

Anyone wishing Tickets for our Annual CWL draw to sell please contact Arlene McBride at 519-662 2816.

Pope Francis: Abortion is Not 'Progressive' In November of 2013, Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Exhortation called "The Joy of the Gospel." In it he says, "Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this... Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems... Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights ...It is not "progressive" to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life." Together with Pope Francis, let us defend life!

The Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

The commemoration of the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the Dormition, or falling asleep, as it was known in the East) is known as the Assumption because of the tradition that her body did not decay but that she was raised up, body and soul, into heaven. This tradition was already present in the sixth century; by the beginning of the twentieth century it was widespread and after consulting the views of bishops all over the world, the Pope formally and infallibly declared the doctrine of the Assumption to be part of the authentic and ancient doctrine of the universal Church.

Would you like to join the Holy Family Parish prayer chain?

A prayer chain is made up of a group of parishioners who want to pray for others. The purpose of our prayer chain is to provide spiritual support and healing for parishioners and their families and friends. Prayer request can come from anyone, and the prayer intention may be for any reason for which one believes prayer will be beneficial.

If you would like to become a member of the Prayer Chain contact Sharon Diebold at 519 - 634-8401

If you have a prayer request, simply phone one of the key members, and they will phone the next person on the list, and they in turn will do the same until everyone on their chain is contacted and praying.

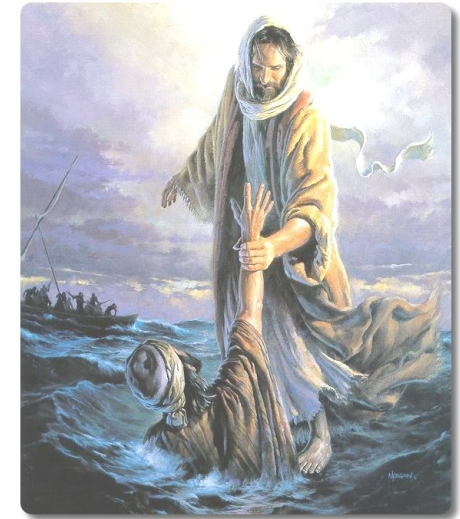
If you have a prayer request contact Sharon Diebold or Marcella Habermehl at 519 - 662-2962



Holy Family Roman Catholic Church (1883)

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Sunday, August 13, 2023 The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Matthew 14: 22-23
Lord, command me to come to you on the water.

Pastor:

Reverend Bob Love
Secretary: Sherry Reitzel

Office Hours

9 am - 11:30 am
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Mass Times

Tuesday—7:00 p.m.
Wed-Friday 8:30 am
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Rosary - 30 min before Mass

Confession

Saturday 4-5 pm
Or upon request

Marriage

*Please contact the parish
at least six months in advance.*

Baptism

*Contact the office at least four
month in advance
Request forms at back of the
church*

Holy Family Catholic School

Principal: Mark Modolo.
519-662-1734

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY August 15

7:00 pm
Intentions of Doug Mulligan
Req. Mary Gross

WEDNESDAY August 16

8:30 am
Special Intention - Diocese

THURSDAY August 17

8:30 am
+Judith Kroetsch
Req. Estate

FRIDAY August 18

8:30 am
+ Jack & Anna Marie Houghton
Req. Jackie Gross

SATURDAY August 19

5:00pm
+Pat & Christiana Flanigan
Req. Tom & Cecile Hale

WEEKLY OFFERING

Aug 6, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$ 1,533.00
Building Fund : \$ 500.00
Mission Co-op: \$740.00

Thank you for your generosity

Prayer Network

To request special prayers contact:
Marcella 519 - 662-2962
Sharon 519 - 634-8401
If you would like to join the prayer chain
please contact Sharon Diebold.

News from the Diocese of Hamilton

Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days – These days will be celebrated from June to October 2023 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day will start with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m., Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m., Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis at 1:00 p.m. The day will close with Benediction at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and Tea will be available. Presiders will be,
Bishop Wayne Lobsinger: Saturday, September 2;
Thomas Cardinal Collins: Saturday, October 7.

ReSTART: Moving Forward – Our 10 week program offers support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run from Sept. 19-Nov. 28 and take place from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register on line at ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com).

Grief Relief – Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton has grief programs to help. Find out more on the Diocesan website at offices/family-ministry/grief-support, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. We will have programs running in both Waterloo and Hamilton this fall.

Vocation Seeds:

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 13, 2023
“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” We can sometimes be afraid of God’s call to priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life. Get hold of yourselves! If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Vocations Prayer Week of August 14

Rev. Piotr Jurzyk
Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ (I.H.M.M.C.)
Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico
Rev. Gregory Merkley
Rev. David Avila

Lives of the Saints

St Maximilian Kolbe (1894 - 1941)

Feast day August 14

He was born on 8 January 1894 in occupied Poland: he joined the Franciscans in Lwów in 1910, and was ordained eight years later, as his country became free and independent for the first time in over 120 years.

He believed that the world was passing through a time of intense spiritual crisis, and that Christians must fight for the world’s salvation with all the means of modern communication. He founded a newspaper, and a sodality called the Knights of Mary Immaculate, which spread widely both in Poland and abroad.

In 1927 he founded a community, a “city of Mary,” at Teresin: centred round the Franciscan friary, it attracted many lay people, and became self-supporting, publishing many periodicals and running its own radio station.

In 1930 he went to Japan, studied Buddhism and Shintoism, and through the Japanese edition of his newspaper spread the Christian message in a way that was in harmony with Japanese culture. In Nagasaki, he set up a “Garden of the Immaculate,” which survived the atomic bomb. He also travelled to Malabar and to Moscow, but was recalled to Poland in 1936 for reasons of health.

When the Germans invaded in 1939, the community at Teresin sheltered thousands of refugees, most of them Jews.

In 1941 he was arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz, where he helped and succoured the inmates. In August of that year a prisoner escaped, and in reprisal the authorities were choosing ten people to die by starvation. One of the men had a family, and Maximilian Kolbe offered to take his place. The offer was accepted, and he spent his last days comforting his fellow prisoners. The man he saved was present at his canonization.

Maximilian Kolbe’s martyrdom is the least important thing about him. We are none of us likely to find ourselves in a position to emulate his sacrifice, and speculation as to the heroic way in which we would have behaved in his place is a pernicious waste of time. What is important is that he acted the way he did because of who he was – or, rather, because of who he had become. It is because of who he had become that we revere him as a saint: he would have been a saint (though perhaps not canonized) even if he had not been martyred. And that process of becoming is something we can all emulate. We can all become people for whom doing the right thing is obvious, natural, and easy. It requires no heroism, no special gifts: just perseverance, and prayer.