

## From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Robert Héту



**B**lessings on this glorious Christmas Day. May this be, for you and your family, a time of rejoicing, praise and thanksgiving for that first and greatest Christmas gift—Jesus Christ the Son of God. I share with you today this acrostic poem I wrote over twenty years ago.

Came down from  
Heaven  
Royal King  
Incarnate  
Son of God  
The long-awaited  
Messiah  
And  
Saviour

Merry Christmas and a Blessed  
and Healthy 2023

Shalom,

*Fr. Robert*

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "May knowing JESUS bring you PEACE to bless each day, HOPE for each tomorrow, JOY in every season and LOVE for eternity."  
~ Fr. Robert Héту

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** A man sent his friend a cryptic Christmas card. It said: A Blessed—A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z. The recipient puzzled over it for weeks, finally gave up and wrote asking for an explanation. In January, he received the explanation on a postcard from Florida: "A Blessed 'NO' 'L'."



## 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, December 27, 2022

No Mass

#### Wednesday, December 28, 2022

No Mass

#### Thursday, December 29, 2022

No Mass

#### Friday, December 30, 2022

8:30am Tony Deixeira – Maria Nunes

#### Saturday, December 31, 2022 New Year's Eve

5:00pm Monica Fitzsimons

Intentions of Jack Clerkin

#### Sunday January 1, 2023 New Year's Day

9:00am Intentions of the Parish

11:00am Aurelia & Tony Fagundes – Maria Nunes

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

December 26	Feast of the Holy Family
December 27	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
December 28	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne
December 29	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.
December 30	Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D.
December 31	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony, E.V.

### Christmas - The Birth of Our Lord – Dec. 25, 2022

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, or a consecrated virgin. Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



### **Christmas Midnight Mass**

#### **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton**

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass - Sunday, December 25th at 12:00 a.m. The celebration will be livestreamed and can be accessed by visiting the Cathedral's website – [www.ctkbasilica.ca](http://www.ctkbasilica.ca).

#### **Elementary School Teachers, Grades 4 – 8**

Guelph & Area Right to Life is inviting you to participate in its Caring Hearts, Sharing Hearts project with your students. The mission is to connect your class with elderly residents living in retirement and longterm care facilities by visiting and creating a meaningful connection with them. We provide you with the resources to connect and prepare your class for these visits. For more information: call 519-836-6311 or write to [chsh@quelphforlife.com](mailto:chsh@quelphforlife.com). website: [quelphforlife.com](http://quelphforlife.com).

#### **Canadian Food for Children**

Thanks again to everyone for your ongoing donations for CFFC. Please help provide the less fortunate with much needed basic necessities. For this Christmas season, we are focusing on food items as such as rice, pasta, cooking oils, canned meat, canned fish, tomato sauces and salt. Also, candy and chocolate are very much appreciated as they can encourage starving children to start eating again, as well as comfort a child when they need to seek medical help. Wishing you all a wonderful, blessed Christmas.



#### **Shine a Light: Sat. January 28 Guelph & Area Right to Life**

You are invited to gather with your local pro-life community to pray and shine a light on the impact of abortion in Canada. On the anniversary of the 1988 Supreme Court decision that left pre-born children with no protection in Canada, there will be a pro-life display in front of Guelph City Hall (1 Carden St.) showing the number of abortions that have happened in Canada.

#### **The Reel Justice Film Festival**

is back for another year! A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice. view our schedule at [www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com](http://www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com).

### **RESTART: Refresh, Renew Revive**

A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support and fun! These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. **Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month**, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required. For ZOOM link contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



#### **Kindergarten at Wellington Catholic... We have faith in education**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for Kindergarten at our schools beginning January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### **Kindergarten Eligibility**

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2023, to attend Year 1 Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2023, to attend Year 2 Kindergarten

#### **Documents needed:**

- child's birth certificate
- a parent or child's Baptismal certificate
- proof of tax support for families new to the system (i.e. most recent tax bill)
- proof of address (government document, mortgage, or rental agreement, Hydro bill, credit card statement)
- proper immigration documentation
- custody documents (if applicable)

#### **Please note:**

- Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Year 1 Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Year 2 Kindergarten. Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please call your school.

#### **Upcoming Parish Events**

<b>Dec. 26-29</b>	<b>No Masses</b>
<b>December 31</b>	<b>New Year's Eve Mass 5:00pm</b>
<b>January 1/23</b>	<b>New Year's Day Masses, 9am and 11am</b>
<b>January 7</b>	<b>Baptismal Prep Class 9:00 to 11:00am</b>
<b>January 8</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast</b>
<b>January 10</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting</b>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus General Meeting</b>