

# 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 Hétu



The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*, and it is also the *World Day of Prayer for vocations*. The scripture readings for today concern the role of the shepherds of God's flock in the Church. Each year on this weekend, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock. The title Pastor means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock—responsibilities that belong to every church leader. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of the good shepherd. Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a shepherd and his flock to describe the unique relation of God to Israel and of Jesus to the Christian community.

The first reading is from St. Peter's first sermon on the day of Pentecost. He reminds his Jewish listeners that they have crucified their true Shepherd. Hence, they need to receive the forgiveness of their sin by getting baptized in the name of Jesus, acknowledging the Risen Jesus as their Lord and Saviour as he commanded. Psalm 23, our responsorial psalm today, introduces the Lord as the Good Shepherd who cares for us, his sheep, providing for our needs.

In the second reading, St. Peter encourages the suffering Christians to follow the footsteps of their Good Shepherd, Jesus, the 'suffering servant,' realizing the truth that it is his suffering and death, which have enabled them (and us) to become more fully the children of God. In today's Gospel, two brief parables reveal Jesus as the unique "gate" to eternal salvation and as a selfless, caring "shepherd" who provides his sheep protection and life itself.

We need to become good shepherds and good leaders. Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, caregivers, among others, are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents and blessings for their welfare, and good leaders by guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties by giving good example to their children and training them in Christian principles. Let us be good shepherds and good leaders by following the example of Jesus.

During the month of Mary, let us turn to our Beloved Mother for guidance and assistance in making the world a better place for everyone. Please pray for our four soon to be ordained priests. They will be ordained on Saturday, May 6, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. Ad multos annos.



**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 May 2, 2023

7:00pm **Joan Schnarr** – John & Jean Paul

#### Wednesday, May 3, 2023

8:30am **Maddy Widmeyer** – Pamela Horrick  
**Toph Martin** – Jean Martin

#### Thursday May 4, 2023

8:30am **Doug Nicklasson** – Margaret Duffield

#### Friday, May 5, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of the Catholic Education  
Community**

9:20 am **St. Joseph School Mass & May Crowning**

#### Saturday, May 6, 2023

5:00pm **Stasia Brohman** – Terri Wellstead & Lena Nudds  
**Donna Porteous** – Molly Myers  
**Basil Krusky** – Pat Woode  
**Intentions of Bernie & Gwen Sytsma** –  
Elaine Taylor

#### Sunday, May 7, 2023

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

11:00am **Peter Rooyakker** – Paul & Cathy Goetz  
**Intentions of Diane Rooyakker & Family** –  
Trevor & Angela Klein & Family  
**Michael James Kelly** – The Choir  
**Douglas Nicklasson** -Ted & Marlene Buczek

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

May 1	Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
May 2	Rev. William Foote
May 3	Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate
May 4	Rev. Terence Sehl
May 5	Rev. Scott Whitfield
May 6	St. Francois De Laval – Patron of the Bishops of Canada

### Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 30, 2023 –

#### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and keep oneself from sin." ~ Pope Pius XI

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?" One man stepped forward. "Aye, Captain, I know how to pray." "Good," said the captain, "You pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets—we're one short."

### **Knights of Columbus May Breakfast**

Please join us on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> 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. We look forward to continue welcoming back familiar faces from our past breakfasts!

### **National Hospice Palliative Care Week**

The first week of May is designated as National Hospice Palliative Care Week. Please refer to the website, [hospicewellington.org](http://hospicewellington.org) to learn of palliative care, support for families and caregivers, community support with public workshops, grief and bereavement support. Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> is a day of prayer for palliative care. On May 8, there is a zoom workshop 7-9pm. Horizons of Hope Palliative Care. To register, [shailaflavy@gmail.com](mailto:shailaflavy@gmail.com). Indicate Hamilton Diocese.

### **Bus to the National March for Life in Ottawa: Thursday, May 11, 2023**

Book a seat on a coach bus, provided by Guelph & Area Right to Life, and join with thousands on Parliament Hill to demand protection for the most vulnerable members of our society. All are welcome to join! Please reserve your spot no later than May 1st by contacting the GARTL office at 519-836-6311 or email [info@guelfhforlife.com](mailto:info@guelfhforlife.com). Cost: \$30 per seat.

### **Congratulations Young People**

The members of the Catholic Women's League congratulate the Gr. 2's and Gr. 7's from St. Joseph School who recently received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. Gifts were distributed to the Gr. 2's and Gr. 7's on behalf of the CWL.

### **NEW!!! CWL Spring Walking Group**

All ladies welcome! We will walk the trails in our community on Wednesday evenings 6 -7 pm. Meet at the parking lot on Beatty Line next to the Elora Cataract Trail. For more information phone or text Sue at 519-856-4501 or email: [sbeatty14@gmail.com](mailto:sbeatty14@gmail.com)

### **Caressant Care Masses to Resume**

Fr. Robert is pleased to advise that he will be resuming monthly Masses at Caressant Care. The first Mass will take place on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m.

