

# St. Joseph's Parish

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**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

## From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Robert Héту



AS we begin a new calendar year, let us take time to honour Mary, the Mother of God on this feast day and truly cherish, like Mary, in our hearts the precious gift of her only begotten Son Jesus, who came among us to bring us peace and save us from our sins.

### A Prayer For The Christmas Season

Eternal God, the joyful Christmas Season is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light, Jesus Christ your Son.

May your light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds.

May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do.

May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity.

Bless us and during this holy festive season that you have provided for us, let us for ever be thankful for the true gift of Christmas, the Prince of Peace, Jesus your Son.

Amen.

Mary, Mother of God, and St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus: Pray for us.

### A Blessed and Healthy 2023

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Love is the passport to hope, peace, and joy." ~ Fr. Robert Héту

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** My New Year Prayer—Dear God, my prayer for 2023 is: a FAT bank account and a THIN body. Please don't mix it up like you did this year. Amen

*Have A  
Blessed  
New Year!*



## 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, January 3, 2023

No Mass

#### Wednesday, January 4, 2023

8:30am Intentions of Bishop Crosby on his 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of Ordination as Bishop  
Jim Robinson – Grace Robinson

#### Thursday, January 5, 2023

8:30am John Brennan – Tove Schmidt

#### Friday, January 6, 2023

8:30am Intentions of Sonny Clerkin

#### Saturday, January 7, 2023

5:00pm Lino Pigozzo – Theresa Pigozzo & Family  
Colleen Egan – The Reidy Family  
Intentions of the Van Der Pryt Families – Diana  
Van Der Pryt

#### Sunday January 8, 2023

9:00am Intentions of the Parish

11:00am George Bouchard – Fern & Marie Beaudry

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

January 2	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby O.M.I.
January 3	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
January 4	Diocesan Priests
January 5	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
January 6	Rev. Joseph Ahilan C.R.S.P.
January 7	Rev. Louis Lenssen C.R.S.P.

### Mary, Mother of God - January 1, 2023

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

Offering  
Envelopes



We have been notified of a delay in the arrival of the 2023 Offeratory Envelopes. They should be available the first or second week of January. In the meantime, you can make your donations in any envelope provided you write your name and if possible envelope number to receive credit for tax purposes.

### 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.



### 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 3 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.

### Come Retreat With Loyola House!

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- **8-Day Directed Silent Retreat** - January 17-25; February 7-15
- **A Weekend with Water: Celebrating the Source** - January 27-29
- **Stopping to Eat: A Weekend Retreat on Food** - February 3-5
- **Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment** - February 17-19
- **Silent Spring in Dead of Winter: A Weekend Retreat** - February 17-19
- **Knowing the Heart of Jesus** - February 24-26

Register online at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) or contact [registration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:registration@ignatiusguelph.ca) or by calling 519 824 1250 ext 266.

### Let the work of Christmas Begin

"When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the Kings are back home,  
When the shepherds are once more  
With their flocks  
When Simeon and Anna  
Have gone to their Master in peace,  
Then the work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To release prisoners,  
To rebuild nations,  
To bring peace to all people,  
To make music in the heart"  
Let the work of Christmas begin!  
Let's begin it together!  
By Howard Thurman

### Upcoming Parish Events

January 1	New Year's Day Masses, 9am and 11am
January 4	Thursday Club Executive meeting
January 7	Baptismal Prep Class 9:00 to 11:00am
January 8	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
January 10	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
January 24	Knights of Columbus General Meeting



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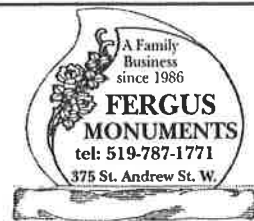


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