

# St. Joseph's Parish



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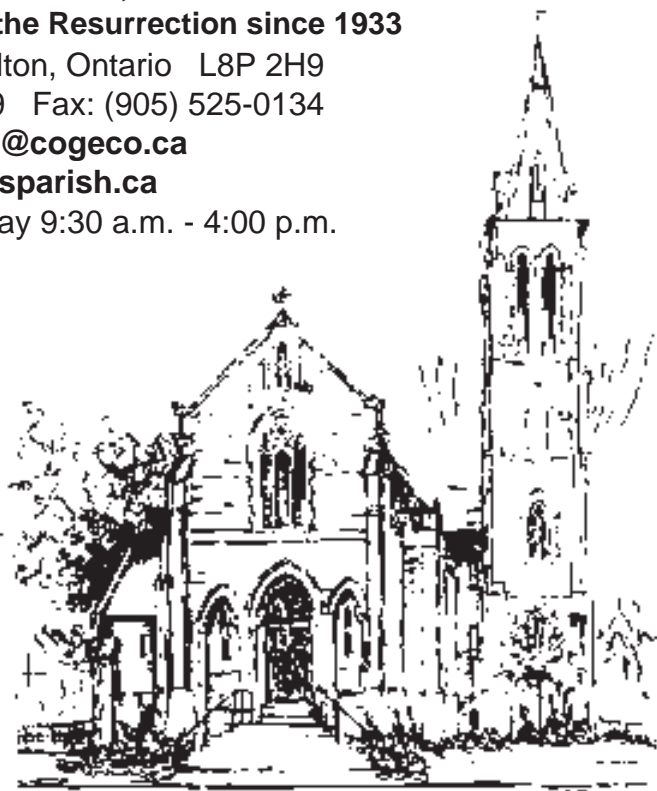
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## Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements for Baptismal Preparation two months in advance. All baptisms are celebrated on the following dates:

Jan 14/15	Feb 11/12	Mar No Baptism (Lent)
Apr 14/15	May 12/13	Jun 16/17
Jul 7/8	Aug 18/19	Sep 15/16
Oct 13/14	Nov 10/11	Dec 8/9

## Sacrament of Marriage

Call office one year prior to desired wedding date. A marriage preparation course and appointments required.

## Children's Liturgies (September to June)

Children from J/K to grade 2 (pre First Eucharist age). Children's Liturgy takes place in the Parish Hall during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

## Parish Council

Chairperson	Margaret Moran	905-527-7993
Vice Chair	Harry Douglass	905-632-5258
Ilidia Botelho		905-522-2380
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C.W.L. Rep.	Linda Pandzich	905-528-8470
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## Vocational Information

If you wish to pursue the possibility of a Religious or Priestly vocation, please feel free to speak with any member of the parish staff or contact:

Father Toby Collins, C.R.  
[crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com)

**EASTER SUNDAY**

<b>LAY MINISTERS for APRIL 14 / 15</b>			
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Leah Fuller Phyllis DeRosa Koetting Julia Lossing	John Skinner Deirdre Pike Michael Pike	Josie Shea Danny Shea Lucia Milin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Amanda Larsen Dean Lossing	Carol Larsen Brian Allore	Clara Wallman Rochelle Martin Cam & Betty Howey
<b>Servers</b>	Leo Francisci Maria Consulta	Shaela Hurley Sylvia Kukuscka Ben Kukuscka	Morghen Dick Jan Dick Michael Mattice

**A BLESSED AND  
HAPPY EASTER  
TO ALL!**

**C.W.L. NEWS** – Trivia Night - April 28 in the Church Hall 7:00 p.m. Tickets -\$15 and will be on sale starting weekend of **April 14** or call Linda Pandzich @ 905-528-8470. Prizes and cash bar.

**Our next Card Party** will be held on **Thursday, April 19** at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Join us for an afternoon of fun and come and meet your friends.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS** – “Obedience to the voice of the earth is more important for our future happiness than the voices of the moment, the desires of the moment. ... Existence itself, our earth, speaks to us, and we have to learn to listen (Pope Benedict XVI, July 2007)... The brutal consumption of Creation begins where God is not, where matter is henceforth only material for us, where we ourselves are the ultimate demand, where the whole is merely our property and we consume it for ourselves alone...I think, therefore, that true and effective initiatives to prevent the waste and destruction of Creation can be implemented and developed, understood and lived, only where Creation is considered as beginning with God (Pope Benedict XVI, August 2008).”

The next meetings of the Social Justice committee are at 7 p.m. on April 18 and May 16. New members are welcome.

