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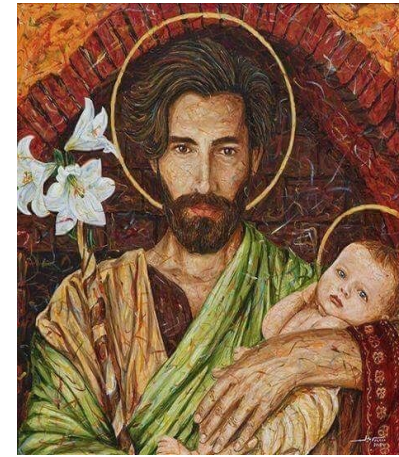
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**Parish Information**

**Mass Times**

*Weekday*  
Tues/Wed/Fri. 8:30AM / Thurs. 12noon  
(Rosary Recited before these masses)

*Weekend*  
Sat. 5:00PM / Sun. 10:00AM

**Office Hours**  
Tues. & Thurs. 9:00AM to 4:00PM

**Parish & Community Groups**  
C.W.L. / Annette Dunford  
K. of C. / Ray Johnston

*Music Ministry /*  
Tina McCarthy & Amy Melanson

*Cemetery Board /*  
Bob Condon 705-772-6071

*Hall Rental /* Contact Parish Office

**St. Joseph's School /** 705-652-3961,  
Principal, Wayne Clarke

**Reception of Sacraments**  
Marriage / arrange min. 6 months prior  
Baptism / call parish office  
Reconciliation / Sat. 4PM-4:30PM  
Home Communion upon request.

**Twenty-third Sunday**

"My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ." Jas 2:1

Dear friends, this weekend, the letter of Saint James invites us to live out the Christian life in a very intentional way.

In society today, it is easy to treat people differently according to their status or the favors they can provide. Some make "social calculations" and decide in their hearts what people are worth being kind towards or patient with, and what people are not. Friendship becomes a form of currency and those who do not represent a "benefit" are treated poorly, and little effort is made to show them care and respect.


The invitation for the Christian people this weekend is clear, namely, to "show no partiality" in the way we treat others. We are all created in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:27), and everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, as beloved children of God. As Saint Paul says in his letter to the Romans, "love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor" (12:10.)

May the Holy Spirit help us live out the Christian life as Christ has taught us!


God Bless Fr. Randy

**"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122.1**

We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship here today on the **23 Sundays in Ordinary Time!** To our visitors, you may come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we are glad you're here and hope that you come back again. The doors of our parish and our hearts are open to you. Please be in touch. If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with us. You may call 705-652-3231 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshipping with us and we hope to see you again. Peace and Good Will.



**Bishop of Diocese of Peterborough:**  
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**WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH**  
*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Sept. 15-Sept. 21

**Mass Intentions Week of September 16th**

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, 8:30am**  
*Intention of the Celebrate*

**Wednesday, Sept. 18, 8:30am**  
*+Joan Hartwick by Bob Hartwick*

**Thursday, Sept. 19, 12:00 noon**  
*+Frank Koenen by Francis Gazley (Koenen) & Koenen family*

**Friday, Sept. 20, 9:15 a.m. School Mass**  
*Blessings on a new school year*

**Saturday, Sept. 21, 5:00pm**  
 +Clara Bartlett by Brian & Bernadette Bartlett  
 + Elmer & Genevieve Carlow by the family  
**Sunday, Sept 22, 10:00am People of the Parish**

**Parish Office News**

Reminder that Maryann is off sick. Please be patience with me as I do my best with parish administration. Fr. Randy

**Parish Meetings and Community Events –Looking ahead**  
**Week of 16-21**

**Tuesday Sept. 17 7p.m.** K of C monthly meeting Parish hall.  
**Friday Sept. 20, 9:15 a.m.** Opening School mass all welcome.

**Prayer for those who live alone**

I live alone, dear Lord –stay by my side. In all my daily needs, be my guide. Grant me good health, for that I pray. To carry on my work from day to day. Keep pure my thoughts, my every deeds, let me be kind and unselfish in my neighbour's needs. Spare me from fire, from floods, malicious tongues, from thieves, from fear and evil ones. If sickness or an accident befall me, then humbly, Lord, I pray, hear my call. And when I am feeling low of in despair, Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer. I live alone, dear Lord, yet have no fear. Because I fell Your presence ever near.

