

# 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



As the story is told, it happened in a typical church. A 'nice' church! A 'respectable' church! One Sunday morning, a man walked into the church, but he just did not seem to belong. He was scruffy in appearance and his clothes were ragged. He smelled of beer, which judging from his unsteady walk, he had consumed in great quantity the night before.

An usher acknowledges the man with a half-hearted nod motioning him toward an out-of-the way pew. Ignoring his suggestion, the visitor staggered down the centre aisle to the front pew, and planted himself there. So far, so good, thought the usher—that is, until the pastor began his sermon.

"Alleluia!" shouted the newcomer. The pastor gave him a stern look, and continued. Not a moment later, the visitor interrupted again. "Praise the Lord!" he proclaimed. The usher came over and whispered to him, as nicely as he could, "Sir, we don't do that here!" "But I've got religion!" the man objected. "Yes," said the usher, "I'm, sure you do. But you didn't get it here!"

St. Joseph Parish, Fergus is a typical church. A 'nice' church! A 'respectable' church! Do our members have religion? Did they get it here? I hope so! I pray so! As St. John Eudes reminds us, "Our wish, our object, our chief preoccupation must be to form Jesus in ourselves, to make his spirit, his devotion, his affections, his desires and his disposition live and reign there."

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Never stir up dissension, but act as peacemaker and reconcile the quarrelsome." ~ Barnabas

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** A funeral service is being held in a church for a woman who has just died. At the end of the service, the pallbearers carrying the casket accidentally bump into a wall jarring the casket. They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that the woman is actually alive. She lives for 10 more years and then dies. A ceremony is again held at the same church and at the end the pallbearers are again carrying the casket out. As they are walking, the husband calls out, "Watch out for the wall!"



**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 31, 2023

7:00pm **Madeline Redmond** – Sharon O'Shea  
**Don Wellstead** – Terri Wellstead

#### Wednesday, February 1, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Lavina Lobsinger** – Tove Schmidt

#### Thursday, February 2, 2023

8:30am **Leona Brown** – Jim & Peggy Sheehy

#### Friday, February 3, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of the Heinrichs Family** – Michael & Julie Reidy & Family  
**Francis & Elizabeth Clerkin**

#### Saturday, February 4, 2023

5:00pm **Lino Pigozzo** – Theresa Pigozzo & Family  
**Intentions of Katherine Gravelle** – Dolores Schmidt

**Joan Schumacher** – Mac & Gail Brown

**Betty Richard** – Eldon & Hilda Richard

#### Sunday, February 5, 2023

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

11:00am **Intentions of Nicholas**

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

January 30	Rev. William Trusz
January 31	Rev. David Reitzel
February 1	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God
February 2	The Presentation of the Lord – World Day for Consecrated Life
February 3	Rev. Ross Campbell
February 4	Rev. Peter Robinson

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 29, 2023

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



### **Reminder Regarding Registration Forms For First Communion & Confirmation**

A reminder that completed registration forms for First Communion and Confirmation are due back to either the School or Church office no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you do not have an original registration form, please contact Fr. Robert at [rhetu@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:rhetu@hamiltondiocese.com). Copies will not be accepted.



Despite some confusion, we want to reassure parishioners of St. Joseph Parish that we continue to collect for Canadian Food For Children. This charity welcomes clean (new or gently used) clothing, footwear, bedding, food and anything a mother in a developing country in need could use to survive and support her children. There is a box located in the Narthex near the office for any donations you'd like to drop off. Thank you for your continued support.

### **St. Joseph, Guelph CWL Valentine Tea and Speaker**

St Joseph CWL invites CWL members from all Parishes to join us for our February General Meeting on Sunday, February 12 at 1:30 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Our Guest Speaker is Teresa DiFalco, President Elect, CWL Hamilton Diocese. We will also be installing our New Members. Light Valentine refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome.

### **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.



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### **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, but for ZOOM link contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

### **ReSTART: Moving Forward**

This is a new and updated 10 week program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The program runs from Tuesday, March 21st to May 23rd. The sessions take place from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join using our zoom classroom. Cost is \$25 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or register on line at ReSTART Program; Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

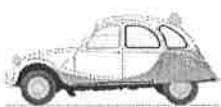
### **The 2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

February 4	Baptismal Prep Class 9am – 11am
February 5	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
February 7	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
February 15	Deadline for First Communion and Confirmation Registration Forms
February 20	Family Day – Office Closed
February 21	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
February 22	Ash Wednesday – Masses at 8:30am, 9:20am (School Mass) and 7:00pm






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