**ANNUAL MASS WITH NEW CATHOLICS** Each year, the Bishop invites those who are baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church to a celebration of the Eucharist at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton. This year’s celebration will take place on Sunday, **April 15 at 4:00 p.m.** All are invited to participate in this special liturgy

***Have you ever considered Adoption or Fostering as a way to build your Family?***

On April 25th at 7:30 p.m. representatives from the Catholic Children’s Aid Society of Hamilton will be hosting an Adoption/Fostering Information Night at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish (280 Limeridge Rd. West, Hamilton). Please join them to hear more about the Adoption and Fostering process and to find out if it is your vocation. For more information or to register please contact Megan at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3257, [megan.dunlop-elms@hamiltonccas.on.ca](mailto:megan.dunlop-elms@hamiltonccas.on.ca) Visit our website at [www.hamiltonccas.on.ca](http://www.hamiltonccas.on.ca)

**INCOME TAX SERVICES  
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Volunteers with the Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) will be completing 2011 Income Tax Returns during March & April, 2012 (see dates & times below) for low income Canadians, whose 2011 annual income was approx. \$25,000 or less for singles, and approx. \$35,000 or less for families. This tax clinic’s focus is the St. Joseph parish community and is staffed & co-ordinated by CVITP volunteers - not by St. Joseph Parish staff.

This FREE income tax service runs from March 12th until April 19, 2012; note that the clinic will be closed April 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Tax Clinics will be open every Monday morning, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon and every Thursday afternoon, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, (meeting room below the church office) 260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton. Your return will be prepared and EFILED to the CRA and your paperwork will be available for pick-up after e-filing.



The **OFFERTORY** Collection for  
**MARCH 31 / APRIL 1 was \$7,437.80.**  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MONDAY, APRIL 9

NO MORNING MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

8:00	Joe Clark	Patrice Graham
	Angelo Cocca	Angela Cocca

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

8:00	Jurgis Kazickis	Audra Gimzauskas & Family
	Jorgina Soares	Terri & Don Wallace

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

8:00	Intentions of Daniel McGarr	
	Special Intentions	Kathleen McGarr Lucia Milin

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

8:00	Martina & Gordon Harnden	
	John Babin	Carol & Don Smith & Family Paulette Surette

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

5:00	Marie Harper & Teresa Jeffreys	
	Sebastiana & Felice Bontempo	Susan Harper The Bontempo Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

9:30	Molly Campbell	The Family
	John & Agnes Donnelly	Anne Brothers
11:30	For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish	

Desk Scribbles . . . Easter 2012 . . . April 8, 2012 . . . Jim Link, C.R.

One of the things I love about being Catholic is that the Catholic world embraces a lot of stuff, that is, creation. Our faith in God is a mediated faith which means that it comes to us through the things we see, touch, taste, feel, hear, smell, sense, and so on. It was the enfleshed and human Jesus that revealed the face of God --- whom no one had ever seen --- to us. The seven sacraments use oil, touch, words, movement, bread, wine, color and other symbols to act as doorways into the presence and action of God among us. The bottom line is, we need signs.

When the disciples and the women went to the tomb in which Jesus had been buried, they found that the stone had been rolled away. When I hear that story, I ask 'Did Jesus really need the stone rolled away from the entrance to get out of the tomb?' It's a rhetorical question. This is the same Jesus, who later appeared to the disciples in a locked room. Obviously, the stone was not a barrier; it was rolled back for us, because we need signs. We need to see the stone removed, the burial cloths laying in a distinct and meaningful manner, the wounds of crucifixion open to the touch of our doubting hands.

Some years ago I was invited to dinner at the house of some friends who live near Chicopee Hills in Kitchener. I had never been to their place and had to program my GPS.

Four blocks away from their house, I lost the satellite signal. I tried to call them with my cellphone but could not get a signal either. I was in a dead zone. There are times in life when we all find that we are in a dead zone in reality or figuratively. We end up in the dark tomb, imprisoned, afraid, at a loss for direction, paralyzed, in despair. And God comes and rolls back the stone so we can emerge from the darkness into light. The question is, will we move toward the light, will we dare break free from the grip that death has on us and reach toward the hand that life holds out for us to take?

The fact that Jesus broke the bonds of death and rose from the dead means little, if we do not understand that it applies to our own life and our struggles with the many faces of death. On our part, as we sit in the darkness, we need to look around, to look for the signs that God provides. There are stones being rolled away to help us find a way out. May God help us find the courage to believe, to trust, and to move toward the light. Jesus Christ is risen from dead and in him we too find resurrection. Alleluia!

Peace and blessings this Easter, from the pastoral team,  
Fr. Jim, Fr. Michal, Maria, Lynda and Stillman

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2012? If you are, you are invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, **September 9**, 2012 at the Cathedral of Christ the King at 2:00 p.m. (Space allows for Anniversary couples only- those married 60 years or more may bring one guest). Please refer to the poster in the Tower entrance of the church for a registration form.

**A reminder that the Good Shepherd Food Drive** is on throughout the Lenten season. You can leave your non-perishable food donations at the side altar steps. Let's all help keep the shelves stocked this Easter season.


*He is risen.  
Alleluia!*

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