

St. Joseph's Parish

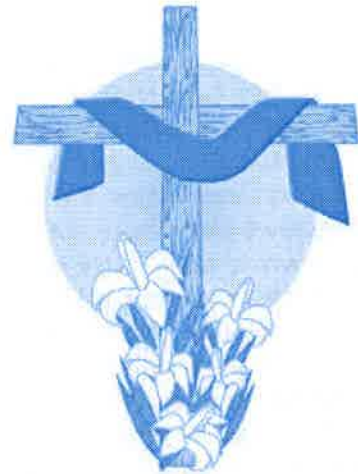
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An Easter People

For you and for me
Jesus came to earth
From sin to set us free
And give us new birth



Despite His pain and strife
Out of love for us all
Jesus gave up His life
Answering the Father's call

After three days in the tomb
He rose on that third day
Overcoming our despair and gloom
Showing us the way

From the highest steeple
Let us boldly proclaim
We are an Easter People
And be proud of our name



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(From the book - *An Easter People* by Fr. Robert Héту)

From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Robert Héту



Pope Francis reminds us that: "The Lord is alive and wants to be sought among the living. After having found him, each person is sent out by him to announce the Easter message, to awaken and resurrect hope in hearts burdened by sadness, in those who struggle to find meaning in life."

Most churches on Easter Sunday were packed. Families and individuals filling every nook and cranny of the churches. Easter lilies were everywhere. Unfortunately, we can be distracted noticing little things that we wished were a little different so that it would make it more engaging for people who are not regulars. If the song selection was better, the singers were a little louder, or if the pews were more comfortable, maybe, just maybe they would come back next Sunday. We just wanted to seize the moment, capture the opportunity, 'to win one for the Gipper.' While any of our nitpicky judgements might have added something to an already wonderful celebrations, it would not have made a difference for those we wanted to capture. As regulars, sometimes we want to control not only the strategies, but people's hearts and desire. We want to make them want to believe in the vision, the idea, or the Lord. Often, we fail to realize that the invitation is where our role ends.

As the Holy Father says, "the Lord wants to be sought among the living." We cannot create desire, but we can model it. Ultimately, what will capture the interest of potential seekers is not our observation about songs, pews, etc., but rather the seeker's observation of our life, throughout the whole year, and how it "announces the Easter message" or maybe 'leaves something else to be desired.' The challenge is for us to be an 'Easter People' every day. Now the question is—do we live daily as an 'Easter People'? Yes, Jesus is Risen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Wishing all a most Blessed and Glorious Easter and Easter Season

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Our baptismal call is not a spectator sport. It demands every gift we know and even the ones we aren't confident we have...for the love of God." ~ Daniel Cellucci



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 11, 2023

7:00pm **Robert Landoni** – Grace Robinson
Peter Rooyakker – Knights of Columbus
Ben Rider – The Reidy Family

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

8:30am **Stasia Brohman** – Catholic Women's League
Sheila Turnnidge – Michael Turnnidge

Thursday, April 13, 2023

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

Friday, April 14, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Richard Kocyla**
9:20am **St. Joseph School Mass**

Saturday April 15, 2023

5:00pm **Don Wellstead** – Terri Wellstead
The Deceased members of the Howard Family
Shirley Vandervoort – Barb & Gord Vandervoort
Bob Landoni – Marry Waterman

Sunday, April 16, 2023

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**
11:00am **Peter Rooyakker** – St. Joseph's 11am Choir

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

April 10	Rev. Archange Kébé
April 11	Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.
April 12	Permanent Deacons
April 13	Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel
April 14	Rev. John Schnurr
April 15	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz

Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023

"He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism, He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters or consecrated virgins. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: One Easter Sunday a parishioner was coming out of church. The Pastor was standing at the door shaking hands. So, he grabbed the man by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" The man replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "Why do I only see you only at Christmas and Easter?" The parishioner whispered back, "I'm in the secret service Father."

Michael House Presentation – Sat. 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.

The Cost of Caring-Compassion Fatigue

The Cost of Caring-Compassion Fatigue- what does it look like, what strategies help to prevent it?

Wednesday June 14 10:30-12:00pm

Victoria Park Seniors Centre-150 Albert Street West, Fergus. Call to register 519-846-9691 ext. 204

Knights of Columbus Guelph Easter Raffle

The Knights from St. Joseph Guelph will be visiting us **next weekend** as they are once again selling tickets for an Easter Raffle. Proceeds will go towards support of the Ukraine Solidarity Fund. The Easter Raffle draw will take place on Saturday, April 22nd in St. Joseph's Parish Hall Guelph at a Pot-Luck dinner. For information regarding the Raffle or Pot Luck Dinner, please contact the Ray Bolton at 519-261-1850

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Larry Colero at 519-827-9737 (coleri1955@icloud.com);

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at 416-618-3791 (savioleon@gmail.com) or Jim Gouin

at 548-988-6294 (jgouin12011@gmail.com).

Payment for tickets can be made by cash, E-transfer to coleri1955@icloud.com or cheque made out to Knights of Columbus Council 10631.

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Catholic Women's League News

- A special welcome to new members who have recently joined the League! We look forward to getting to know you!
- Thank-you to all those who gathered at the Church to pray Mary's Way of the Cross during Lent with our CWL members.
- Our next CWL meeting will be our Annual General Meeting and will take place in the Marian Room in the Church Hall at 1:30 on April 22nd. After a short meeting we will have the opportunity to join the Michael House Presentation at 2:00.
- The CWL Diocesan 103rd Anniversary Convention is on May 6-7 in Hamilton, Ontario. See the cwlhamilton.ca website for more information and registration.
- An afternoon Tea Party is being planned for Saturday, May 13 at 1:00 in our Church Hall. All ladies along with their daughters, moms, grandmothers, sisters and friends are invited to a celebratory tea in honour of Mother's Day. More details will be shared soon!

St. Joseph Lending Library

We are losing our volunteer Librarian, Pamela DaMaren, and are in need of someone who would be interested in taking over the tasking of managing our Lending Library. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at 519-843-2006. Our thanks to Pamela for her wonderful work on this project and we wish her and her family well!

Upcoming Parish Events

April 11	Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg, 7:30pm
April 15	Knights of Columbus Guelph Selling Raffle tickets for Fundraiser for Ukraine
April 22	CWL General Meeting 1:30pm
April 22	Michael House Presentations 2pm
April 23	First Communion, 2pm
April 25	Confirmation with Bishop Crosby at 7pm (weekday Mass will be at 8:30am, not 7pm)
April 25	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
April 26	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 4pm
April 26	Thursday Club Luncheon, Noon

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