

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 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



If you happen to unfold a map of Scotland and look at the West Country, over by Loch Lomond, you will find a spot on the map labelled 'Rest and Be Thankful.' That is not an instruction from the mapmaker. It is actually the name of a mountain pass, noted for its breathtaking view. The place got its name because, in the days before automobiles, you had to slog through a long, uphill climb to get there. Once you topped the crest of the hill, you found yourself in a broad, level place, with a spectacular vista. This sight was made all the sweeter by the knowledge that the road was downhill from there.

'Rest and be thankful'—it is not a bad thought considering God's commandment to "*Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.*" (Exodus 20:8) How are we remembering the Lord's Day and keeping it holy? Are we taking time to worship as a family with our faith community? Are we leaving our work at the office? Are we shopping needlessly? Are we enjoying quality family time?

On this Family Day long weekend, let us not be afraid to 'rest and be thankful,' especially with and for our families. Check out the activities being offered in our local community. Note: I will be celebrating a Mass at 10:00 am. All are welcome

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "The family is more sacred than the state." ~ Pope Pius XI

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: A Children's Liturgy teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked backed once while she was driving," he announced proudly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

Volunteer Recruitment - Planning Meeting

Now that we have come out of the pandemic, we have found that several of our volunteers have resigned their posts or have moved away. We need to refill those spots to ensure our Parish is running at full steam. On Saturday, March 4th at 1:00pm Fr. Robert would like to have a meeting with all Ministry Leaders to discuss the event. The actual Recruitment days will be held after all Masses on the weekend of March 25 & 26.

ASH WEDNESDAY
First Day of Lent



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

Monday, February 20, 2023 FAMILY DAY

10:00am Rose Sabourin – The Héту Family

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 SHROVE TUESDAY

7:00pm Olivia Gillen – Brigitte Quinke

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30am Diane Thornley – Mary Epoch

9:20am St. Joseph School Mass

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday, February 23, 2023

8:30am Joan Jolley – Mary Epoch

Friday, February 24, 2023

8:30am Mary Lou Mason – Brigitte Quinke

Intentions of Joanne Huber – Robin Rogers

Saturday, February 25, 2023

5:00pm Intentions of Dolores Schmidt – Tove Schmidt

Michael Gilsenan

Peter Rooyakker – Mac & Gail Brown

Dean Duffield – Margaret Duffield

Sunday, February 26, 2023

9:00am Olivia Gillen – Paul & Cathy Goetz

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

February 20	Rev. James Link, C.R.
February 21	Rev. David Mowatt, C.R.
February 22	Ash Wednesday
February 23	Harry Reitzel, C.R.
February 24	Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
February 25	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

Ash Wednesday & Lent is Almost Here

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday, April 6th. For Catholics it's a **period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter**. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday in the Roman Rite are days of fasting and abstinence of meat* We encourage you to join us this coming week for any one of the three Ash Wednesday Masses. On every Wednesday afterwards from March 1st to April 5th you are welcomed to join us for **Stations of the Cross** as part of your Lenten preparations for Easter.

Note: The law of "abstinence from meat" binds those who are 14 and older; the law of "fasting" binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.

Reminder – 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.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League -
Getting to Know Your Pastor Better**

Greeting and blessings dear ladies - we invite you to join us at our **General Meeting on Saturday, February 25 at 10:00**, in the parish hall, as we welcome Father Robert as our guest speaker. This is an opportunity to get to know Father Robert better, as he shares stories of his journey. Light refreshments will be served. New members are welcome!

**Women's World Day of Prayer –
Friday, March 3, 2023 at 2:00**

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. For more information you may wish to explore worlddayofprayer.net. Our CWL members will be participating in the Ecumenical Worship Service held at St. John's Anglican Church in Elora. (36 Henderson St.) **Please join in this celebration.** Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday Club Luncheon

Welcome back to Thursday Club Potluck Luncheon! We are inviting all parishioners to come together and enjoy good food and to socialize with your friends. It will be held on Thursday, February 23 at NOON in the Parish Hall. We would ask that you bring your set of dishes, including Mug and Silverware. Kindly also include a plastic bag to bring your dirty dishes home rather than use the kitchen afterwards. Thank you for your cooperation! Cost is still \$2.00 payable at the door as you come in. Do not forget to bring your favourite gourmet dish to share! We will have the pleasure of listening to our guest speaker, Father Robert, our very own new pastor! All are welcome! If more information is needed please call Marie at 226-383-4195.

