



Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome to St. Joseph Parish.

We pray that you feel at home. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith.

Prayer Intentions

Wednesday, February 24

8:30 am Carl Whittier – Pam Horricks

9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (until 10am)

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, February 25

8:30 am Ethel Saunders – Mary Epoch

Friday, February 26

8:00 – 8:25 am RECONCILIATION

8:30 am Hannah Cox – Pat Woode

Saturday, February 27

3:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (until 4:30pm)

4:00 – 4:30 pm RECONCILIATION

5:00 pm Steve Molnar – Terri Wellstead

Ethel Saunders – St. Vincent de Paul

Intentions of Fr. Ken Miskiewicz

Sunday, February 21 LIVESTREAMED at 10am

9:00 am Intentions of the People of the Parish

11:00 am Special Intentions

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Feb. 22	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
Feb. 23	Rev. Brendan McGrath
Feb. 24	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Feb. 25	Rev. Jason Kuntz.
Feb. 26	Rev. Romelito Guillen
Feb. 27	Rev. Grayson Hope



First Sunday in Lent – February 21, 2021

Lent: the springtime of the soul ... is a time to make a new covenant with God, and develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact the Hamilton Diocese at 905-528-7988

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Visit www.kocontario5050.com to purchase tickets.

Stations of the Cross

We are so pleased to announce that, with the reopening of our Church (with restrictions), we will be able to commence our tradition of Stations of the Cross every Wednesday evening in Lent at 7pm starting February 24 and ending March 31.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will once again have Adoration for the Blessed Sacrament in St. Joseph Church. Adoration will be available on Wednesday mornings from 9:00am to 10:00am and on Saturday afternoon from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord this Lent.

Parousia

The Bible & the Mass PLUS Weekly Discussion with Deacon Trevor

Why return to Mass? Our very lives depend on it. It's the summit of God's plan for our salvation. It's time to wake Catholics up to the awesome power, the incredible gift, that is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The alternative is unthinkable. Enter Parousia: The Bible and the Mass, coming Lent 2021. In our latest Journey Through Scripture study, get ready to join host **Scott Hahn** to uncover how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. Visit https://youtu.be/pTD_9GHfMI to see the trailer. Sign up now to watch all ten episodes for FREE at <https://bit.ly/37tenGZ>.

The videos are released each Wednesday, and Deacon Trevor will host a video discussion group on each Friday evening of Lent at 7pm. To join the Zoom meeting: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82234495848?pwd=VWNTc05ZYythWmprNHZJV1VTeWt4QT09>

Meeting ID: 822 3449 5848

Passcode: 571352

One Heart One Soul Campaign

St. Joseph Parish (Fergus) is one of several Parishes in our Diocese about to kick off the One Heart One Soul Campaign. You will soon be receiving information by mail, and Fr. Ken will address the Campaign more fully in coming weeks. At this time, you can visit the campaign website and watch the video to learn more about the campaign and its importance to our parish - oneheartonesoul.ca/stjosephfergus

Bill C-7 – Expanded Criteria for Euthanasia And Assisted Suicide

Bill C-7, which will expand the eligibility criteria for euthanasia and assisted suicide, passed in the Legislature and was sent to the Senate for approval. In the Senate further changes were made that would allow MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying) to occur more often by removing the “reasonable foreseeability of natural death” criterion currently in the Criminal Code. It will also allow MAID for those who are suffering from mental illness. Senator Batters spoke quite eloquently yesterday as the third reading of the Bill was occurring in the Senate. Please take the time to listen to her words as she lays out her thoughts and passionately defends the vulnerable in our country: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7empfv36HM&feature=youtu.be>

While it will be challenging to stop the proposed changes now, it is not too late for Catholics to make a difference. We encourage you to watch this video clip. Contact your Member of Parliament and let them know that the changes proposed to Bill C-7 goes too far, beyond what the courts called for and now puts at risk all persons suffering from mental health or disabilities, the very people we should be most want to protect.

Message of the

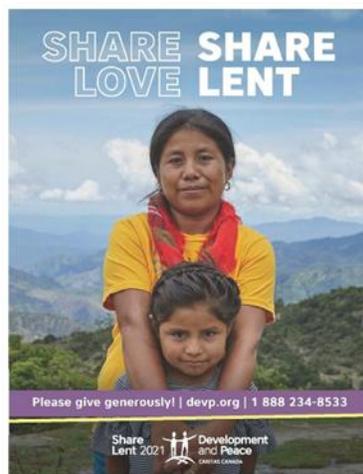
Holy Father Francis for Lent 2021:

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem”

Lent: A time for Renewing Faith, Hope & Love

A copy of the Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2021 appears on the Diocesan website (hamiltondiocese.com). A copy of this text is posted on stjosephfergus.org for you.

Share Love, Share Lent: **(Re)discover Development and Peace.**



The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign is inspired Pope Francis’s encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* and its call “for a love that transcends... geography and distance” and “allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person.” Each week, the campaign explores a different aspect of

Development and Peace’s work and offers you ways to become involved. This week, meet one of our partners from the Global South and create your own fundraising web page!

Discover more activities and join Catholics across Canada on a journey of love and solidarity throughout the Lenten period.

Follow our solidarity calendar at devp.org/lent.

Anniversary Mass 2021 Registration

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page - click on the icon and you can register your anniversary. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

Marriage Enrichment

Looking for a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a couple, in the safety of your own home? Join the Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience from March 5-7. During these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925 or visit the website at: www.me.org