

St. Joseph's Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Robert Héту

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



The Douglas family's vacation was teetering on disaster. They love the beach, but on this occasion, their youngest refused to enter the water. She was horrified at the thought of taking more than two or three steps in the ocean. This was a major problem for the family because when they go to the beach, they go to the beach. In other words, they are a water-loving family that spend five or six per day surfing, swimming, and diving in the water. There had been a storm out in the Gulf of Mexico a few days before their arrival, so the waves were unusually rough. The little girl was afraid of the waves. The next day, the waves were back to normal, but she still refused to enter the water. With their youngest spooked, either mom or dad had to stay 'beached' in order to watch her.

Up to the challenge, dad took his young daughter for a stroll and talked to her about courage. He told her that it was okay to be afraid but that she needed to face her fears. He asked her if she trusted him. She hesitated. He stopped and said, "It's just you and me. I will be with you. Trust me. Let us take a couple of steps at a time. So father and daughter re-entered the world of the ocean two small steps at a time. Ten minutes later the family was having its usual great time in the water. Amazingly, the young girl decided to try her hand at surfing and was standing up on one of the floats in an attempt to ride the small waves. What a change!

As her dad swam over to her, she was singing a song. Here is what he heard: "Courage is the key to victory. It opens up the door for you to explore. Courage is the key to victory. It opens up the door for you to explore." "Where did you learn that song?" he asked. I made it up today," the girl said. "Wow, it's great, said Dad. "Dad, thank you for teaching me about courage. It made it easier to face my fears."

Let us courageously step out in faith and trust that the Lord will lead us safely through the storms of life.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "God wants you to water and nurture the seed God has planted in your heart." ~ Author Unknown

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED—No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.



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 17, 2023

7:00pm **Olivia Gillen** – Joan Pollock

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

8:30am **Margaret Reid**

Thursday, January 19, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Megan Kenney** – Tove Schmidt

Friday, January 20, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Margaret Kenny** – The Reidy Family

Saturday, January 21, 2023

5:00pm **Gordon Taverner** – Lori & Frank Cipparrone

Intentions of Avila Taverner – Lori & Frank Cipparrone

Olivia Gillen – Mary Epoch

Intentions of Diana VanDerPryt

Sunday January 22, 2023

9:00am **Intentions of Joan Schumacher**

11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

January 16	Vert Rev, Wojciech Kuzma
January 17	Rev. Francis Hubilla
January 18	Youth Ministers
January 19	Rev. Luc Payett
January 20	Rev. Joseph Okoko i.v. Dei
January 21	Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 15, 2023

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called 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

John 1, 29-34



Bible Sunday 2023

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2023. Visit our website for more information: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>

REMINDER!

Parent & Candidate Meeting for Confirmation

Our Grade 7 students have begun their preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please note that there is a **crucial Parent and Candidate meeting on January 18, 2023** at St. Joseph Church at **7:00pm**. At this meeting, we will discuss times and dates for this celebration. Applications can only be picked up at this meeting or at one of the weekend parish Masses. Applications cannot be picked up for a friend. The cut off date to return these applications to the Church or school office is February 15, 2023. Fr. Robert is looking forward to meeting everyone at this meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Office at 519-843-2006 or email Fr. Robert directly at rhetu@hamiltondiocese.com (be sure to include your telephone number!)

Catholic Women's League General Meeting **January 28th – Election Day**

The Nominations and Elections Committee are pleased to announce that there are 7 candidates who have been nominated for various positions on the CWL Executive for the 2023/2024 term of office and have agreed to let their nominations stand. We encourage all of our active members to attend the **January 28th General Meeting at 10:00 a.m.** in our Parish Hall to meet and support these ladies as they are acclaimed and immediately begin their roles as your new CWL Executive. We will be accepting annual membership dues at this meeting from those who have not already paid in order to validate their voting privileges. New members are also welcome. The 2023 membership dues are \$38.00 payable to The Catholic Women's League.

The Wisdom of the Saints

Our Parish has been gifted with copies of *The Wisdom of the Saints, 365 Days of Inspiration* with an Introduction by Matthew Kelly. The books are available in the Narthex while quantities last. Stop by and pick up your copy today!

St. John Parish St. Valentine's Day **Pasta Dinner**

St. John Parish is hosting a Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 11, 2023 in the Cafeteria of St. James Catholic High School. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets ONLY may be purchased after Masses or by contacting the Parish Office at 519-824-7311 - Adults \$25.00, children ages 7 - 12 \$12.00. Children under 7 years are free.

Young Adults Night **February 4th - Guelph**

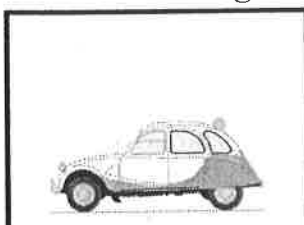
Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 4th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Fundraising Dinner to Benefit Guelph & Area **Right to Life 6:00 pm, Friday,** **February 17, 2023** **Mandarin Restaurant,** **565 Woodlawn Rd, Guelph, ON**

Sponsored by Century 21 Excalibur Realty - The Vangrootheest Team. On Friday, February 17th, enjoy a complimentary dinner, learn about pro-life educational work and activity taking place throughout the region and have opportunity to partner with Guelph & Area Right to Life. Please RSVP by Monday, February 6th, 2023. Call 519-836-6311 or email info@guelfphforlife.com.

Upcoming Parish Events

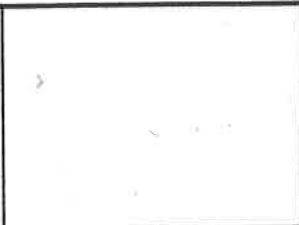
January 18	Parent & Candidate Meeting for Confirmation 7pm
January 24	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
January 25	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4:00pm
January 26	Thursday Club Luncheon Noon
January 28	CWL General Meeting 10:00am
February 5	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast



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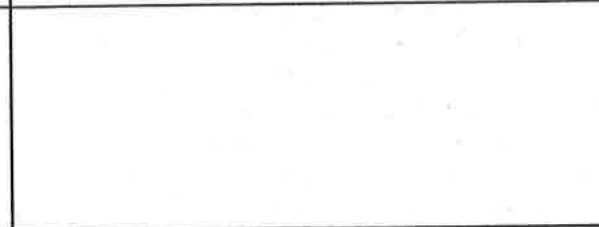
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