 req. Julia & Max Domingues
- Sun., Apr. 2**
9:00 am *St. Francis of Paola*
 † Paulina & Mario Novo Rosa
 req. Antonia Arruda
- † Ildebrando Silveira
 req. Maria Silveira
- † Lino Soares
 req. Margarida Soares
- 11:00 am** Intention of Parishioners
- 1:30 pm** Eritrean Community Mass



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday after 7 pm Mass
 in the Rectory Chapel

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Average weekly contribution needed to cover budgeted expenses:	\$	3500.00
Mar. 19, 2017 envelopes (89)	\$	1969.55
Mar. 19, 2017 loose change	\$	529.90
Flowers for Easter	\$	382.25

Thank you for your generous support!
Parish Bequests: Keep your love for your parish alive!
Please Remember St. Joseph's in your Will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray for:

Mon., Mar. 27	Rev. Peter Watters
Tues., Mar. 28	Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa, S.A.C.
Wed., Mar. 29	Chaplains
Thurs., Mar. 30	Rev. Frank Ruzza, C.R.S.P.
Fri., Mar. 31	Rev. Alessandro Tirelli
Sat., Apr. 1	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CatChat Vacation Bible School
 – *Marvelous Mystery: The*

Mass Comes Alive! – will take place at St. Joseph Church from Mon., Aug. 21st to Fri., Aug. 25th from 8:50 am to 12:30 pm. Children who will be entering Grades 1,2,3,4,5, and 6 in September are invited to attend. The suggested donation is \$20 per child. To register, look for forms by the entrances to the church, watch for the table at May's Coffee Sunday, print a form from the parish website, or call the church office at 519-745-9302. Deadline for registration is **Wednesday, July 5th**. If you have questions, please call Lisa Reitzel at 519-749-2579.

The success of our vacation bible school

depends on volunteers! We need you! Youth entering Grade 7 to Grade 12 in September, and adults, are welcome.

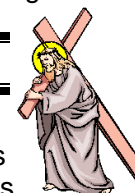


LENTEN SERIES

St. Joseph's Church, "The Sacraments, Life of the Holy Spirit in the Church" Thurs., Mar. 30th from 7–8 pm in the rectory meeting room.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7 pm. This Friday, the Stations of the Cross will be led by the Catechetical Committee.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ✓ Mar. 27 – PPC meeting, 7 pm
- ✓ Apr. 2 – Coffee Sunday after 9 & 11 am Masses
- ✓ Apr. 1 & 2 - Share Lent Special Second Collection. Please be generous.



PRAYER VIGIL

Thurs., Apr. 6th from 9 am to 10 am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking – across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

GRANDPARENTS WORKSHOP

The Holy Rosary chapter of the Catholic Grandparents Association invites all present and future grandparents to join them for an informative presentation by Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton, titled: *Grandparenting Treasures: Sharing your Faith with Love!* This session

will provide practical tips for providing moments to share faith with your children and grandchildren, while respecting your boundaries as a grandparent. Join us on Tues., Apr. 11th from 1 – 3 pm at Holy Rosary Church, 175 Emma St., Guelph in the "Our Lady of the Rosary" Community Room. All are welcome.

LENTEN MISSION *From Font to Glory*

St. Aloysius Parish, Kitchener, directed by Msgr. Murray Kroetsch, Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton. Mass and Talk, 7 pm: Mon., Mar. 27th, Tues., Mar. 28th and on Wed., Mar. 29th Talk followed by Penitential service with visiting priests.

THE A, B, C's OF VBS

A workshop for all who coordinate Vacation Bible School in their Parish or those who are curious about how VBS works. Sat., Apr. 1 from 1 pm – 3:30 pm, St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener. There is NO cost to attend. Register online www.hamiltondiocese.com or call Anne Jamieson 905-528-7988, ext. 2251.



CURSILLO

If you are over 18 years of age, and are open to a closer relationship with God, consider this joy-filled Cursillo Weekend in the fall at St. Ignatian Deemerton Retreat Centre near Mildmay, Ont.

- Women's – Thurs., Oct. 12 to early Sunday evening 15, 2017
- Men's – Thurs., Oct. 26 to early Sunday evening 29, 2017

Transportation / info: www.cursillohamilton.org or call Marg Weber 519-747-5937.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

- Wed., Mar. 29, St. Aloysius, 7:00 pm
- Sun. Apr. 2, St. Anne, 10 am – noon
- Mon., Apr. 3, St. Mary, 7:00 pm
- Wed., Apr. 5, St. Joseph, 7:00 pm**
- Thurs., Apr. 6, Blessed Sacrament, 7 pm



VOCATIONS OFFICE: “We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God’s love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton; 905-528-7988 or email: mking@hamiltondiocese.com, or www.hamiltonvocations.com.

TWILIGHT RETREAT: Catholic Women’s League Annual Twilight Retreat at St. Teresa Church, Kitchener, Tues., Mar. 28th. Speaker: Fr. Brian Quigley at 5:15 pm and 7 pm. Dinner will follow at 6 pm (ticket is required for dinner, cost \$15.00 per person). Memorial Mass for CWL Members and families starting at 8 pm. For tickets please call Mary Helen at 519-570-4375.

THE JOY OF LOVE LENTEN SERIES: Join us at St. Francis of Assisi Parish for Lenten Series led by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros on Thursday afternoons: Mar. 30th and Apr. 6th. We begin with Mass at 1 pm, talk at 1:30 pm.

WOMEN’S SPRING RETREAT: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga for the weekend of March 31st – April 2nd. Theme: “The Call to Peace”. Preached by the Centre Team. For further information or registration please call 905-278-5229.

BECOME A WINNER - The Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) conducts The Catholic Charities Lottery to help Catholic causes in our schools, parishes and community. Up to 1000 tickets are available at \$100 each! There are bi-weekly draws for \$1000 from May to September. And you can win more than once! Plus there are early bird draws. Go to www.CCFOWR.org to find the ticket application or call the office at 519-747-5661 and talk to Julie.



ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICES WITH TAIZE SONGS – Sun., Mar. 26th at 7:30 pm hosted by Church of the Good Shepherd, 116 Queen St. N., Kitchener; 519-743-3845.

PARENTING TIP – Lent is the perfect time to focus on our faith journey. Help your children look beyond giving something up, to the deeper meaning of Lent. Remind them that Lent is about looking forward to Christ’s Resurrection, which opens us to the joy of eternity. During Lent help your children reflect on what Christ’s coming meant for us – he taught us how to live good and holy lives; he showed us what it means to be faithful to a promise; he gave us the gift of Salvation and the hope of eternity; he reminded us that God has a plan for each of us. Pray together, attend the Stations of the Cross; read the Bible, commit to fasting as a family (perhaps from arguing with siblings, or speaking back to parents), give alms as a family unit. When you take your task of helping your children understand Lent and its purpose to heart, everyone benefits!

Mission Statement

St. Joseph Parish is a faith-based community - founded on Baptism, nurtured by prayer and centred on the Eucharist - that welcomes and serves all with compassion, united under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, while sharing our talents and growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.



<u>St. Joseph’s Parish</u>	<u>www.stjosephkitchener.org</u>
<u>Catholic Canada</u>	<u>www.catholiccanada.com</u>
<u>Diocese of Hamilton</u>	<u>www.hamiltondiocese.com</u>
<u>Hamilton Diocese Vocations</u>	<u>www.vocationinfo.ca</u>
<u>Catholic Funeral Rites</u>	<u>www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca</u>