

St. Joseph's Parish

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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



Today marks the beginning of the most sacred days of our annual faith journey—Holy Week. It is true that Christmas might be more popular, yet Holy Week—especially the graced-filled days of the Sacred Triduum, is the reason why Jesus was born. Jesus became one of us, to save us, from our death of sin. Jesus was born to say 'Yes' to the heavenly Father, to die on the Cross and to save us through his Easter Victory of the Resurrection. This week, let us take time to experience, to meditate and to reflect on the blessed steps of Jesus: from his painful death on the Cross to his greatest gift to us of new life through his Resurrection.

Check the bulletin for extra confession times. Note last opportunity before Easter is Thursday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on Monday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m. to join our Bishops and Priests from all over the diocese for the Chrism Mass. At this Mass Bishops and Priests will renew their commitments and the Bishop Crosby will bless the Holy Oils to be used throughout the diocese beginning at the Easter Vigil.

Please join us Holy Thursday, April 6 for the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. On Good Friday join us at 11:00 a.m. for the first Passion Service with Holy Communion (Fr. Terry) or in afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for a second Passion Service with Holy Communion. Holy Saturday will culminate the Sacred Triduum with the most awesome celebration of our faith in the glorious Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m. Several school aged children will be baptized, and one adult will be fully initiated into the Church by Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Of course, there are the Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00 a.m. (Fr. Ken) and 11:00 a.m.

Let us pray this week:

All that I am I offer now to You

That I may be transformed to serve You true

Be my faithful guide and beacon of light

Allowing me to spend eternity in Your sight

(Fr. Robert Héту – *All I Am I Offer* – ©2019)

Let us remember the wise words of St. John

Paul II: "the future starts today, not tomorrow." Yes—now is the time to act.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Our understanding, which is enlightened by the Spirit of truth, should receive with purity and freedom of heart the glory of the Cross as it shines in heaven and on earth." ~ St. Leo the Great



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 April 4, 2023

6:00pm **Confessions**

7:00pm **Jack Karn – Anne Karn**

Jean Marie & Thérèse Héту – The Héту & Eng Families

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

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

6:00pm **Confessions**

7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**

Thursday, April 6, 2023

HOLY THURSDAY

11:00am to 12:00pm **Confessions**

7:00pm **Walter Corcoran Jr. – Shawn McGrath**

Myles McGrath – Shawn McGrath

Friday, April 7, 2023

GOOD FRIDAY

11:00am **Good Friday Liturgy**

(Fr. Terry Sehl)

3:00pm **Good Friday Liturgy**

Saturday April 8, 2023

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00pm **Ed Liverance – Mac & Gail Brown**

Stasia Brohman – Mary Kleingebbinck

Mr. V. Perri – Robin Rogers

Sunday, April 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY

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

(Fr. Ken)

11:00am **Thérèse Héту – The Héту Family**

Peter Rooyakker – Betty Boyd

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

April 3

Rev. Paul Patrick

April 4

Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre

April 5

Oblates of Mary Immaculate

April 6

Holy Thursday

April 7

Good Friday

April 8

Holy Saturday

Passion (Palm) Sunday - April 2, 2023

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Suzy shows up to church in her cheerleading outfit—accessories and all. "What is wrong? You know Jacob, the guy who stutters, he told me it was Pompom Sunday?"

Knights of Columbus Breakfast This Weekend

Please join us this **Sunday April 2nd** 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.

Easter Floral Tributes

Forms to request memorial Easter Floral Tributes are available in the Narthex. Any requests should be returned to the Church office by April 5th. Thank you.

Additional Confession Times for Lent

In addition to our normal confession times of Friday mornings from 8:00 to 8:30am and Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30 pm, the following extra opportunities are available:

Saturday, April 1 (extended time) 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Tuesday, April 4th at 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Holy Thursday April 6th at 11:00am to 12:00pm* This will be the last opportunity for Confession prior to Easter

Michael House Presentation – Sat. April 22

St. Joseph's CWL and the St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus are resuming their series of Respect for Life Presentations on Saturday April 22 at 2:00 PM. Karen Kamphuis, Executive Director of Michael House Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services, will be our Guest Speaker. Founded in 2001, Michael House provides Guelph and Wellington County's expectant and new mothers with shelter and an ever-increasing range of parenting and life support skills. Their support is targeted at providing an option to respond to the question most women coping with an unexpected pregnancy ask – "How can I possibly handle this on my own?" Learn about the latest programs they are offering to help mothers and their babies make the critical transition to independent living in the community. The presentation will be held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall at 760 St. David St. Fergus on Saturday April 22 at 2:00 PM. Wine, beer, cheese, crackers and fruit will be available. Free will offerings to support Michael House will be welcomed.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

The Knight of Columbus Council #15333 Fergus / Elora is excited to have our Annual Good Friday Fish Fry return this year. Please join us on **Good Friday April 7** from 4:00pm - 6:00pm at St. Joseph's Parish in Fergus for a sit down or takeout orders for Fish and Chips along with Coleslaw. Cash only 1pc fish & chips dinner for \$14 and 2pc fish & chips dinner for \$19 with additional sides available for your choice as well. The proceeds will be directed to the Turkey / Syria Earthquake relief efforts. We look forward to seeing many of you there to support our charitable efforts.

Evenings with His Excellency

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

Marriage Tip Of The Month

A fundamental principle of our Catholic faith is that mercy must be part of our lived experience. Practicing forgiveness in all areas of our lives is important, but it is especially necessary in marriage. The intimate relationship of marriage means there will be hurt, anger and resentment between us at times and in these moments we must both seek and provide forgiveness. When we live with a merciful heart, instead of becoming hardened to the goodness in our spouse, we see the good, the joyful and the love that they carry for us. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Upcoming Parish Events

April 1	Extended Confession times 3:30pm to 4:30pm
April 2	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
April 4	Extra Confession Times 6pm to 7pm
April 5	Extra Confession Times 6pm to 7pm
April 5	Deadline for Easter Floral Tributes
April 6	Extra Confession Times 11am to 12pm
April 7	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, 4pm to 6pm

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