

St. Joseph's Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

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

Please give our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Crosby, a warm welcome as he celebrates the 9:00 a.m. Mass this weekend for my formal installation as Pastor. Ad multos annos.

In 1815 Napoléon was leading the French toward domination of Europe. During the Battle of Waterloo, he led his army against the British, Dutch and German Allies under the command of Wellington. The people of England depended on a system of signal stations to find out how the battle was going. A man at each station would spell out words by using flags and shaping his body into symbols. One of these signal stations was on the tower of Winchester Cathedral.

Late in the day of June 18, it flashed the signal: “—W-E-L-L-I-N-G-T-O-N—D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D—” As the message was given, a sudden cloud of fog made it impossible to read any longer. The news of the defeat spread quickly throughout all of London and the neighbouring countryside. The people overwhelmingly grieved and were disheartened at the news that their country had lost the battle.

Then, just as quickly as it had come, the fog lifted. The people now discovered that they had not seen the whole message. There were actually four words to the news flash, not just two. The entire message was: “—W-E-L-L-I-N-G-T-O-N—D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D—T-H-E—E-N-E-M-Y—” in no time at all, the good news was spread, replacing the bleak message that had circulated. Sorrow was turned into joy, and defeat was turned into victory.

It is similar with the cross. Today's message: “—C-R-O-S-S—D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D—B-Y—R-E-S-U-R-R-E-C-T-I-O-N—” May we always rejoice in the glory and victory of the cross.

Please join me for Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Monday to celebrate the Feast of our parish patron saint, St. Joseph. Normally, it is celebrated on the 19th however, Sunday takes precedence. Mass will be followed by a time of fellowship with some light refreshments.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: “The best way to heal a broken heart is to give God all the pieces.” ~ Author Unknown

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Johnny: “What are you doing at McDonald's Paddy?” Paddy: “I am fasting for Lent.” Johnny: “You know Paddy, fasting doesn't mean eating fast food!”



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, March 20, 2023

7:00pm Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

8:30am Intentions of Madeline Widemeyer – Pamela Horricks

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

8:30am Debra Gartley – Mary Epoch

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 23, 2023

8:30am Rose Sabourin – Jacqueline Héту

Friday, March 24, 2023

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

Intentions of Joan Pollock – Colette Brodie

9:20am St. Joseph School Mass

2:00pm Mary's Way of the Cross

Saturday, March 25, 2023

5:00pm Intentions of Madeline Widemeyer – Pamela Horricks

Frank Campagnolo – Ted & Marlene Buczek,
Jane Douglas

Ed Liverance – Mary Epoch

Sunday, March 26, 2023

9:00am Jean-Marie Héту – The Héту Family

Intentions of Jim Gillen & Family – Buczek
Family

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

March 20	St. Joseph, Patron of Canada & the Universal Church
March 21	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka
March 22	Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
March 23	Rev. Piotr Golinski
March 24	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
March 25	Rev. George Stortz

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 19, 2023

“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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!

Tax Receipts and Envelopes

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

Hospice Wellington: Your Story Matters

On March 11 a presentation to the CWL was given by Hospice Wellington. Hospice Wellington provides compassionate care for individuals, their families, friends and caregivers facing a life-limiting illness, extending through bereavement. If you or someone you know, has been diagnosed with a life limiting illness or is grieving the loss of a loved one and needs support call 519-836-3921. Let the compassionate care team help you discover the many workshops and activities to support you every step of your journey. To learn of workshops, some virtual and other support activities check out the Hospice Wellington website.

www.hospicewellington.org Hospice Wellington has also partnered with the Victoria Park Senior Center and the Upper Grand Health Team in Fergus to offer some workshops. All Hospice Wellington services are provided at no cost to clients.

DATE CHANGE

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 15 & 16, 2023** after each Mass to sell raffle tickets.

