

# 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

'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.' The discipline of Lent is once again upon us. St. Paul, in his second letter to the Corinthians, reminds us: "See, now is the acceptable time." (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Yes, Lent is a very "acceptable time" to hear again the solemn reminder that 'we are dust and unto dust we shall return'—that we will pass from this earthly life and our bodies and all our earthly possessions will become nothing more than a little bit of dust. It is the absolute and certain fate of all of us who dwell upon the earth.

Yes, Lent is a very "acceptable time" to reminded us to begin another forty-day journey to care for and develop the spiritual part of us that will not turn to dust. Daily spiritual reading, scripture study, Stations of the Cross, meditations, praying the Rosary, participating more fully and more often at Mass are all good projects to consider. Perhaps it will mean returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) after many months or even years. Maybe we have tried some of these tools and devotions without too much success in the past and feel discouraged. Yet, we need to try again, confident that by God's grace we will be victorious this time. Pope Francis encourages us, "It is good to know the Lord takes on the burden of our fragilities and patiently gets us back on our feet with the strength to start over."

Yes, Lent is a very "acceptable time," as Fr. James McKarns proposes, "To renew our love and kindness for others and express our feelings through gentle words and caring deeds."

Yes, Lent is a very "acceptable time" to renew our spiritual life.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "A living faith will last in the midst of the blackest storm." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** The drunk to the police officer, "Offs-siir, I am fasting for Lent. I am going without sugary soft drinks and having only beer instead!"



**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 28, 2023

7:00pm **Loretto & David Howard Sr.** – Terri Wellstead

#### Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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

700pm Stations of the Cross

#### Thursday, March 2, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Autumn Rogers** – Mac & Gail Brown

#### Friday, March 3, 2023

8:30am **Leona Brown** – Jerome & Hope Lehman

#### Saturday, March 4, 2023

5:00pm **Intentions of Berney & Gwen Sytsma** – Caroline Burns

**Michael Gravelle** – Dolores Schmidt

**Olivia Gillen** – Laurie Landoni

#### Sunday, March 5, 2023

9:00am **Intentions of Jim Gillen & Family** – St. Joseph Choir

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

**3:00pm Holy Hour – Prayer For Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse**

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

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| February 27 | Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.                           |
| February 28 | Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.                    |
| March 1     | Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus          |
| March 2     | Rev. Sutherland MacDonald C.R.                |
| March 3     | Rev. Philip Reilly C.R. / World Day of Prayer |
| March 4     | Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.            |

### First Sunday of Lent - February 26, 2023

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, at 905-528-7988. [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



**LENT**  
A SEASON OF REFLECTION,  
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

### Knights of Columbus March Breakfast

Please join us on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> for our Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. The cost is \$10.00 per person and all children under 12 eat for free. All are welcome and encouraged to come to enjoy breakfast and fellowship - **coffee and toast are free if you're not up for our full breakfast** of scrambled eggs, peameal bacon and sausage, hash brown patties, toast, juice and coffee. Through your support we make donations to the youth groups who help us put the breakfasts on and to other community charities. We look forward to continue welcoming back familiar faces from our past breakfasts!

### Donations by Cheque

Just a reminder that St. Joseph Church and St. Vincent de Paul are two separate legal charitable entities. Donations to St. Vincent de Paul should be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul and cannot be cashed by them if they are payable to St. Joseph Parish. Thank you for your help in this regard.



### World Day of Prayer –

Friday, March 3, 2023 at 2:00pm

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. 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.

### Hamilton Diocesan CWL Executive Council

invites CWL members to join a 5-week virtual Zoom Lenten retreat, facilitated by Spiritual Director, Simone Robinson. (Thursday Evenings – March 2nd – March 30th, 2023 7:00pm – 9:00pm) For more information or to register, contact Laura Grint, Diocesan First Vice President and Spiritual Development Chair by email at [Firstvp@cwlhamilton.ca](mailto:Firstvp@cwlhamilton.ca)

### Next General CWL Meeting:

Saturday, **March 11 at 10:00** in the Parish Hall. A guest speaker from the Guelph and Wellington Hospice is planned. New members are welcome! Please join us!

### Diocesan Special Collection for Turkey & Syria

Many of the faithful of the Diocese have expressed a desire to help those who are suffering in Turkey and Syria. At the recommendation of the Presbyteral Council, Bishop Douglas Crosby has authorized a special collection in our Parishes in support of these earthquake victims. Envelopes are available in the Narthex and donations will be accepted for **the next two weeks.**



### Lenten Mission Retreat

St. Joseph – Guelph

Fr. Michael King invites parishioners from Guelph and Wellington County Catholic Parishes to join him for a Lenten Mission Retreat on March 27, 28 & 29. Each day will begin with a Holy Hour from 6:00-7:00pm,  
Monday 7pm Spiritual Talk  
Tuesday 7pm Spiritual talk followed by a penance celebration (Multiple priests will be available)  
Wednesday 7pm Mass with extended Holiday  
The retreat will take place at St. Joseph Church, 409 Paisley Road, Guelph.

### Day of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse

In 2019, Bishop Crosby decreed that the Second Sunday of Lent would be observed in every Parish in our Diocese as a day of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse. This year's observance is on March 5, 2023. In an effort to help bring healing where it is needed by those impacted by sexual abuse, we will be gathering for a Holy Hour of Prayer at **3pm on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>.** Everyone is welcome.

### Upcoming Parish Events

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| February 25 | CWL Annual General Meeting 10am                |
| March 1     | Stations of the Cross, 7pm                     |
| March 4     | Ministry Leader Meeting, 1pm                   |
| March 5     | Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast          |
| March 5     | Day of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse, 3pm |
| March 11    | CWL General Meeting, 10am                      |
| March 14    | Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg              |
| March 28    | Knights of Columbus General Mtg.               |
| March 29    | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm                |
| March 30    | Thursday Club, Noon                            |

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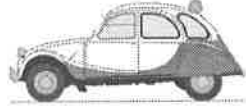


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