

From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Robert Héту



The nineteenth century Spanish general Ramon Narvaez was on his deathbed and was visited by a priest. Eventually, the discussion came around to the condition of the officer's soul. The priest asked him, "Sir, have you forgiven your enemies?" "I have no need to forgive them," the officer weakly replied, "I've had them all shot."

The myth of the dramatic deathbed conversion is usually just that...a myth. Persons who have spent a lifetime ignoring God is usually still ambivalent about what awaits them beyond death's door.

Consider what John Tillotson, archbishop of Canterbury from 1691–1694 said about deathbed conversions: "Do we think that when the day has been idly spent and squandered away by us, we shall be fit to work when the night and darkness come—when our understanding is weak, and our memory frail, and our will crooked, and by long custom of sinning obstinately bent the wrong way, what can we then do in religion? What reasonable or acceptable service can we then perform to God? When our candle is just sinking into the socket, how shall our light "so shine before [others] that they may see our good works? "... I will not pronounce anything concerning the impossibility of a deathbed repentance, but I am sure that it is very difficult, and, I believe, very rare."

So, have we forgiven our enemies? Are our souls at peace with God? We never know when the Lord will come knocking at our door. Let us get right with God now—before it is too late!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT — "To keep faith is a virtue, but it is more virtuous not to be kept to oneself!" ~ Fr. Robert Héту

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL — An elder priest remarks, "These days I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something and then I wonder what I'm here after."



Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish

We extend a warm welcome to all.

We pray that you feel at home.

Please introduce yourself and

Consider becoming a member of

Our family of faith.

Prayer Intentions

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

7:00pm Ted Idzik – Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

8:30am John Wheatley – Mary Epoch

Thursday, September 29, 2022

8:30am Intentions of Narvy Hinojosa – Tove Schmidt

Friday, September 30, 2022

8:30am Intentions of Beth Berardine – Her Sister

Saturday, October 1, 2022

5:00pm Ben Rider – St. Joseph 9am Choir

Thérèse Héту – The Family

Natasha DeAmaral & Rosario Santos – Nativity Santos

Sunday October 2, 2022

9:00am Intentions of the Parish

11:00am Special Intentions

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

September 26	Rev. Andrew Quarshie
September 27	Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.
September 28	Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood
September 29	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
September 30	Rev. James Link, C.R.
October 1	Rev. Piotr Jurzyk

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 25, 2022

But if only someone would go to them. Pray for those who are called to 'run the race' as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/



2022 Rosary Rally:

Canada Needs Our Lady is organising a Canada-wide Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 15. They are looking for volunteers to help coordinate and captain local groups. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pat Woode (519.787.4683) ASAP for more details. Let us take time and publicly pray for the well-being and protection of Canada.

Crisis in Pakistan

Our sisters and brothers in Pakistan are currently suffering a great climate disaster. Over 33 million people have been affected by unprecedented flooding across most of the country. To help our partners, Caritas Pakistan, cope with this crisis, **Development and Peace has launched an appeal for funds.** We have published an article about it on our website – www.devp.org. The **Government of Canada is matching all donations** to the cause dollar for dollar, up to September 28. The donation link is: <https://www2.devp.org/en/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=24501>

Knights of Columbus Sunday Breakfasts

Please join us on Sunday October 2nd for our Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. The cost is \$10.00 per person and all children under 12 eat for free. All are welcome and encouraged to come to enjoy breakfast and fellowship - coffee and toast are free if you're not up for our full breakfast of scrambled eggs, peameal bacon and sausage, hash brown patties, toast, juice and coffee. Through your support we make donations to the youth groups who help us put the breakfasts on and to other community charities. We look forward to welcoming you back in September!

Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive

The next Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive will be Saturday October 15, from 10:00am - 2:00pm with drop off at St. Joseph's Parish in Fergus, thanking you in advance for your support for our community charities.

Minister of the Word Formation Workshops

The Diocese of Hamilton has scheduled **Minister of the Word Formation Workshops** for this Fall:

- October 15, 2022, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Owen Sound - 10:30am to 2:30pm
- October 22, 2022, St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph - 10:30am to 2:30pm
- October 29, 2022, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington - 10:30am to 2:30pm

Registration is now open on the Diocese's website: www.hamiltondiocese.com – scroll down to the Upcoming Events to register. These workshops are intended for new Ministers and for experienced people who are seeking to renew their Ministry. Cost is \$30 per person and the Parish will compensate you for this expense.



Heartache to Healing Grief Support Group

St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo
Wednesday evenings – Oct. 19 – Nov. 30
7-8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)
To register by October 5 contact our Parish office
 519-884-9311 or email parish@stmichaelw.ca

All in need are welcome to this program which is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one, or after another significant loss. The program follows a process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an expert in grief and an experienced leader in grief counselling. Everyone is welcome. There is no fee, but you must **register by October 5th**. Visit our website for more information at www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support.

Act II for Separated and Divorced Monthly Sessions - 3rd Tuesday of every month
 Has your marriage ended? Are you in need of support to adjust to your new life? Act II is a new, informal support group for those who are experiencing separation, or divorce. With the support of others you can begin to heal the emotional, social, and spiritual devastation of divorce.

Join us:

Dates – The 3rd Tuesday of every month

*****beginning September 20, 2022*****

Time- 7:30-8:30pm

Place – St. Michael Catholic Church (Parish basement)

Address – 80 University Ave W. Waterloo, ON

Relax, experience support, make new acquaintances and see a glimmer of hope for a healthy and satisfying life. You are not alone. There is no fee. Join when you can. Bring a friend. **Visit our website (www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced), or contact our Parish office for more information (parish@stmichaelw.ca, or call 519-884-9311.**