Thursday Club

March 30, 2023 Pot Luck Luncheon

Let's enjoy a delicious luncheon to beat the February blues and welcome Spring! Come and join us on Thursday, March 30, at NOON in the Parish Hall of our beautiful church. All are welcome!! This month we have as our guest, Teresa Evans. She will give us information as to what goes on and how they respond when they receive a 911 call. In our "wonderful golden years, this could prove to be very helpful! Please remember to bring your set of dishes, silverware and of course, your favourite dish to share. If more information is needed, call Marie at 226-383-4195.

Next Weekend

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!

Young Adults Night – April 1st – Guelph

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, April 1st at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



Upcoming Parish Events

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 25 & 26	Volunteer Recruitment after each Mass
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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BISHOP OF HAMILTON

March 19, 2023

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Friends,

On the feast day of St. Joseph, we are given the perfect opportunity to reflect on our mission at St. Joseph's Health System: *Living the Legacy. Compassionate Care. Faith. Discovery.* Our Patron, St. Joseph, demonstrated the value of dedicated labour. As health care providers, we follow his example and the enduring legacy of our founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton, through a united system of care offering healing where possible, soothing the worried spirits of our patients, and demonstrating God's love through compassionate service "to the dear neighbour".

The past several years have pushed us beyond our comfort zone. COVID-19 swept through our communities without mercy, testing our skills, exhausting our spirits, and leaving many of us feeling unmoored in a new reality that was most often isolating, lonely, and gruelling. I am inspired by your steadfast commitment to the service of the sick and dying in our communities; even in our bleakest moments you held fast, weathered the storm, and shone as beacons of light and faith during dark moments.

As a health system, we are one of the largest corporations delivering care to our communities and within this ecosystem; you are each individually leaders and champions of our integrated care approach. Your commitment to excellence, innovation, and leadership from local to international levels has yielded so many achievements to be proud of and celebrate because they distinguish who we are as a united system. A few examples come to mind:

- *Evidence-based research, education, and evaluation to support the advancement of Integrated Care across Canada*
- *COVID Care @ Home Integrated Comprehensive Care Program*
- *Integrated Comprehensive Care*
- *International outreach programs and our work in partnership with Nunavut's Department of Health promoting thought leadership, skills development, administrative guidance, and improved care*
- *Compassionate care to patients wherever we meet them: long-term care, homecare, acute, chronic, mental health, and end of life care*
- *Nurturing whole person care with interdisciplinary team cooperation, including our robust spiritual care team.*

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We owe our gratitude to the individuals who generously volunteer their time on the member and foundation boards of our institutions, sharing their expertise, keeping us focused on our mission, vision, and values, while also ensuring good governance and stewardship throughout the year. Our leadership's teams must also be acknowledged for their unwavering dedication to the people we serve and the talented team who deliver on our promise of care daily. Your ability to work together for the benefit of all is inspiring.

As we celebrate everything we have accomplished together, we remain committed to the privilege of service embedded in our mission and vision as a health system and the values of dignity, respect, service, justice, responsibility, and enquiry that personify our leadership as healers and as people of faith.

Be assured of my continued support and that of the Diocese of Hamilton for each of you as you serve our patients and families with dedication, excellence and enthusiasm. I pray for you, sisters and brothers in Christ, in my daily prayers, as faithful leaders in our community and steadfast carers who serve those seeking help and who continually stretch out a hand of peace and love "to the more" in our communities.

Today, and everyday, as we serve in our respective roles, please remember that "we are all Sisters of St. Joseph".

Happy St. Joseph's day!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+ Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

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Guelph and Wellington County Catholic Parishes

Lenten Mission Retreat

Father Mike King – Diocese of Hamilton

“The wisdom of the desert, Flee, be silent, pray without ceasing.”



When: March 27, 28 and 29

Holy Hour each day from 6pm to 7pm

Monday – 7pm Spiritual Talk

Tuesday - 7pm Spiritual talk followed by a penance celebration.

Multiple priests will be available.

Wednesday - 7pm Mass with Extended Homily

**Place: St. Joseph Parish,
409 Paisley Road
Guelph, Ontario. N1H 2R4**