

St. Joseph's Parish

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SECRETARY: Mrs. Lori Cipparrone

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SACRISTANS: Brigitte Quinke & Catherine Cyr.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Parish Secretary will be available
Mon - Thurs 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

All week 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the chapel all day

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK

If you know of a parishioner sick at home or in hospital, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. Please speak with with Deacon Trevor Klein after Sunday Masses before setting date for Baptism. There are no baptisms during Lent.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We encourage everyone who regularly attends St. Joseph's to become a registered member. Please fill out a registration form found at the main door and deposit it in the collection basket.

Sunday offering envelopes are available on request.

Please inform the parish office of any changes of address or telephone number.

PRIESTHOOD/RELIGIOUS LIFE

If you think God may be calling you to the vocation of Priesthood or Religious Life, please feel free to speak with Father Fr. Robert Héту or contact our Diocesan Vocation Director at 1-905-528-7988.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Diocese of Hamilton requires one year notice before a marriage date can be set. A Marriage Preparation Weekend is also required.

From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Robert Héту



Most of us have an intuitive understanding of Advent, based on experience, but what do the Church's official documents actually say about Advent? Here are some basic questions and (official!) answers about Advent. Some of the answers might be surprising!

1. What Is the Purpose of Advent? Advent is a season of the Church's liturgical year—specifically, it is a season on the calendar of the Latin (Roman) Church, which is the largest Church in communion with the Pope. Other Catholic Churches—as well as many non-Catholic churches—have their own celebrations of Advent. According to the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation [Norms 39]. We often tend to think of Advent as only a season in which we prepare for Christmas, or the First Coming of Christ, but as the General Norms point out, it is important that we also remember it as a celebration in which we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ. (I might add [unofficially] that Advent is also a time to prepare for the Daily Coming of Christ into our hearts.) Properly speaking, Advent is a season that brings to mind the two Comings of Christ.

2. What Liturgical Colours Are Used in Advent? Particular days and certain types of celebrations can have their own colors (e.g., red for martyrs, white at funerals), but the normal color for Advent is violet. *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* provides: The colour violet or purple is used in Advent and Lent. In many places, there is a notable exception for the Third Sunday of Advent, known as *Gaudete* Sunday: The colour rose may be used, where it is the practice, on *Gaudete* Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent) and on *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent) [GIRM 346f].

Next weekend, I will consider a few more questions about Advent.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Rejoice in **hope**, be patient under trial and persevere in prayer." ~ Romans 12:12

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: One Sunday, in Advent, after Church, a mother was talking to her young daughter. She told her that, according to the Bible, Jesus will return to earth someday. "When is he coming back?" the daughter asked. "I don't know," replied the mother. "Can't you look it up on the Internet? And do a Google search." the little girl inquired..



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, November 29, 2022

7:00pm Deceased Kenny & Reidy Family Members –
The Reidy Family

Special Intentions

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

8:30am Ronnie Ringler – Diane Smart

Thursday, December 1, 2022

8:30am Intentions of Madeline Pitcher – Pamela Horricks

Friday, December 2, 2022

8:30am Intentions of Sr. Therese de la Croix, Little
Sisters of the Poor – Colette Brodie

9:30am St. Joseph School Mass

Saturday, December 3, 2022

5:00pm Intentions of Fred & Arlene Blackmore – Tove
Schmidt

Lino Pigozzo – Theresa Pigozzo

Ray Wiseman – Pat Woode

Robert Walker – Betty Boyd

Sunday December 4, 2022

9:00am Monica Fitzsimons

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

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| November 28 | Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R. |
| November 29 | Rev. Brendan McGrath |
| November 30 | Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ |
| December 1 | Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger V.G. E.V. |
| December 2 | Rev. Romelito Guillen |
| December 3 | Rev. Grayson Hope |

First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2022

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, deacon, or consecrated virgin contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Christmas Floral Tribute Forms

If you wish to have flowers placed in the Church in memory of your deceased love ones, and to have them prayed for during the Christmas Masses, please pick up the necessary form and envelope in the Narthex, complete and return to the Church office.

LAST CHANCE: Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Crosby's 25th Anniversary

Bishop Douglas Crosby will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination on January 2nd, 2023 and we would like offer the Bishop a "spiritual bouquet" of prayers to celebrate this important milestone. In the Narthex you will find a clipboard where you can indicate if you would like to commit to prayers or actions for Bishop Crosby's intentions. We must submit our spiritual bouquet **by November 30th** to the Diocese office so please take a few minutes to consider this.

**The Giving Tree Of Hope
"Making a Difference"**

The focus of our CWL Diocesan wide "Making a Difference" community project is to support our youth. As parishioners of St. Joseph's, we endeavor to help those that are in need. The Giving Tree of Hope gives you the opportunity to be part of helping collect donations by taking a tag from the tree to support the three organizations that have been chosen: The Grove Youth Wellness Hubs of Ontario; Rural Women Shelter Program; Portage Addiction Rehabilitation Centre. Donations can be left under the tree with the tag attached over the next three weeks. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Holy Land Wood Art

The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem-The Birth Place of Jesus-is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism. Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land, and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the Church of The Nativity. On December, 10th & 11th we will be having some of their beautiful art held for sale to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Young Adults Night - December 3rd

Fr. Mark Morley, invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm). Saturday, December 3rd at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Women's World Rosary – December 8th

Women around the world are joining together to pray a Rosary on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to honour Our Lady and better imitate her example..The initiative, launched in Colombia, will now take place in over 25 countries. This initiative aims to publicly unite women in defense of churches, life, motherhood and to emphasize God's peace and promote the value of every human life.

Thursday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and Fr. Robert has scheduled an 8:30am Mass and another at 7:00pm. We will be gathering at **6:30pm in the Church** to say the Rosary before the evening Mass. It will be open to everyone. If you are unable to attend, you may join in by saying the Rosary at home. You can also go online and search "Women's World Rosary" for details.

The Word Among Us and Magnificat Advent Companion

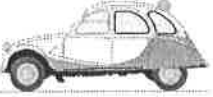
A limited quantity of the Advent edition of *the Word Among Us* is available in the Narthex.

A generous benefactor has donated a supply of the *Magnificat Companion for Advent* as a gift to the Parish. Copies are available in the Narthex.

Lending Library

The parish is in need of someone who is interested in taking over the maintenance of the Lending Library. This is a low- commitment job of which tasks include: screening donations for Catholic content that is in line with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, labelling and categorizing materials, keeping the shelves tidy, and donating overflow. If you are interested in this ministry and/ or know of another church or charity that is in need of some overflow from our shelves, please speak with Pamela DaMaren or inquire at the parish office. **Upcoming Parish Events**

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| Nov. 30 | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting |
| Dec. 2 | St. Joseph School Mass, 9:30am |
| Dec. 3 | Baptismal Preparation Class, 9am 11am |
| Dec. 4 | Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast |
| Dec. 6 | CWL Christmas Dinner – Mass at 5pm, Dinner for 6pm |
| Dec. 8 | Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – 2 Masses 8:30am and 7:00pm |
| Dec. 8 | Women's World Rosary 6:30pm |
| Dec. 9 | St. Joseph School Mass 9:30am |
| Dec. 10 & 11 | Bambinelli Sunday – All Masses |
| Dec. 10 | Holy Land Wood Art- All Masses |
| Dec. 13 | Knights of Columbus Exec Meeting 7:30pm |
| Dec. 15 | John B. Miller & Friends Advent Concert, 7pm, St. Joseph Church, Freewill Offering |




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