

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

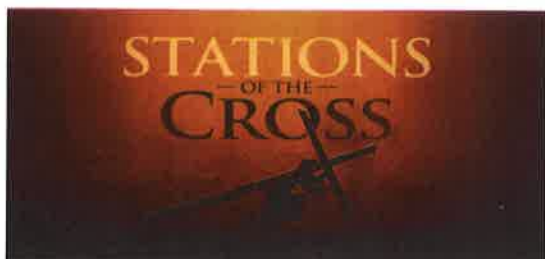


When Lloyd John Ogilvie was the newly appointed U.S. Senate Chaplain, he wrote that the previous year had been the most difficult one of his life. His wife had undergone five major surgeries, radiation treatment and chemotherapy. Several key staff team members moved on to other assignments, which added pressure and uncertainty to his work. Problems, which he could have tackled with gusto under ordinary circumstances, seemed to come from all directions. Discouragement lurked around every corner. Prayer was no longer a contemplative luxury, but the only way he could survive. He adds: "My own intercessions were multiplied by the prayers of others. Friendships were deepened as I was forced to allow people to assure me with words I had preached for years. No day went by without a conversation, letter or phone call giving me love and hope. The greatest discovery is that I can have joy when I don't feel like it." (David Wells, *Finding God in the Dark*, 1983.)

In addition to fasting and almsgiving, let us use this grace filled season of Lent to rediscover the importance of prayer in our lives for others and ourselves. On the night before Jesus was crucified, he prayed in the garden. It was difficult. He even sweated blood. As it is said, 'we were never promised a rose garden,' but even rose gardens are full of thorns. Like Jesus may we accept our daily crosses. May we always be confident of our victory and rejoice in the glory of the cross.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Susan: "Lance, did you know that your Facebook friends are praying that you give up Facebook for Lent?" Lance: "No I did not. Well at least I got more people praying this Lent!"



Join us for Stations of the Cross every Wednesday evening 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 7, 2023

7:00pm **Marianna & Vincenzo Pietropaolo** – Damiano Pietropaolo

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

8:30am **Ted Mestern** – Grace Robinson

700pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 9, 2023

8:30am **Rose Sabourin** – Jacqueline Héту

Friday, March 10, 2023

8:30am **Stasia Brohman** – Mary Epoch

Intentions of Mac & Gail Brown – Mo & John Rutherford

Saturday, March 11, 2023

5:00pm **Intentions of Dolores Schmidt** – Lavina Lobsinger

Ted Mestern – Pat Woode

Peter Rooyakker – Mary Kleingebbinck

Gracia & James Howard – Terri Wellstead

Sunday, March 12, 2023

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

11:00am **Joan Schumacher** – Cameron Schumacher

Walter Widziszewski and his deceased family members – The Family

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

March 6	Rev. Michael Downey
March 7	Rev. Pawel Jamroz
March 8	Disabled Persons
March 9	Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
March 10	Rev. Pablito Labado
March 11	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen

Second Sunday of Lent - March 5, 2023

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, please contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Come join the Knights of Columbus in the Hall for their Charity Breakfast this Sunday!!

Day of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse

A reminder that this Sunday, March 5th we will gather at 3pm in the Church for a Holy Hour of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse. Attached to the bulletin you will find a special prayer for this day from the CCCB.

St. Joseph Catholic Women's League News

Thank-you to everyone who participated in our last General Meeting! We were grateful to Father Robert for sharing essential moments in his journey with us. It was a very memorable and inspiring presentation.

Our **next General Meeting will be March 11 at 10:00** in the Parish Hall. A guest speaker from the Guelph and Wellington Hospice is scheduled. New members are always welcome!

Mary's Way Of The Cross Friday March 10 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. Lena Nudds (CWL - Faith Co-chair) will lead the prayer. Please join this special prayer during this Lenten season! All are welcome.

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@cwllhamilton.ca

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.

Did You Know...

Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>.

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 to celebrate this important occasion.

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!

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.

Diocesan Special Collection for Turkey & Syria

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, the Diocese will be taking up a special collection for those suffering from the damages of recent earthquakes in Turkey & Syria. If you wish to contribute to this humanitarian aid effort, please drop off your envelope either this weekend or next. Thank you for your compassion.

Upcoming Parish Events

March 4	Ministry Leader Meeting, 1pm
March 5	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
March 5	Holy Hour of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse - 3pm
March 8	Stations of the Cross 7pm
March 10	CWL Led "Mary's Way of the Cross" 2pm
March 11	CWL General Meeting, 10am
March 14	Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg
March 15	Stations of the Cross 7pm
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 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

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PRAYERS FOR THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Father, since your mercy has been revealed
in the tenderness of you Son Jesus Christ,
who said to his disciples:
“suffer the little children to come unto me”,
we pray that your Church may be a secure home
where all children and vulnerable adults
are brought closer to your Beloved Son.
May all those who have been abused
physically, emotionally and sexually by your ministers,
be respected and accompanied by tangible gestures
of justice and reparation so that they may feel healed
with the balm of your compassion.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Heavenly Father,
who loves and cares for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable,
we entrust to you the lives of the many children and vulnerable adults,
who have been sexually abused,
and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.
Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for so many broken lives.

We pray that within their communities and families
they may be healed, and they may again know peace.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who shared our weakness in all things but sin,
and lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever. Amen.

Source: *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops*



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MEMBERSHIP

Saturday, March 25th

4p.m- 7p.m

Sunday, March 26th

10a.m.- 1p.m

In Narthex immediately following
Mass.

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Scan QR Code and Join Online or contact:

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