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# 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 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 is part 2 of some basic questions and (official!) answers about Advent. Yes, some of the answers might be surprising!

3. Is Advent a Penitential Season? We often think of Advent as a penitential season because the liturgical colour for Advent is violet, like the colour for Lent, which is a penitential season. However, in reality, Advent is not a penitential season. Surprise! According to the Code of Canon Law: Can. 1250 ~ The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent. Although local authorities can establish additional penitential days, this is a complete listing of the penitential days and times of the Latin (Roman) Church as a whole, and Advent is not one of them.

4. When Does Advent Begin and End? According to the General Norms: Advent begins with Evening Prayer I of the Sunday falling on or closest to 30 November and ends before Evening Prayer I of Christmas [Norms 40]. The Sunday on or closest to November 30 can range between November 27 and December 3, depending on the year. In the case of a Sunday, Evening Prayer I is said on the evening of the preceding day (Saturday). According to the *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours*: 96. Evening Prayer, celebrated immediately before Mass, is joined to it in the same way as Morning Prayer. Evening prayer I of solemnities, Sundays, or feasts of the Lord falling on Sundays may not be celebrated until after Mass of the preceding day or Saturday. This means that Advent begins on the evening of a Saturday falling between November 26 and December 2 (inclusive), and it ends on the evening of December 24th, which holds Evening Prayer I of Christmas (December 25th).

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

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "If we want to fight for peace, we must make peace a positive thing that is positively worth fighting for." ~ G.K. Chesterton

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** A ten-year-old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which virgin was the mother of Jesus? The Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"



**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 6, 2022**

5:00pm Intentions of Stasia Brohman – Catholic Women's League

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

8:30am Larry Cyr

**Thursday, December 8, 2022 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:30am Intentions of the Klein Family  
Bishop Paul Francis Reding

7:00pm Monica Fitzsimons

**Friday, December 9, 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 10, 2022**

11:00am First Reconciliation

5:00pm Wieslawa Jedzinkiak and Janina Chekaj – Jane Idzik

**Sunday December 11, 2022**

9:00am Monica Fitzsimons

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

December 5	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
December 6	Rev. Hayden Starczala
December 7	Order of Preachers (Dominican) O.P.
December 8	Rev. John Van Hees
December 9	Very Rev. James Petrie, E.V.
December 10	Rev. Gerald Mulhall

### Second Sunday of Advent – December 4, 2022

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



Join fellow parishioners for the monthly Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast this Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses. See you there!





### **Bambinelli Sunday – Next Weekend**

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on December 10 & 11 at all Masses to be blessed as we too celebrate our first 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.

### **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. The Grove Youth Wellness Hubs is a project of the Canadian Mental Health Association Waterloo Wellington (CMHA WW). The focus is on prevention and intervention, providing tools and support before mental health concerns become a crisis. All donations up to December 31, 2022 will be matched by Linamar. Portage is a Canadian non-profit organization that helps people suffering from substance abuse-related problems to overcome their dependencies and live, healthy, happy and productive lives. It provides drug addiction rehabilitation treatment based on therapeutic community approach. Monetary donations of \$20 + will be given a tax receipt. Thanking you in advance for your support.

### **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.

### **Coming Next Weekend! 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.

### **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.

### **Women's World Rosary – December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Join us and women around the world 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. 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 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

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 & 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



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