

St. Joseph's Parish

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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 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 say about Advent? Here is part 3 of some basic questions and (official!) answers about Advent. Yes, some of the answers might be surprising!

5. What Is the Role of Sundays in Advent? There are four Sundays of Advent. The General Norms state: The Sundays of this Season are named the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays of Advent [Norms 41]. We have already mentioned that the Third Sunday of Advent has a special name—*Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* is the Latin word for "Rejoice," which is the first word of the Introit of the Mass for this day. The Church ascribes particular importance to these Sundays, and they take precedence over other liturgical celebrations. Thus the General Norms state: Because of its special importance, the Sunday celebration gives way only to solemnities or feasts of the Lord. The Sundays of the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter, however, take precedence over all solemnities and feasts of the Lord. Solemnities occurring on these Sundays are observed on the Saturdays preceding [Norms 5].

6. What Happens on Weekdays in Advent? It is especially recommended that homilies be given on the weekdays of Advent. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states: On Sundays and Holydays of Obligation, there is to be a Homily at every Mass that is celebrated with the people attending, and it may not be omitted without a grave reason. On other days, it is recommended, especially on the weekdays of Advent, Lent and Easter Time, as well as on other festive days and occasions when the people come to church in greater numbers [GIRM 66]. The General Norms also point out a special role for the weekdays of the week preceding Christmas: The weekdays from 17 December to 24 December inclusive serve to prepare more directly for the anniversary of our Lord's birth. [Norms 41] This special role is illustrated, for example, by the Scripture readings used in the liturgy on these days.

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "The happiness and joy of each grows in proportion to the joy of all." ~ St. Thomas Aquinas



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 13, 2022

7:00pm Gerard Kenny – The Reidy Family

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

8:30am Intentions of Robin Rogers – Don & Barbara Cassidy

Thursday, December 15,

8:30am Monica Fitzsimons

Friday, December 16, 2022

8:30am Intentions of Paolo Gianfriddo and Aubrey Schmidt

9:20am St. Joseph School Mass

Saturday, December 17, 2022

5:00pm Bob Landoni – Mary Waterman and Laurie Landoni

Gino & Eileen Tonin – Joanne & Wayne England
Mary Lou Mason

Sunday December 18, 2022

9:00am Stafford Sheehy and Diana VanDerPryt

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

December 12	Rev. Michael Anderson
December 13	Rev. Robert Love
December 14	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer
December 15	Rev. Robert Kavelji
December 16	Marko Puljic
December 17	Rev. Ilija Petkovic

Third Sunday of Advent - December 11, 2022

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: While a man had gone out driving to do some Christmas shopping, his wife had been watching TV when she heard the announcer say, "Be very careful and watch driving on the 401 today, there is a motorist driving the wrong way!" His wife got hold of him on the cell phone to warn him, and his reply was, "You tell me, there are hundreds of them here."

At the **Shrine of the Blessed Virgin**, one candle burns for the Intentions of the **Nunes Family**, and one burns for the repose of the souls of Karen Schives, Amy & Claude Dafoe

At the **Shrine of St. Joseph**, one candle burns for the Intentions of the **Nunes Family**, and one burns for the repose of the souls of **Rocky and Tim Rock**.

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.



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. **All tags and donations must be returned to the Church by noon on December 18th**. Thank you in advance for your support.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our Gr. 2 students who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this Saturday, December 10th. Please keep them in your prayers.

Third Sunday of Advent

We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to Come Home for Christmas. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return – for more information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>

Attention Parishioners

Please be advised that there is currently an issue with our website, and the weekly bulletin cannot be emailed to your home. While we are waiting for the issue to be fixed, please note that the bulletin can be viewed on our website at stjosephfergus.org or you can pick up a printed copy at the Church.

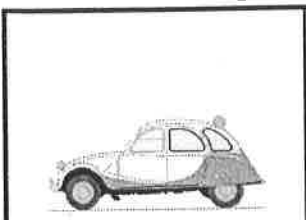
Evenings With His Excellency

Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency." An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

Upcoming Parish Events

Dec. 10 & 11	Bambinelli Sunday – All Masses
Dec. 10 & 11	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
Dec. 16	St. Joseph School Mass 9:20am
Dec. 21	St. Joseph School Concert 1:30pm & 6:30pm
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Masses – 5pm, 8pm, Midnight
Dec. 25	Christmas Day – 10am

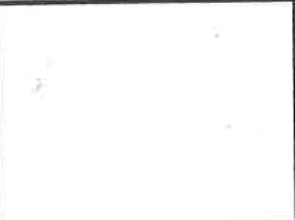




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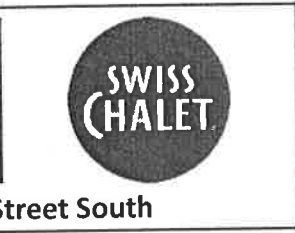
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