



## 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, March 3

8:30 am Mother of Anna Holody – Pat Woode

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

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

#### Thursday, March 4

8:30 am Larry Cyr & deceased members of the  
Kowalchuk Family

#### Friday, March 5

8:00 – 8:25 am RECONCILIATION

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

#### Saturday, March 6

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

4:00 – 4:30 pm RECONCILIATION

5:00 pm Genowesa Michmak – Pat Woode

Ethel Saunders – Mac & Gail Brown

Barbara Buczek – Ted, Marlene & Chester Buczek

#### Sunday, March 7 LIVESTREAMED at 9am

9:00 am Intentions of the People of the Parish

11:00 am Special Intentions

#### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

March 1	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
March 2	Rev. John Van Hees
March 3	Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)
March 4	Rev. Vivek Trindade
March 5	Rev. James Petrie
March 6	Rev. Gerald Mulhall



### Second Sunday in Lent – February 28, 2021

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith!

Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact the Hamilton Diocese at 905-528-7988

Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### Income Tax Receipts

At the suggestion of several parishioners, we have not mailed out all tax receipts yet in an effort to save money for the church. The receipts are available for pick up beginning this weekend, and next week in St. Joseph's Hall. If you plan to attend Mass this weekend or are available next week (Mon-Thurs 9am to 5pm), please stop into the Hall to pick up your receipt and your Collection Envelopes (if you have not yet done so). If you have asked that we mail yours, we will do so.

### One Heart One Soul Campaign

Some parishioners have expressed that they had difficulty getting onto the One Heart One Soul website to see Fr. Ken's video and other information about the campaign. We are happy to say that all this information has been copied on our own website now, so just go to [www.stjosephfergus.org](http://www.stjosephfergus.org) and it will be the first thing you see. Just click on it and it will all be there for your review!

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will continue on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and we welcome everyone to attend and make this a part of your Lenten preparation as we approach Easter.

### Novena to Saint Joseph

John-Paul & Annie of praymorenovenas.com will begin praying the [Novena to Saint Joseph](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-joseph-novena) together on **March 10th**. It will be particularly special to pray this novena together this year as Pope Francis declared this year **the Year of St. Joseph!**

St. Joseph humbly accepted his role as guardian, husband and father in the Holy Family. That's why St. Joseph's intercession has been sought for centuries. **St. Joseph was very close to our Lord and his prayers are powerful! To join the praying of this Novena, visit this website:**

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-joseph-novena>

### Ministers of Music Virtual Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 13th, 2021 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Bishop-elect Lobsinger will reflect upon the music and text of hymns associated with Laetare Sunday. The retreat will be held virtually via Zoom. Register for free via the [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) website.

## 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](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

#### Pornography: The Threat, Impact and Catholic Remedy

Pornography is one of the most important issues to understand in our world today. With the ease of its availability on the internet, it has affected people of all ages and backgrounds, whether male or female. Pornography today is violent and degrading and often involves young people who have been sex-trafficked. **Join us on zoom (by internet or phone) March 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 P.M.** and hear more about the threat and impact of pornography on children and adults, how we can educate ourselves and our children to counter its negative influence and how our Catholic faith provides hope to those impacted. Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett and Deacon Joseph Di Loreto. Registration is required so we can send you the zoom link, but the session is free of charge.

This is an important issue which will not go away unless we provide tools for people (including parents) to end its destructive use. Consider registering to learn how more on this issue at:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help>.

## 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](https://devp.org/lent).

Visit [www.kocontario5050.com](http://www.kocontario5050.com) to purchase tickets.

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**A thrift store owned and operated  
 by Groves Hospital Volunteer Association**  
**Temporary Donation Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 8am-12pm  
 (or until full)

**Temporary Store Hours:**  
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-4pm and  
 Saturday 12-4pm