### **Catholic Education Week 2023**

Catholic Education Week 2023 begins this Sunday, April 30, 2023. This year's theme is "*We are Many, We are One*". Please see the attached flyer and letter from Bishop Crosby to learn more.

### **CWL MOTHER/DAUGHTER/FRIEND TEA - May 13**

**12:30 - MOM'S MARKET** - Visit the vendors

**1:00 - TEA PARTY** in the Church Hall

Our guest speaker will be Joyce Cotter, President of the Diocesan CWL. Delicious sandwiches, salad, sweets, tea, lemonade, live music, trivia, prizes. Tickets are \$5.00pp and are available after Masses in the Narthex.

### **Catholic Women's League of St. Joseph Council 2023 Scholarship**

Are you entering the first year of an accredited college, trade school or university? Applications for a scholarship from the Catholic Women's League are available in the Narthex are due back by June 4th.

### **Looking For a Volunteer To help with Church Wood Care**

For many years we have been blessed to have Don Doyle looking after the care of our front wooden doors, pews and on hand to offer advice on painting, staining and varnishing. Don has decided it is time for him to hang up his paint brush and is hoping that someone will step forward to take his place in keeping our Church's wood in tiptop shape. Don would be happy to teach you everything you need to know. If you think you might be interested in taking this on, please call the Church at 519-843-2006.

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

May 5	St. Joseph School Mass & May Crowning
May 6	Baptismal Prep Class 9am-11am
May 7	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
May 9	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
May 10	Caressant Care Mass 2pm
May 13	Mother, Daughters & Friends Tea 12:30pm
May 14	Come celebrate Fr. Ken's 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary or Ordination and Fr. Robert's 37 <sup>th</sup> . Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will join us! 11am Mass
May 23	Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30pm
May 25	Thursday Club Luncheon, Noon
May 31	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 4pm







## BISHOP OF HAMILTON

### MESSAGE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2023

The theme for Catholic Education Week this year is “*We are many, we are one*”. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes, “We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another.” (Romans 12:5) Diversity and variety of gifts are a great blessing! We are all called to be distinctly ourselves; images of the Creator, and yet unified as one family, one body in Christ. The celebration of diversity and unity can bring hope and healing to our world.

Our Catholic Education community in the Diocese of Hamilton contributes to this important work. It is in the classroom where our children are encouraged to discern their unique giftedness, and have it nurtured through a variety of learning opportunities. It is through such collaborative work that educators and staff in our Catholic Schools find joy in their vocation of service to one another and the broader community. It is through prayerful support that our parishes and schools stand in solidarity with one another, on common ground, nourishing the faith formation of all those involved in the life and legacy of Catholic Education. We are one body, and we are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ.

As a Catholic community, we journey together with our Catholic Schools. In preparation for the *Synod: Communion, Participation, Mission*, we ask the question, “How does our journeying together allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel?” We ask the same question in relationship to our Catholic Schools. When we journey together in trust, we break down barriers, and promote true encounter. When we listen to one another, we can see with “new eyes” and find commonality, even in our differences. Listening becomes welcoming. We learn patience, empathy, and support - we learn how to thrive, together.

The call of the Synod and the call of this year’s theme for Catholic Education Week is to, “Enlarge the space of our tent” (Isaiah 54:2). This can mean stretching beyond our comfort zones, and learning to love our neighbor without limitations. We make room for everyone, for everything belongs to God, and is worthy of the reverence and respect that our Creator God gives us. May our Catholic learning communities continue to be places of hospitality and dignity, for they play an important part in the work of the missionary Church.

Thank you to our leaders in Catholic education; the priests of our diocese, the pastoral workers, chaplaincy leaders, trustees, administrators, teachers, support staff, parents and guardians who build up the Body of Christ each day with prayerful witness and attitudes of generosity and joy. Thank you for your dedication to Catholic education and to the youth of our Diocese.

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May this celebration of Catholic Education Week be a recommitment for our Diocesan community, to walk together as one family, united in common mission, charity and love.

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

May 1, 2023

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

**WE ARE  
MANY,  
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Catholic Education Week 2023 begins on Sunday, April 30, 2023. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "*We are Many, We are One.*"

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2023 was inspired by the following considerations:



The Church worldwide has embarked on a synodal process, "a synod on synodality," which centres on intentional listening: listening to each other and listening to the Holy Spirit. We have each been asked to actively reach out and listen to the voices and experiences of people where they are at and consider what steps the Holy Spirit is inviting us to take as we walk together. As the Catholic Bishops of Ontario highlighted in *Renewing the Promise*, "It is about taking the time to walk alongside one another, to listen and to teach, and in doing so, to transform."



Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the importance of Indigenous culture and spirituality as we move forward together.



The Ministry of Education's focus on Inclusion and Equity resonates with all educators and administrators as we desire to serve all of God's children and Pope Francis' encyclical entitled, *Fratelli Tutti*, will guide us in this good work.



The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.

The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, "*We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another.*" (Romans 12:5)

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