**September Intention of Pope Francis:**  
 For the cry of the Earth We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

**Liturgical Ministry Sat. 5:00pm mass Sun. 10:00am mass**

**Lector**  
 Sept. 14, 15 Kelly Towns Bernard Leahy  
 Sept. 21, 22 Larry Carlow Sharon Moloney

**Eucharistic Minister**  
 Sept. 14, 15 DCN. Paul Dunford DCN. Paul Dunford  
 Sept. 21, 22 Bob Condon John Genero

**Ushers**  
 Sept. 14, 15 Gerald Heffernan John Sullivan  
 Sept. 21, 22 Murray Carlow Mike Moloney

**Cleaners**  
 Week of Sept. 16 Jean Heffernan Rosemary Towns  
 Week of Sept. 23 Dorothy Perdue Bernice Heffernan  
**Counters**  
 Sept. 17 Pawl & Ingrid Zbieranowski, Teresa Westlake

Keep your eye open for future events and dates for the Celebration of 200th anniversary of Roberson Immigration. Many events throughout the year will take place in many of these settlements including here in Douro.

**Celebrating Children at St Joseph's**

To parents of young children, may we suggest . . .

RELAX! God put the wiggle in children. They are welcome in God's house! Sit toward the front where it's easier for them to see and hear. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass to them; pray and say the responses. Children learn behavior by copying you! Feel free to briefly take your child out of Mass if you must, but please come back! The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to Jesus. Let them know that they are at home in God's house. To members of the parish . . . A smile of encouragement and a kind word are always welcome to parents with small active children

Many of you have beautiful flowers in your gardens. If you would like to donate some cut flowers to decorate the altar it would be appreciated. If you have a vase make sure to mark your name on it so it can be returned. Thank You.

The BLESSED MOTHER Candle burns the week of The week



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**Divine Mercy Program: St. Alphonsus** Monthly meeting at St. Alphonsus (1066 Western Ave. Peterborough) on the **third Tuesday** from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Includes Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration and Confession is available. A special hour not to be missed.

**Fall Gala: Martyr's Shrine in Midland** As we approach the 100th anniversary of Martyrs' Shrine in 2025-2026, please help support the revitalization and renovation of the Shrine. Our Fall Gala aims to bring the local community together for a night of fellowship and festivity. Annual Gala is on September 21, from 5- 10 pm at the Brooklea Golf and Country Club in Midland.

**Parish Stewardship Collection - Sept. 8**—You generously gave \$ which includes **\$858.00** from Pre Authorized giving.

Your love of this parish community is in keeping with your forefathers and foremothers hard work and service that built this parish. Today, you help to keep it alive and thriving through your time, talent, and donations.

**PRAYING FOR and WITH OUR LOVED ONES**

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently died, and those who remain in the silence of our hearts.

Let us keep in our prayers those in Nursing Homes, Retirement Residences or are shut-ins.

In a special way, let us pray for the health and well being of **Jack Holland, Joe Ross, Patti Simmons, Jonathan Noyce & Margaret Yasyszczuk, Maryann Clancy**

Persons on the above prayer list will be listed for 3 months. If further prayers are needed, or to add/keep/remove someone from the list, please contact the Parish office [office@stjosephdouro.ca](mailto:office@stjosephdouro.ca) or 705.652.3231 Thank you!



**Registration for Sacrament of 1st Communion/ Reconciliation:** If your son or daughter is in grade 2 school year 2024/25, they are eligible for 1st Reconciliation & Holy Communion this coming Spring. Classes will start in Oct. Tuesdays after school till 4:30 p.m. Please make sure they are registered by Oct. 1/24.

**Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation:** If your son or daughter is in grade 7 school year 2024/25, they are eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Miehm Spring 2025. Classes will begin in the fall and your child must be registered by Oct. 1/24. Also, the will require a Catholic Sponsor for confirmation.

**STRESS MANAGEMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH ENHANCEMENT**

St. Paul's Norwood. Hosted by Our Lady of Mount Carmel CWL. Guest speaker Andrew Swift from the Canadian Mental Health Association. Tuesday September 24 at 7:00pm This is a FREE event open to all community residents: bring a friend!



CWL meeting Tuesday September 10/24 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall all members are welcome. Good time to build up your sisterhood. See you there!

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**Thank you one and all!**

Wow, what a wonderful blessing for our 94th Douro Doings. The weather was perfect, thanks to St. Joseph for hearing our prayers and passing them on to the Lord. For terrific crowds both at the park and at the parish hall. Fun, great food, music, catching up with new & old friends. And all of these because of terrific hard working loving volunteers of the parish and community. Thanks one and all for your support, hard work and your love of our Parish & Community. God Bless Fr. Randy