

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



I do not watch too much TV, but several years ago, I had an opportunity to view for the first time the two-hour special finale of M*A*S*H. I found it very thought provoking.

I remembered that in the early years of this long running television series there was a constant verbal battle raging between Hawkeye and Frank Burns. Hawkeye was cynical, razor-tongue and unrepentantly non-conformist. Frank, on the other hand, was pressed and starched—an all-military type of guy, and hypercritical of everyone around him, especially his subordinates. As is often true for the hypercritical, Frank was not very self-reflective.

In one episode the camp is under siege by a sniper. As bullets fly back and forth across the compound, Hawkeye and Frank have a moment to discuss the persistent presence of death, especially in times of war. We must realize, however, that the presence of death is not only a fact of war, but it is a fact of everyday life.

The season of Lent is a time when we are on the road from crucifixion and to resurrection. This is not a road we are called to travel on our own, but a road on which we follow Jesus—the one who is on the way to the cross. On his way to the cross, Jesus helps his disciples understand that death and dying (because of original sin) are part of life. We must incorporate this reality into our daily lives as well, in order to be fully faithful to our calling. As people of faith, we should not be afraid of death and dying. Let us boldly prepare for our heavenly journey. May we always rejoice in the glory and victory of the cross!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: “Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.” ~ Pope Francis

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Thomas: “I can't eat this. These are vegetables, Mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, now would you?”



STATIONS of the CROSS
Every Wednesday at 7pm during 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

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

7:00pm **In Thanksgiving** – The Da Maren Family
Intentions of Fr. Robert 65th Birthday

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

8:30am **Lillian Faulconbridge** – Mary Epoch
Donna Porteous

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

Thursday, March 16, 2023

8:30am **Rose Sabourin** – Eng Family

Friday, March 17, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Joanne Huber** – Mary Epoch
Intentions of Mac & Gail Brown – Berney & Gwen Sytsma

2:00pm **Mary's Way of the Cross**

Saturday, March 18, 2023

5:00pm **Intentions of Marie Correia** – Tove Schmidt
Intentions of Mac Brown – Elaine Taylor
Stasia Brohman – Elaine Taylor

Sunday, March 19, 2023

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

11:00am **Peter Rooyakker** – Grace Robinson
Magnus Schmidt – Tove Schmidt

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

March 13	Rev. Michael Downey
March 14	Rev. David Wilhelm
March 15	Lay Parish Ministers
March 16	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
March 17	Rev. Stephen Gilbert
March 18	Rev. George Stortz

Third Sunday of Lent - March 12, 2023

“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Installation of Fr. Robert Héту

His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby will be joining us at 9:00am Mass on Sunday, March 19th for the official installation of Fr. Robert Héту as pastor of St. Joseph Parish. Following the Mass, parishioners will be invited to join the Bishop and Fr. Robert for coffee and refreshments in the Hall.

Feast Of St. Joseph - March 20

On Monday, March 20th, Fr. Robert will be offering Mass at 7pm for the Feast of St. Joseph. CWL members are organizing some refreshments after the evening Mass to celebrate the Patron Saint of our Parish. All are welcome!

Diocesan Special Collection for Turkey & Syria

This is the last weekend for contributions to the Diocese's special collection for victims of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. If you still wish to donate, please drop off your envelope during the weekend or Monday, March 13th

Tax Receipts and Envelopes

2022 Income Tax Receipts and several boxes of 2023 Donation Envelopes are available in the Narthex for pickup.

Volunteer Recruitment Weekend

Join fellow Parishioners after any of the Masses on the Weekend of March 25 & 26 as we try to refill various volunteer positions which are currently empty. Please pray on how you might be able to help and learn more about the various positions available that weekend!

St. Joseph Guelph Easter Raffle

Knights of Columbus Guelph will again hold an **Easter Raffle** with all proceeds going to the **Ukraine Solidarity Fund**. There are over **35 great prizes in the raffle** such as baked goods, household items, gift cards, bicycles and three \$100 cash prizes. Go to our website at <https://kofcguelph.com/> to see all the prizes. Raffle Numbers (tickets) are available for \$5 for 1 or \$10 for 3. License no. 844266. **The draw will be at a Pot-Luck dinner on Sat., April 22nd at St. Joseph's Parish Hall.**

Please consider supporting this effort by purchasing Easter Raffle tickets or making a donation directly at www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html

You will be able **purchase numbers or donate funds** by phoning one of the following Knights: Ray Bolton at 519-261-1850; Larry Colero at 519-827-9737; Harry Jansen at 519-564-9804; Savio DeSouza at 416-618-3791 or Jim Gouin at 548-988-6294.

The Knights of Columbus from Guelph will be visiting St. Joseph Parish in Fergus on the weekend of **April 1 & 2, 2023** after each Mass to sell raffle tickets.

Staying Connected:

Are you a member of St. Josephs parish Fergus and are no longer able to attend Mass and church activities? Do you know a friend or family member who would like a visit, a phone call, or a copy of the parish bulletin to stay connected? Please advise the parish office of your contact information and in the coming weeks and months we will plan a way forward of connecting and supporting each other.

Catholic Women's League News

Are you interested in **Social Justice**? Our CWL needs a volunteer to be on our executive. No experience necessary. Join our team of ladies that work together and support each other. Please consider joining us!

Mary's Way Of The Cross

March 17, March 24 and March 31 at 2:00

Everyone is invited to the Church to join in praying this special version of the Way of the Cross which follows Mary, The Holy Mother of Jesus, as she follows her Son in anguish after He is condemned to death. CWL members will lead the prayer each week.

Funeral Lunches

Our parish CWL would like to offer the ministry of providing a reception, following the funerals of St. Joseph parish members. We would like to resume a time-honoured tradition and fundraiser for the CWL. Ladies volunteer their time to help provide funeral luncheons in many ways - by either organizing, working on food preparation, serving or helping with the cleanup. We are in need of volunteers who would be interested in helping in any way. If you can help, please email Joanne at jwgregson@sympatico.ca or call 519-843-4489

Upcoming Parish Events

March 11	CWL General Meeting, 10am
March 14	Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg
March 15	Stations of the Cross 7pm
March 17	Mary's Way of the Cross 2pm
March 19	Installation of Fr. Robert Héту by Bishop Crosby – 9:00am Mass
March 20	Mass for St. Joseph, 7pm
March 22	Stations of the Cross 7pm
March 24	Mary's Way of the Cross 2pm
March 28	Knights of Columbus General Mtg.
March 29	Stations of the Cross 7pm
March 29	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
March 30	Thursday Club, Noon
March 31	Mary's Way of the Cross 2pm

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