



The Month Dedicated to Our Blessed Lady

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which used to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

What Mary does for the salvation of the human family does not come from her own power, but from a gift of divine grace that is bestowed on her through her Son, Jesus Christ. All the salvific influence that she bestows on us is produced "*not from some inner necessity, but from the divine pleasure. It flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on His mediation, depends entirely on it and draws all its power from it*" (Saint John Paul II). Mary in no way replaces Christ. Rather, her role is to bring us to Christ, as is illustrated in Mary's admonition at the wedding feast of Cana, "*Do whatever he tells you*" (Jn 2:5).

***Mary, Mother of God,
Intercede for our world
in need of healing!***



While the Church is closed, Father will still celebrate his daily Mass for the following scheduled intentions:

Tuesday, May 4

+ VIRGINIA REIS – her family

Wednesday, May 5

+ SOULS IN PURGATORY

+ DECEASED KOZDRON, ORGANISCIAK FAMILIES and
RICHARD GORBARCZYK - Stella

Thursday, May 6

- for family peace and unity – from Purita

Friday, May 7

- for the protection of the unborn

Saturday, May 8

+ DANIEL MENDONCA – Maria

+ ROSA ALVES – Julieta

+ PAUL GAUTHIER – Rita and Fernand

+ MURIEL and JIM HERTNER - Rayna

Sunday, May 9

- for the intentions of all parishioners

Employment Opportunity at Church of Our Lady in Guelph:

Full-Time Secretary

Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph is looking for a full time Secretary (approximately 30 hours per week) for the church office. Please note, this position will be in place to cover a current leave and will be a contractual position (time frame TBD) with the possibility of extension or becoming a part time permanent position. Reporting to the Parish Priest, this position offers a competitive rate of pay and benefits package.

Details at the Hamilton Diocese website. Parish employees are hired through the Diocesan hiring process:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities/secretary-basilicaofourlady>

April 11, 2021



Campaign update

Pledges received to date is now -
\$118,77.00 of our

\$300,000.00 goal.

Thank you to those who have generously donated. If you have not yet already done so, please go to the link below to hear Father's message and see the campaign video

<https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/stambrosecambridge>

The top projects as identified by parishioners are:

- main floor accessible washroom
- audio/visual equipment for the church and hall with internet capabilities
- repairing the church hall and kitchen, and new flooring in the basement area.

Q. How can I make a gift or pledge to the campaign?

A. There will be a number of ways to make a gift or make payments on your pledge to the campaign, including:

- Setting up a pre-authorized gift (automatic withdrawal) from a chequing account
- Setting up a recurring credit card payment
- Paying by cash or cheque through the mail
Cheques made payable to "One Heart, One Soul" please.

Donations to the campaign can be made through the website link above. Please be sure to indicate your donation to "St. Ambrose Parish".

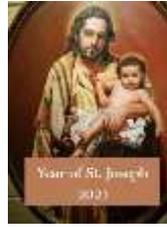
Current Employment Opportunities at the Waterloo District Catholic School Board:

- Teachers & Designated Early Childhood Educators
- Registered Early Childhood Educators
- Daily Occasional Supply List Teachers
www.applytoeducation.com

Administrative & Support Staff:

- Lunch Hour Supervisor(s)
- Classroom Supervisor
- Payroll Supervisor
- Library Technician Supply List – Elementary Schools (Recruitment for September 2021)
- Child and Youth Worker Supply List (Recruitment for September 2021)
- Educational Assistant (High Needs) Supply List (Recruitment for September 2021)
- St. Louis Adult Learning & Continuing Education - Administrative Assistant (Continuing Education)

<https://www.wcdsb.ca/> then look under "careers"



The Story of Saint Joseph the Worker - Feast Day May 1st

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "*The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work.*"

Volunteer Gardener???

Do you enjoy the great outdoors and gardening? We would like to invite an individual(s) who could clean up the rectory gardens please. Teenagers welcome! Please contact Barb at the parish office for details.

Visit this website for faith-filled bulletins that can be printed for children:

<https://thekidsbulletin.com/>