

St. Joseph's Parish

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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 Hétu 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



During the weeks after Easter, the Church puts us in touch with the first men and women who experienced the Risen Jesus in an attempt to deepen our appreciation and understanding of this great miracle. Initially after the death of Jesus, they were at a loss, as we saw with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. It was only through their experiences of the Risen Lord that they began to understand that the 'Jesus events as works of God,' which forever changed the course of human history.

As the early believers explained in today's first two readings from Acts and Peter, Jesus was sent according to the set plan and purpose of God; through his dying and his resurrection God has worked miracles, signs, and wonders in their (our) midst. All their (our) faith and hope as believers are centered on this mystery. Matthew, in his gospel, told his readers that they would find and experience Jesus in the 'hungry' when they fed them; in the 'thirsty' when they gave a drink of water; in the 'stranger' to whom they gave a welcome; in the 'naked' whom they clothed, in the 'sick' whom they cared for and in the 'prisoner' whom they visited. In another passage, Matthew assured his contemporaries of an experience of the presence of Jesus whenever and wherever two or three would gather together in his name. (Matthew 25:35-36, 18:20)

In today's Gospel, Luke reminds us and all believers that the ultimate encounter with the permanent presence of the Risen Jesus comes in the breaking open of the word and in the breaking of the bread. May we always recognize Jesus is in the Bible—the Word of God and in the Eucharist—the Bread of Life. Eternal food for our journey.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light." ~ Helen Keller

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: A priest, a minister, and a rabbi wanted to see who's best at his job. So each one goes into the woods, finds a bear, and attempts to convert it. Later, they all get together. The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the catechism and sprinkled him with holy water." "I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's Holy Word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him." They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."



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 April 25, 2023

8:30am **Souls in Purgatory** **Note Time Change**
7:00pm **Confirmation with Bishop Crosby (No Mass)**

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

8:30am **Bob Landoni** – Laurie Landoni

Thursday, April 27, 2023

8:30am **Ed Huber** - Joanne Huber
Intentions of Brian Darnell – Joanne Huber

Friday, April 28, 2023

8:30am **Mary Anne Durdle** – Tove Schmidt
John Kuhnen – Margaret Duffield

Saturday April 29, 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, April 30, 2023

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**
11:00am **Peter Rooyakker** – Paul & Cathy Goetz

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

April 24 Rev. Alberto Ferreira
April 25 Rev. Khalid Karomi
April 26 Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
April 27 Rev. Gary Schlack
April 28 Rev. Bradley Markus
April 29 Rev. Edward Henoeffer



The young people of our Parish have been working diligently to prepare to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. This Sunday, April 23rd at 2pm we will celebrate First Communion and on Tuesday, April 25th Bishop Crosby will be here for Confirmation at 7pm (note our weekday Mass time has been changed for that day to 8:30am). Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

This weekend we will take up a collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, as mentioned in last week's bulletin. We will continue to accept collections for another week or so before forwarding to the Hamilton Diocese.

April Thursday Club Luncheon

Let's enjoy the arrival of Spring with our fellow parishioners and celebrate with a luncheon! All are welcome on Thursday, April 27 at NOON in the Parish hall. Come and listen to Father Robert, our pastor. I'm sure he will have some interesting information and facts to share! Remember to bring your set of dishes and silverware and of course a dish. Call Marie at 226-383-4195 if you need more information.

Our Lady of Good Council Feast & Novena

Our Lady of Good Council is the patroness of The Catholic Women's League and her feast day is celebrated on April 26. The novena honouring Our Lady begins on April 17 and can be found at www.praymorenovenas.com

Parenting Tip Of The Month

As spring begins we see new life erupting everywhere. This is a great chance to point out the beauty of God's creation to your children, as buds form, trees bloom and flowers grow. Remind them of God's creative power and how he created all this for us, but also gave us the task of caring for His creation. We must nurture and protect God's created world. It is also a chance to remind them that life too has cycles and we can begin anew – the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to seek forgiveness and start anew, just as nature does each spring!

Marriage Tip Of The Month

Easter provides us with a clear picture of how much God loves us, since he sent his son to die on the Cross so we could have eternal life. Easter highlights the importance of forgiveness and our call as Catholics to forgive both ourselves and others. Marriage is an essential place to put this call to forgive into action. Forgiveness means we let go of issues, after discussing and working them out, and then move forward in love. It means showing mercy when mistakes are made and remembering that forgiving allows us to put love first. So, remember to forgive in your marriages so you can both find a place of peace.

What's Coming Up for the CWL

Enclosed with this bulletin you will find information on the following CWL news:

Mother Days & Friends Tea – May 13

CWL Spring Walking Group

St. Joseph Scholarship Information

Be sure to check it out!



Pope St. John Xx National Seminary

Consider a Priestly Call! Take a risk for God! Enter the mission field where bold action meets lasting outcomes. Over 750 priest alumni discerned a sacred call later in life. Maturity with God's grace can move mountains. Can you leave it all to follow Christ? Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA is offering the latest in its 'First' Friday Visits program on May 5, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Holy Hour and Evening Prayer. Option to attend in-person or virtually. In-person includes dinner with the seminarians and a tour. Virtual includes a Zoom visit following Holy Hour. Make a resolution to be courageous. Consider a priestly call. Contact: msgf.fay@psjs.edu or 781.899.5500 ext. 134. www.psjs.edu.



Prayer For Spring

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Upcoming Parish Events

April 25	Confirmation with Bishop Crosby at 7pm (weekday Mass will be at 8:30am, not 7pm)
April 26	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 4pm
April 26	CWL Spring Walking Group begins – 6pm at Beatty Line & Hill St W
April 27	Thursday Club Luncheon, Noon
May 6	Baptismal Prep Class 9am-11am
May 7	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
May 9	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
May 13	Mother, Daughters & Friends Tea 12:30PM
May 23	Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30pm

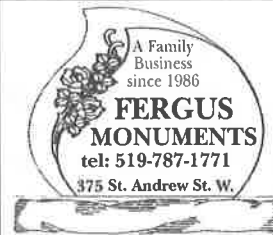
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*Mothers,
Daughters, &
Friends Tea*

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Mom's Market at 12:30 PM

Tea Party at 1:00 PM

Enjoy sandwiches, sweet treats,
lemonade, and tea.

Live music, trivia, and prizes!

Tickets are \$5 per person, available
after Masses.





CWL Spring Walking Group

**All ladies are invited to join in a new
recreational walking group, starting on
April 26, 2023.**

Wednesdays at 6 PM

**Meet in the parking lot at the intersection
of Beatty Line and Hill St. W, next to the
Elora Cataract Trail.**

**For more information, email Sue at
sbeatty14@gmail.com**





**The Catholic Women's League
St. Joseph's Parish
760 St. David Street North
Fergus, Ontario**

April 22, 2023

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 2023 SCHOLARSHIP**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada St. Joseph Council, Fergus. A scholarship is awarded every year to a high school or home schooled student from our Parish entering the first year of studies at an accredited college, trade school or university. This scholarship is not based on academic excellence nor financial need. The following criteria must be met:

That the student

- is entering the first year of an accredited college, trade school or university
- is a practicing Catholic as verified by our Parish Priest
- is active in Church activities; i.e. altar server, choir member, volunteer with the Catholic Women's League St. Joseph Council or Knights of Columbus as verified by the applicable member of St. Joseph's Parish

A maximum of 3 scholarships are available each year.

Deadline for Applications:	June 4
Notification of Acceptance:	June 6
Presentation:	11:00 a.m. Mass Sunday June 18

Application forms are available at the Catholic Women's League of Canada St. Joseph Council table in the Narthex.