



Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome to St. Joseph's Parish.
We pray that you feel at home.
Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith.

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, February 12

7:00 pm **All Victims of Abuse**

Novena for the Abuse Crisis

Wednesday, February 13

8:30 am **Catherine & Patricia Doherty** – John Doherty

Thursday, February 14

8:30 am **Arthur Crossey** – Harry & Bernadette Cullen

Friday, February 15

8:30 am **Hugh Wallace** – Ann Wallace

9:30 am **St. Joseph School Mass**

Saturday, February 16

5:00 pm **Jack Karn** – Brenda & Bill Hattle

Patrick Shea – Upper Room Prayer Group

Sunday, February 17

9:00 am **Mass for the People**

11:00 am **Special Intention**

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Feb. 11	Rev. Mark Morley
Feb. 12	Rev. Jason Kuntz
Feb. 13	Salesians of Don Bosco S.D.B.
Feb. 14	Rev. Martin Mikulski, S.A.C.
Feb. 15	Rev. Bill Trusz
Feb. 16	Rev. David Reitzel

Parish Offerings:

Your contributions for February 2 & 3, 2019:

Regular Collection	\$3,532.75
Initial Offerings	\$ 25.00
Seminary Appeal	\$ 772.25
Building Fund	\$ 220.00

Thank you for your generosity!

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 10, 2019

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If you think God is calling you to be a priest call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director of the Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988, x2246 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

New Lector Schedule

All Lectors are asked to pick up their new Spring Schedules in the Narthex as quickly as possible.



Women's World Day of Prayer

We have been notified that this year's Women's World Day of Prayer is being organized by Elora United Church and will take place on Friday, March 1st at 2pm. The program for this year's day of prayer has been written by the Women of Slovenia. Please watch for more details coming soon!

Diocese of Hamilton

Mission Cooperative Program

For the first time in the history of *the Mission Cooperative Program*, annual receipts have surpassed \$500,000.00! 114 Parishes and other benefactors participate in the program which benefits 46 missionary Parishes in developing countries. Thanks to Frank Cappelli, volunteer Director of the program, for his good work in assuring its ongoing success. And thanks to parishioners for your generous support of Catholic communities worldwide!

Fourth Annual Diocesan Youth Rally

#RallyUp is coming your way! Registration for the 2019 Diocesan Youth Rally is open. We invite young people in grades 7-12 to join us on **May 25th, 2019** for, "According to Your Word" at Bingemans Conference Centre in Kitchener. Rally Day promises to be another fun-filled, prayerful and impactful day for the young people of our Diocese. For more information and to register visit: www.hamiltondiocese.com/youthrally.

Camp Keaton – Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice

Grief is a strong emotion for children to deal with, especially because they are often not capable of expressing their feelings to those around them. The Bob Kemp Hospice in Hamilton offers a weekend experience at a camp designed for children (age 7 – 17) experiencing grief. This camp lets them tell their story in a safe environment; process grief in healthy ways; learn they are not alone; let them meet other kids experiencing similar circumstances; remember, honour and memorialize those who have died; and last but certainly not least have FUN! The camp is held June 7 to 9. For more information contact Karen Nowicki, at Camp Keaton, 277 Stone Church Road E., Hamilton, 905-387-2448 ext 2208 or knowicki@kemphospice.org

The CW Optimist Club 5th Annual Trivia Contest “a Night of 100 Questions”

The Optimist Club is inviting everyone to attend their Annual Trivia Contest in support of Youth and Community Service. Enter a team of 4 – cost is \$25 per person by February 22 to an evening of fun! Doors open at 5:00 pm, Dinner served at 6:00 pm and the games begin at 7:30pm. Advance Sale only; no spectators; Cash bar; Door Prize and Raffle. Challenge Friends, Co-Workers, Neighbours to meet you for a night of fun and trivia! For Tickets or information contact Jim at 519-843-5142 or an Optimist member, or email CWFergusoptimistclub@gmail.com

Looking for a New Job?

Not sure where to start? We can help! At Agilec, we provide one-on-one support to job seekers. Working with Employment Coaches we can get you on your way to a new job. All services are provided at no cost. Give us a call at 519.787.0051 ext 6120 or drop in to make an appointment. We're located at 370 St. Andrew St W, right here in Fergus.

Week Six- Novena for the Abuse Crisis – Healing, Transparency and Accountability

Join us for our sixth evening of the Novena for the Abuse Crisis which will be offered immediately following the **7:00 PM Mass at St. Joseph's on Tuesday February 12th** (and will continue on nine consecutive Tuesdays ending on Shrove Tuesday March 5th.) Pope Francis in a letter August 20th, reinforced by a letter on August 23rd from Bishop Crosby, called upon us to embrace “an attitude of prayer and penance” so that “we may grow in the gift of compassion, in justice, prevention and reparation”.

**The sixth week's Novena prayers
will be offered that
God will be bring Good from this Evil.**

Unfortunately, sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults continues in our Church and we are being called upon to act! The Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph's CWL are co-sponsoring this Novena and we invite everyone to join us in praying for all those involved in this suffering, some of whom may have suffered past abuse and are silent in our midst.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass June 9, 2019 – Book Early

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Parenting Tip 109 - February is the month we celebrate love on Valentine's Day, but the commercialism of the day can confuse children and make them believe that love is only about giving and/or receiving something. While that may be part of love, true love unfolds every day in the way we treat each other, help each other and care for each other. True love takes work, requires action and seeks to meet the needs of the one we love. Talk to your children, no matter the age, about what real love actually looks like, so they can grow up to give and expect that kind of love in their lives. (Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Marriage Tip 89 - Love is a choice, or more importantly, how we love is a choice. We can choose soft, complimentary and caring words, or we can choose harsh, cutting and angry words. Emotions in any relationship can run high at times, but we can control are emotions if we choose. We can take a moment to breathe deeply, ask ourselves if we want to hurt or offend the one we love and decide what the better words and tone to discuss an issue might be. When we choose wisely, we love more fully and our spouse responds in kind. Love is a choice – make wise decisions and your marriage will flourish. (Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Upcoming Events at St. Joseph Parish

Feb. 11, 18, 25	Prayer Gathering 9:00 am Bridge Club 1:15pm
Feb. 12, 19, 26,	Novena for Abuse Crisis, after 7pm Mass
Feb. 12	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
Feb. 13	First Reconciliation, 6:30 pm
Feb 15	St. Joseph School Mass, 9:30 am
Feb. 26	Knights of Columbus General Meeting