

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



One of the simplest and the most consoling hymns ever written is: "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer."

Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn a hundred and sixty-six years ago in 1857. He was a Christian missionary working in Canada, when he heard that his mother was seriously ill in Ireland. Joseph could not return home to be with her. Instead, he wrote her a consoling letter in which he enclosed the words of this timeless hymn and mailed it to her. Joseph Scriven offered to his mother in her illness the company and the comfort of Jesus. He knew that in times of illness and loneliness; there is no one who can give us better company and comfort than Jesus. We can have no greater friend than Jesus.

Lent is a good time to deepen our friendship with Jesus. Here in Wellington Deanery, we have a great opportunity to reestablish this friendship. All are invited to participate in a Lenten Mission Retreat at St. Joseph's Parish in Guelph from March 27-29. There will be a Holy Hour every day from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Monday – 7:00 p.m. a Spiritual talk. On Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. Spiritual talk followed by a penance celebration with several priests available, including myself. Please note that Mass here that day will be at 8:30 a.m. On Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Mass with extended homily. The theme for the Lenten Mission Retreat is: "The wisdom of the desert, flee, be silent, pray without ceasing."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Confession is an encounter with Jesus whose mercy motivates us to do better." ~ Pope Francis

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: After an atheist died, a friend looked at him in the casket, shook his head, and remarked: "How sad, all dressed up and no place to go."



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 28, 2023

8:30am Peter Rooyakker – Michael & Julie Reidy and Family

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

8:30am Intentions of Pat Clerkin
Yen Con & Ting Fai Eng – The Eng Family
700pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 30, 2023

8:30am Joe Krentz - Tove Schmidt
Elizabeth & Frances Clerkin

Friday, March 31, 2023

8:30am Lillian Faulconbridge – Mac & Gail Brown
2:00pm Mary's Way of the Cross

Saturday April 1, 2023

5:00pm Joan Schumacher – Cameron Schumacher
Jim & Stasia Brohman – Don & Barbara Cassidy
Intentions of Catherine Cyr – Jerome & Hope Lehman
Intentions of Mac & Gail Brown

Sunday, April 2, 2023

9:00am Intentions of the Parish
11:00am Thérèse Héту – The Héту Family
Peter Rooyakker – Betty Boyd

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

March 27	Very Rev. Stephen Murrin
March 28	Rev. Kevin D'Souza
March 29	Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada
March 30	Rev. Andrew Czarny
March 24	Rev. Msgr. Martin Valley
April 1	Rev. Michael King

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 26, 2023

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? 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

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:

Tuesday, March 28th – Penance Celebration at St. Joseph – Guelph at 7:00pm
 Wednesday, March 29th 6:00pm – 7:00pm
 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

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, a Paramedic. 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.

Michael House Presentation – Saturday 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.

Parenting Tip Of The Month

Family is the most powerful influencer in any person's life. What we learn from our family has lifetime implications, influencing how we act, see ourselves and feel about others. As parents, it is important that we do not treat our children as mini-adults, but instead view them as a child of a certain age. There are normal patterns to children's brain development and when we understand those stages, we can more fully understand how to love, teach, discipline and support our children throughout their lives. Family and faith provide a solid foundation for each child when parents take the time to learn about their child's developmental age and ability.

Upcoming Parish Events

March 25 & 26	Volunteer Recruitment after each Mass
March 27, 28, 29	Wellington County Lenten Mission Retreat St. Joseph – Guelph, 7pm (See March 19 th Bulletin) including penance celebration on March 28 th
March 28	Knights of Columbus General Mtg.
March 29	Stations of the Cross 7pm
March 29	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
March 29	Extra Confession Time 6pm to 7pm
March 30	Thursday Club, Noon
March 31	Mary's Way of the Cross 2pm
April 1	Extended Confession times 3:30pm to 4:30pm
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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