

# St. Joseph's Parish

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**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

Today is *Sunday of the Word of God*. It is also sometimes called *Bible Sunday*. In 2020, Pope Francis declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time was to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God "that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living Word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride." (*Aperuit Illis*, 2)

Pope Francis says, we need God's Word, so, that we can hear, amid the thousands of other words in our daily lives, that one Word that speaks to us not about things, but about life. May I add, also, about love. Yes, the Word of God is a love letter from God to humanity. The Word of salvation does not go looking only for untouched, clean, and safe places. Instead, it enters the complex and obscure places in our lives. Pope Francis reminds us that "the word of God should be read daily and kept at hand even on our cellphones."

Those that are ministers of the Word and indeed all baptized Christians must undergo continual formation and personal study of the Word of God. Until the Word of God rules our hearts, we can never expect it to rule the world. The basic way to foster this is to read the Bible itself. Read! Read! Read! The People of God must not only be told of the Word of God, but they themselves must drink from the wellspring itself—the Bible.

We must realize that discipleship begins when the Word of God is proclaimed, but more importantly received, that is, when it is swallowed, digested, and reaches the heart of the hearer. This will then lead to conversion.

To highlight the importance of *the Word of God*, I will be giving a special blessing to all our ministers of the Word—our lectors after the homily at all Masses this weekend. Let us daily make room in our lives for the Word of God!

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "To follow Jesus good words are not enough; we have to listen daily to God's call." ~ Pope Francis

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** I went running with my Bible...Now my Psalms are sweaty.



### 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 24, 2023

7:00pm **Olivia Gillen** – Mac & Gail Brown

#### Wednesday, January 25, 2023

8:30am **Lino Pigozzo** – Theresa & Family

**Jack Karn** - Anne Karn

#### Thursday, January 26, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Bernie Myers** – Dolores Schmidt

#### Friday, January 27, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Leona Reidy** – The Reidy Family

#### Saturday, January 28, 2023

5:00pm **Joan Schumacher** – Mary Epoch

**Olivia Gillen** – Harry and Bernadette Cullen

**Souls in Purgatory**

#### Sunday January 29, 2023

9:00am **Intentions of Jim Gillen** – St. Joseph School Staff & Students

**Joan Schumacher** – Joan Pollock

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

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

January 23	Rev. Francisco Sordo
January 24	Rev. Peter Nwachukwu
January 25	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
January 26	Rev. Paul Mathew Velimoozhayil
January 27	Rev. Marjusz Durbajlo
January 28	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time-January 22, 2023

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or a consecrated virgin? 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).

## Bible Sunday

January 22, 2023

Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. Visit the Diocese's website for a variety of resources

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>

### Charity Bottle Drive – January 28

St. Joseph's / St. Mary Knights of Columbus council #15333 are having a Bottle Drive on Saturday Jan.28 from 10:00am - 2:00pm located at St. Joseph's in Fergus, all proceeds go to our community fundraising efforts for Fergus and Elora communities.

### Thursday Club Luncheon

Thursday Club is alive again! We will have a Pizza Luncheon on Thursday, January 26 at Noon in the Parish Hall! Cost will be \$3.00 per person. Dessert and refreshments will also be served. We hope many of our parishioners will attend so as to socialize and meet new friends! All are welcome! Call Marie at 226-383-4195.

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

We are pleased to announce that there are 7 ladies 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 invite all members to attend the **January 28<sup>th</sup> General Meeting at 10:00 a.m.** in our Parish Hall to support these ladies as they are acclaimed and begin their roles as your new CWL Executive. We will be accepting annual membership dues (\$38) at this meeting in order to validate your voting privileges. New members are welcome.

### Parenting Tip Of The Month

As the New Year begins we often set "resolutions" to changes habits, behaviours or actions. This year set a resolution that will benefit the whole family: decide to purposely spend more time with your children, sending a message that family time matters. Build a snow fort together, make snow angels or go for a midnight walk in the snow. Cook, clean and play together. Look back on family albums and share memories and stories. Pray before/after meals, attend Mass and say the Rosary, all as a family. The possibilities are endless, as are the benefits.

### Marriage Tip Of The Month

Time is often a major problem in our day, since there never seems to be enough of it! As a result, couples spend less time together, seeing it as a solution to the short on time phenomena. But love grows and there is a sense of cohesiveness when the relationship is seen as a priority. Making time together an essential part of your planning will build a closeness between the two of you, give you time to reflect on the good and challenging events in your life and help you to know each other in a deep and caring way. So find time somewhere else, instead of taking it from your couple relationship!

### The Knitting Pilgrim at Fergus Grand Theatre, Sat Feb 25, 2023, 2pm



Kirk Dunn will be presenting his one-man play, **The Knitting Pilgrim**, featuring the **Stitched Glass** tapestries, at Fergus Grand Theatre on Saturday Feb 25, 2023 at 2p.m. The large knitted panels, designed in the style of stained-glass windows, look at the commonalities and conflicts of the Abrahamic Faiths – and took Kirk an incredible 15 years to knit. The play tells the story of Kirk's artistic and spiritual journey working on this ambitious project about interfaith empathy, and has been seen over 50 times across Ontario at theatres, places of faith, and the Aga Khan Museum, to acclaim. Tickets are \$35 each and are available at [fergusgrandtheatre.ca](http://fergusgrandtheatre.ca) or by calling 519-787-1981.

### Prayer for Bible Sunday

*Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
For your Word made flesh: Jesus Christ.  
We praise and thank you  
For your Word recorded in the Bible  
And faithfully proclaimed  
In the assembly of your holy people.  
May our hearts and minds be always open  
To welcome your life-giving Word.  
May your Word nourish our faith,  
Enliven our hope and strengthen us  
In the bond of love.  
May we carry your word with us each day  
As we seek to serve you in our brothers and sisters.*

### Upcoming Parish Events

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 4	Baptismal Prep Class 9am – 11am
February 5	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
February 8	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting




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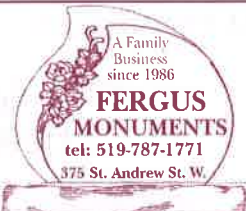
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