

# St. Joseph's Parish

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

**DEACON:** Rev. Mr. Trevor Klein

**SECRETARY:** Mrs. Lori Cipparrone

**CUSTODIAN:** Mr. Kevin Shea

**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



On this Solemnity of Christ, the King, I would like to share with you, Father Jacob Restrict's metaphorical tale of Humpty Dumpty sitting on a Wall of Faith. Fr. Jacob began his story stating the Humpty Dumpty could see things from a higher perspective. "The Church and the faith handed on to him from his youth was a strong wall which was a rampart keeping out the attack of an atheistic secular world." He sat on the Wall of Faith and knew a communion with God and with God's holy ones, the Saints in heaven and those on earth who knew they were sinners striving to be Saints.

He goes on to say that Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall; Humpty Dumpty has a great fall. He lost his faith in God and in the Church; he lost his communion with God's people and became 'scrambled egg' on the floor. Sadly, all the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put him together again.

On our faith journey, sometimes the Lord allows us to fall off the wall. Sometimes the Lord allows us to lose our faith, so we may regain it again in a way we never knew possible. Sadly, we are all Mr. or Ms Dumpty whenever we fall into sin. Fr. Jacob says, "All the king's horses (money, celebrity, medicine) can't 'put us together again.' But Christ, our King, can and did!" In Christ, our King, and by God's grace we are made God's 'Beloved.' Thankfully, by God's grace, we may sit on the Wall of Faith again and again, and gaze upon the gate into Eternal Life. Let us confidently pick up the pieces of our 'scrambled' lives and open our heart to the saving grace of Christ our King.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Faith is the language of God." ~ Fr. Louis Lenssen

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** A man had spent the entire day fishing. He caught nothing. He didn't want to go home empty-handed. He decided to stop at a local fish market. "I'd like three good sized fish," he said to the clerk. "But before you wrap them, toss them to me, one by one." The clerk looked puzzled at his request, "Sir? That's a strange thing to ask." Smiling the man said, "This way I'll be able to tell my wife truthfully that I caught them!"



## 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 22, 2022

7:00pm Intentions of Robin Rogers – Don & Barbara Cassidy  
Intentions of Sue Oehrlein – Tove Schmidt

#### Wednesday, November 23, 2022

8:30am Lino Pigozzo – The Reidy Family

#### Thursday, November 24, 2022

8:30am Intentions of Catherine Cyr

#### Friday, November 25, 2022

8:30am Don Wellstead – Terri Wellstead

#### Saturday, November 26, 2022

5:00pm Intentions of Denise Trainor – Don & Barbara Cassidy

Lino Pigozzo – Mac & Gail Brown

Rick & Shaun van Delft

Pat Piitz – Mac & Gail Brown

Mary Lou Mason – Terri Wellstead

#### Sunday November 27, 2022

9:00am Mary Lou Mason – Jane Thatcher

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

November 21	Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.
November 22	Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak
November 23	Deceased Consecrated Brothers & Sisters
November 24	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
November 25	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
November 26	Rev. Timothy Higgins



### Spiritual Bouquet for

### Bishop Crosby's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Bishop Douglas Crosby will be celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 and we would like to 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 30<sup>th</sup>** to the Diocese office so please take a few minutes to consider this.

### **Introducing Bambinelli Sunday at St. Joseph Parish**

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to all Masses on Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11 Mass to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

### **Attention Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

Mo Rutherford, your Ministry Leader, is preparing to put together the new Schedule for Christmas and the New Year. If you will be away over the holidays, or if your regular schedule has changed, please let Mo know by email at [mojo@sentex.ca](mailto:mojo@sentex.ca). Your immediate attention is appreciated.

### **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 Da Maren or inquire at the parish office.

### **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.

### **Religious Articles**

Please visit the Religious Articles tables at the back of the Church after all Masses. There are some one items – glow in the dark rosaries, cards, rosary pouches, along with baptismal gifts. There is also a Christmas table set up for early shopping. If you are looking for a specific item, please call Sherie @ 226-203-1653 and I will try to get it for you!

### **2022 – 2023 Missals Now Available**

2022 – 2023 Missals are now available in the Narthex at a cost of \$5.00 each. We will begin using the new Missal on the first weekend of Advent, Nov. 26 & 27.

### **COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS... When you have Lost a Loved One**

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. You are also welcome to join the session by zoom. The event is FREE of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or e-mail her at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com). (You are welcome to attend even if you have not registered in advance.)

### **Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide: Know the Truth**

A presentation by Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

Learn what everyone needs to know about Medical Assistance in Dying and its impact on Canadians.

Thursday, December 1, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Gord Brown Hall, CW Community Sportsplex, 550

Belsyde Ave, Fergus, ON. No Admission Fee

Hosted by the Guelph & Area Right to Life Association

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

November 22	Knights General Meeting, after 7pm Mass
November 24	Thursday Club, 1:30pm
November 30	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
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
December 10 & 11	Bambinelli Sunday – All Masses
December 13	Knights of Columbus Exec Meeting 7:30pm
December 15	John B. Miller & Friends Advent Concert, 7pm, St. Joseph Church, Freewill Offering




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