

# 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



Writer Kathleen Norris was a guest at a Catholic monastery some twenty-five years, or so ago, when the members of the 'Heaven's Gate' cult all committed suicide based on their strange belief about events connected with the appearance of Comet Hale-Bopp. Norris heard the news in the monastery and noted that the members of that cult had referred to themselves as 'monks.' However, she later wrote that the 'Heaven's Gate' devotees did not seem much like the monks she knew, for she found the monasteries to be hospitable places, welcoming guests, whereas this cult did not tolerate outsiders. She noted that St. Benedict, who wrote the Rule of Benedict, said: "A monastery is never without guests." She also added that, "What Benedict says might be seen as a way to define a monastery—if it regularly exercises enough hospitality so as to attract guests, it is a monastery, if it doesn't it is not." (Kathleen Norris, *Amazing Grace* [New York: Riverhead Books, 1998], 262-263)

A similar definition could be used as part of what it means to be a church or a parish. If it regularly exercises enough hospitality to make newcomers and regular attendees feel welcome, it is a church or a parish, if it doesn't, it is not. How is St. Joseph Parish, Fergus, doing? Have we said 'hello' or 'welcomed' a newcomer or an oldtimer lately? It is never too late to start!

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."* (Hebrews 13:2)

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Prayer is the pathway to God." ~ Fr. Robert Héту

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** One morning a lame man struggled into church. He stopped in front of the holy water font, splashed some water on both legs, and then threw away his crutches. An altar server witnessed the scene and rushed to the sacristy to tell the pastor. "You've just witnessed a miracle!" the priest exclaimed. "Tell me, where is the man now?" "Flat on his back over by the holy water font," the altar server replied.



## 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, February 14, 2023

7:00pm **Intentions of Lisa Reitzel** – The Reidy Family  
**Intentions of MaryLou Lysyshyn** – Tove Schmidt

#### Wednesday, February 15, 2023

8:30am **Patty McEvoy**

#### Thursday, February 16, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Cheryl Krentz** – Tove Schmidt

#### Friday, February 17, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Hugh Ballantyne**– The Reidy Family

#### Saturday, February 18, 2023

5:00pm **Intentions of Fr. Bob Bulbrook**– Dolores Schmidt  
**Leona Brown** – The Goetz Family  
**Dolores Trevenna** – Bud & Marcie Fauteux  
**Beatrice & Edwin Gregory** – Terri Wellstead

#### Sunday, February 19, 2023

9:00am **Olivia Gillen** – Betty Boyd & Family  
**Intentions of Arlene & Fred Blackmore** –  
Dolores Schmidt  
11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

February 13	Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.
February 14	Rev. Rafal Tomon
February 15	Disalced Carmelite Sisters
February 16	Very Rev. Tim Uniack, C.R.
February 17	Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.
February 18	Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Feb. 12, 2023

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as 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)

### Free Membership for the first 6 New Members to the St. Joseph CWL!

Catholic Women's League members know faith is important to women. Members are called to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We are Catholic and Living It! Come grow with us! To enter to win the free membership, you must be new to our CWL. Please send an email to Sue at [sbeatty14@gmail.com](mailto:sbeatty14@gmail.com) The first 6 ladies will be contacted.

## SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Dinner



### **February 21 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

The Knights of Columbus will once again be holding their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday February 21 in St. Joseph's Parish Hall from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Pancakes, syrup and sausages will be served along with coffee, tea and juice. Free will offerings will be gratefully accepted for the Knight's relief efforts in Ukraine. To date over \$20M has been raised and over 3.2 million pounds of food supplied through the network of 7000 Knights in Poland and 2000 in Ukraine. And yet .... unfortunately, the need is greater now than it has ever been! Please join us for this social event before we begin our Lenten observance for this year.

### **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:

**Lenten Taizé Weekend** - March 3-5

**Meditating on the Cosmos: A Weekend of Awe & Wonder** - March 10-12

**Directed Prayer Weekend** - March 17-19

**Prayer Bead Pilgrimage: A One-Day Retreat** - March 25

**Holy Week Retreat** - April 1-9

**Easter Triduum Retreat** - April 6-9

**The Call of the Land Weekend Retreat** - April 28-30

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

### **Young Adults Night - March 4th – Waterloo**

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, March 4th at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

## **Reel Justice Film Festival**

Join the **Reel Justice Film Festival February 23, 2023 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** for a film screening featuring two short films that highlight challenges and approaches to affordable housing. **A Better Tent City** follows a group of dedicated individuals, including those living rough, service providers, community members and municipal staff, working together to create a self-organized housing community in Kitchener, ON. **Safe** explores the housing and opioid crises through the stories of tenants that live in Indwell affordable housing units, available for people experiencing poverty because of their mental health and/or substance use disorders, in Hamilton, London, Woodstock, Simcoe and Mississauga. Both films focus on the necessity for low barrier housing, community building, and respect for our shared home. Special discussion following the screening with **Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Pastor at St. Mary, Kitchener** speaking about his work and ministry with **Tiny Homes and A Better Tent City**, as well as with **Jess Brand, Indwell regional manager for Hamilton** discussing the community engagement, programs, and initiatives offered through Indwell to provide supportive affordable housing. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online. R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at: [reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/](http://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/)**

### **Camp Brébeuf is Hiring Teenagers!**

CYO Camp Brébeuf in Rockwood, ON is hiring teenagers and young adults as camp counsellors for this summer. For more information please visit [www.campbrebeuf.ca/employment](http://www.campbrebeuf.ca/employment).

## **Upcoming Parish Events**

February 15	<b>Deadline for First Communion and Confirmation Registration Forms</b>
February 18	Installation of new CWL Executive during 5pm Mass
February 20	Family Day – Office Closed
February 21	Knights of Columbus Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5pm – 7pm
February 22	Ash Wednesday – Masses at 8:30am, 9:20am (School Mass) and 7:00pm
February 22	St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting 4pm
February 23	Thursday Club - Noon
February 25	CWL Annual General Meeting 10am



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