Most Rev. Francis (Frank) Leo

Pope Francis last weekend announced the appointment of the Most Reverend Francis Leo as the Archbishop of Toronto. Formerly the Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, he will succeed His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins. Attached to this online bulletin you will find a copy of Bishop Crosby's Heart to Heart which provides a biography of the Most Rev. Francis (Frank) Leo. Printed copies are also available in the Narthex.

40 Days for Life Guelph

The 40 Days for Life Guelph Campaign begins Wednesday, February 22, 2023! Unite together for 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil. Learn more, get involved and sign up for prayer times by visiting 40daysforlife.com/guelph.

Elementary School Teachers, Grades 4 - 8

Guelph & Area Right to Life is inviting you to participate in its Caring Hearts, Sharing Hearts project with your students. The mission is to connect your class with elderly residents living in retirement and longterm care facilities by visiting and creating a meaningful connection with them. We provide you with the resources to connect and prepare your class for these visits. For more info: call 519-836-6311 or write to chsh@guelphforlife.com. Website: guelphforlife.com.

Support for Turkey and Syria

On February 6th, parts of Turkey and Syria experienced a devastating earthquake. It is estimated that over 11,200 people have lost their lives and 40,900 reported injured. The earthquake has left both countries in a state of crisis that is made worse by exposure to aftershocks and winter storms. Those wishing to support the relief effort are encouraged to contribute to one of the following Catholic entities currently mounting humanitarian responses on the ground. Please see Bishop Crosby's letter listing these entities on our website at stjosephfergus.org. Printed copies are available in the Narthex.

Upcoming Parish Events

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
March 1	Stations of the Cross, 7pm
March 4	Ministry Leader Meeting, 1pm

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EARLIER THIS MORNING, *Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes*, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, announced the appointment of **Most Reverend Francis Leo**, until now, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, as the **Archbishop of Toronto**. Archbishop Leo succeeds His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, whose resignation the Pope also accepted. Archbishop Leo is well prepared for his new responsibilities, having served as a Parish Priest in Montreal, as a seminary formator, a university lecturer, a member of the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See, and as General Secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In his new position, the Archbishop is also the *Metropolitan Archbishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Toronto*, which includes the Dioceses of Hamilton, London, St. Catharines and Thunder Bay. We pray for Archbishop Leo as he prepares for his installation in the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming him when he visits our Diocese. We will have an opportunity to thank and honour His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, at the Mass of Chrism, on April 3rd, when we will acknowledge the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Priest of the Diocese of Hamilton.

Biography of the Most Rev. Francis (Frank) Leo

Born in Montréal in 1971 to Italian immigrant parents Francesco Leo and †Rosa Valente, Most Rev. Francis Leo attended Eugenio Pacelli Elementary School, John F. Kennedy High School and CEGEP Vanier. He entered the *Grand Séminaire de Montréal* in 1990 and was ordained a priest for service to the Archdiocese of Montreal on 14 December 1996. He served in parish assignments in Montréal (assistant pastor at Our Lady of Consolata, parochial administrator of Saint-Joseph-de-RDP, and pastor of Saint-Raymond-de-Peñafort) until 2006 when he accepted the invitation to enroll in the *Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy* in Rome and subsequently enter the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See (2006-2012), serving in different Apostolic Nunciatures across the globe. On 9 January 2012, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Chaplain of His Holiness, bestowing the title of *Monsignor*.

Upon his return to Canada, he joined the formation team of the *Grand Séminaire de Montréal*, teaching theology and philosophy while providing spiritual direction, formation and accompaniment to the candidates for the priesthood. In the fall of 2015 he was appointed General Secretary of the *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops* (CCCB), a mandate which came to an end in the fall of 2021. As of 1 February 2022, Msgr. Leo was named Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Montréal.

On 16 July 2022 Pope Francis appointed him Titular Bishop of Tamada and Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal. The Episcopal consecration took place in the Cathedral Basilica of Montreal, Mary Queen of the World on 12 September 2022. **On 11 February 2023, His Holiness appointed him Archbishop of Toronto.**

In addition to his extensive graduate studies in Canon Law (Pontifical Lateran University), Diplomacy and International Law, Bishop Leo holds a Doctorate in Systematic Theology (University of Dayton / IMRI) with a specialization in Mariology, a Licentiate in Philosophy (Pontifical Lateran University), a Diploma in Classical Studies (Université de Montréal) and a Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction (Aquinas Institute of Theology). He worked as a Judge for the Canadian Appeal Tribunal and has taught theology, spirituality and philosophy at Montreal, Canberra (Australia), Dayton (USA) and Ottawa, among other places. He speaks English, French, Italian and Spanish. Bishop Leo is President and founding member of the Canadian Mariological Society, Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem as well as a member of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Dominic (Third Order Dominican).

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI