

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 Ken Miskiewicz 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

The central theme of today's readings is 'The Day of the Lord' or the 'Second Coming' of Jesus in glory, as judge, at the end of the world. They warn us about the final days of the world, our own death and the final judgment. The prophet Malachi, in the first reading, foretells this day, which will bring healing and reward for the just and punishment in fire for "the arrogant and all evil doers." Although St. Paul expected that Jesus would return during his lifetime, he cautions the Thessalonians, in the second reading, against idleness in anticipating the end of the world. St. Paul advises the Thessalonians that the best preparation for welcoming Jesus in his 'Second Coming' is to keep working and doing one's duties faithfully, as he did.

Today's Gospel passage clarifies that the date of the end of the world is uncertain. Signs and portents will precede the end, and the Christians will be called upon to testify before kings and governors. The Good News is that those who persevere in faithfulness to the Lord will save their souls and enter God's eternal kingdom. The 'Second Coming' of Jesus is something to celebrate because he is going to present all creation to his heavenly Father. That is why we pray at Mass, "We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again."

We must be prepared daily for our death and private judgment. We make this preparation by trying to do God's will every day, leading holy lives of selfless love, mercy, compassion and unconditional forgiveness. In order to do this, we must recharge our spiritual batteries every day by personal prayer, that is, by talking to God, and listening to God's Word by reading the Bible. With a daily examination of our conscience at bedtime, we can ask God's pardon and forgiveness for the sins of the day, which will prepare us to face God at any time and give an account of our lives. Since St. Luke's community had experienced much persecution, today's Gospel gives them and us a cheering reminder—do not give up because God is always with us.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice." ~ Abraham Lincoln

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: One religious family decided to let their three-year-old son record the message for their home answering machine. The rehearsals went smoothly: "Mommy and Daddy can't come to the phone right now. If you'll leave your name,

phone number, and a brief message, they'll get back to you as soon as possible." Then came the test. The father pressed the record button and their son said sweetly, "Mommy and Daddy can't come to the phone right now. If you'll leave your name, phone number, and a brief message, they'll get back to you as soon as Jesus comes."



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

Monday, November 14, 2022

8:30am Mary Lou Mason – Peter and Carol Landoni

Intentions of Grace Robinson

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

No Mass

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

7:00pm Fr. Mark George – Mary Epoch

Intentions of the Friends in Christ Prayer Group

Thursday, November 17, 2022

8:30am Larry Cyr & Deceased Members of the

Kowalchuk Family

Friday, November 18, 2022

8:30am Wilfred Weber – Susan Beatty

Saturday, November 19, 2022

5:00pm Loretto & David Howard Siblings & Wellstead

Family – Terri Wellstead

Gladys Shortreed – Gerry Shortreed & Family

Larry Cyr & Deceased Kowalchuk Family

Members

Fr. Mark George – Ted & Marlene Buczek

Sunday November 20, 2022

9:00am Intentions of the Parish

11:00am Intentions of the Duffield and Leunissen

Families - Margaret Duffield & Family

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

November 14	Rev. Francisco Cruz
November 15	Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.
November 16	Deceased Members of Our Parish
November 17	Rev. Brian Quigley M.C.C.J.
November 18	Rev. Stephen Murrin
November 19	Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nov. 13, 2022

"By your endurance you will gain your souls." Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988). Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Please note Mass Time Changes

As Fr. Robert is attending the 3rd portion of the Diocesan workshops for Priests, the following changes to Mass times are needed: **Monday, Nov. 14 – morning Mass at 8:30am, Tuesday, Nov. 15 NO MASS and Wednesday, Nov. 16 – Mass at 7pm.**

Attention Ladies of the Parish - Have You:

*RSVP'd for the **CWL Pizza Party** on Nov. 18th; and
 *RSVP'd for the **CWL Christmas Party** on Dec.6th
 Come join the fun – hope to see you there! RSVPs would be appreciated by **November 14th**.

Knights of Columbus Donate Coats for Kids

Thanks to the support received at our November Breakfast and the St. Joseph's Bazaar Luncheon we were able to donate a total of 24 Boys and Girls winter coats to the Community Resource Centre for distribution to children needing winter coats in our area. We are very grateful for the increasing number of familiar faces who are returning to our breakfasts and are excited to welcome a number of new faces for breakfast as well.

Thursday Club November 24

Attention all parishioners, new and old!! We invite you to a Coffee, cookies and Tim Bits on Thursday, November 24 at 1:30 p.m. This will give us an opportunity to socialize with our friends and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with the goodies. This will be our last get-together till the New Year. Look for more information in January! All are welcome!
 Call Marie if more information is needed 226-383-4195.

Bazaar and Raffle Update

On October 29th we held a very successful Raffle and Bazaar at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fergus. Thanks to the enormous support from community businesses, fellow parishioners and in-kind services, we had a great year. Attendance was excellent, the weather was perfect, lots for everyone to see or purchase from baked goods to knitted goods, a toonie table, silent auction and a delicious lunch was available at a minimal cost. There were also a number of local vendors attended. Winners of the raffle were; 1st prize of \$1000 went to Loretta Palmer, Fergus; 2nd prize of \$500 went to Gwen Sytsma, Elora; 3rd prize of \$250 went to Marg Barrett, Elora; 4th prize of \$150 went to Victor Landoni, Fergus and 5th prize of \$100 went to Heather Grant, Guelph. Thank you to all that came out to support our event.

Safe Families Guelph Wellington Information Evening

Have you wondered how you can connect to families in crisis so you can help them? Have you ever considered opening your home to children in need? Would you like to befriend families that are experiencing isolation and lack of community in their life?

Safe Families is a non-profit organization that surrounds families in crisis with caring compassionate church community. We can see how the current economy is getting tougher with inflation, lack of available and cost-effective housing and rental markets, food and gas prices are soaring... as life gets tougher for many, the church has an opportunity to show God's love and care to families in crisis.

Safe Families Guelph Wellington would love to share more information with you as to how you and your family can be a blessing to the community right around you!

Date: Monday, November 21, 2022

Location: Canadian Reformed Church of Fergus North (6534 1 Line, Fergus, ON)

Time: 7:30pm

All are welcome to attend! For more information call Veronica Hart veronica.hart@safefamilies.ca 519-807-4125 Director of SF-GW

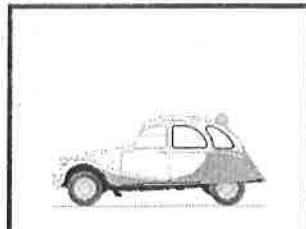
Upcoming Concerts at St. Joseph Church

We are pleased to announce that **The Elora Singers** will once again performing **Handels Messiah** at our Parish on Sunday, December 4th at 4pm. For ticket information, please contact their Box Office in Elora at 519-846-0331 or www.elorafestival.ca. Tickets are not available through the Church.

John B. Miller & Friends will be performing an Advent Concert in the Church on the evening of Thursday, December 15th. There is no cost to attend, although freewill offerings will be accepted. Watch for more details in future bulletins.

Upcoming Parish Events

November 18	St. Joseph School Mass, 9:30am
November 18	CWL Pizza Party, 6pm Parish Hall
November 22	Knights General Meeting, after 7pm Mass
November 24	Thursday Club, 1:30pm
December 2	St. Joseph School Mass, 9:30am
December 3	Baptismal Preparation Class, 9am 11am
December 4	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
December 6	CWL Christmas Dinner – Mass at 5pm, Dinner for 6pm
December 9	St. Joseph School Mass 9:30am



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