

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 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

Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into heavenly glory after promising his disciples the Holy Spirit as their source of heavenly power, and after commanding them to bear witness to him by their lives and by preaching throughout the world.

Leonardo da Vinci had started to work on a large canvas in his studio. For a while, he worked at it—choosing the subject, planning the perspective, sketching the outline, applying the colours, with his own inimitable genius. Then suddenly he stopped working on it. Summoning one of his talented students, the master invited him to complete the work. The horrified apprentice protested that he was both unworthy and unable of completing the great painting, which his master had begun. Yet, da Vinci silenced him. "Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?"

Similarly, Jesus our Master began to spread the Good News two thousand years ago by what he said and did, and supremely, by what he suffered. Jesus illustrated his message, and he has left us to finish the picture. Will his life not inspire us to finish the picture? This is the message of the Ascension. Also, we must not forget that the ascended Jesus is still with us through the indwelling Holy Spirit as he has promised, *"I am with you always, to the end of the ages."*

Today's feast of the Ascension of the Lord is a celebration of the glory of Jesus after his suffering, death, and resurrection—a glory in which we also hope to share. With confidence, let us boldly continue the work of Jesus, our Lord and Master. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

"The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church. It is a task and mission, which the vast and profound changes of present-day society make all the more urgent. Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize." ~ Pope St. Paul VI

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:

The Feast of the Ascension, celebrating the day that Jesus began to work from home.



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 23, 2023

7:00pm **Intentions of Sonny Clerkin**

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

8:30am **Agnes Givens and Mollie Naburrs – Leo Givens**

Thursday May 25, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Tove Schmidt – Leo Givens**

Friday, May 26, 2023

8:30am **Harold Folmeg – Gordon and Barbara**

Saturday, May 27, 2023

5:00pm **Doug MacLean – Anne MacLean**

Peter Rooyakker- Anne Jaques

Intentions of Fr. Robert Héту & Family – Thursday Club

Intentions of Fr. Ken Miskiewicz – Terri Wellstead

Sunday, May 28, 2023

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

11:00am **Margaret Shaw – Don & Bev. Seim**

Intentions of Barbara & Tom Stark – Grace Robinson

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

May 22	Rev. Peter Meyer
May 23	Rev. Emmanuel Olusola
May 24	Barnabite Fathers (C.R.S.P.)
May 25	Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
May 26	St. Philip Neri, Patron Saint of Canadian Home Mission Work
May 27	Rev. Robert Héту

Ascension of the Lord - May 21, 2023

Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive – June 3rd

St. Joseph's / St. Mary Knights of Columbus council #15333 are having a Bottle Drive on Saturday June 3rd from 10:00am - 2:00pm located at St. Joseph's in Fergus, all proceeds go to our community fund-raising efforts for Fergus and Elora communities.

Thursday Club Luncheon May 25, 2023

We are well into the month of May and almost at the end of our Pot Luck season! Our next Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 25 at NOON in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! Bring a guest, a friend, a relative! Our speakers this month will be the O.P.P. who will cover the topic of Scams and Fraud especially to vulnerable people e.g. the elderly, grandparents etc. This should be a very informative and enlightening presentation. Please remember to bring your set of dishes, cutlery, and MUG as well as a dish to share! If more info is needed please contact Marie at 226-383-4195.

CWL June 17th General Meeting

All members of the CWL are encouraged to participate in the June meeting at which time a presentation mandated by the National Council entitled "Unity Outreach" will be presented. This is your chance to give your input for future Strategic Planning. Every voice counts, so come out and give your opinions. Mark your calendars for June 17th at 11 am in the Parish Hall. Bring along your favourite dish for the Potluck to follow. Hope to see you there.

Chalice Sponsorship Weekend

Chalice is coming to St. Joseph Parish! At the June 10-11 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.



**The Church Office will be closed
on Monday, May 22**

**Alliance of Life Ontario Conference
"Speaking Life into our Culture"**

Alliance for Life Ontario and Hamilton Right to Life, with the support of the Diocesan Family Ministry Office, cordially invite you to register for our dinner and conference which will be held Friday June 16th at Michelangelo Banquet Centre Hamilton and the Nicholas Mancini Centre (behind the Chancery Office) on Saturday June 17th 2023. Speakers Dr William Lile, Teresa Hartnett, Alex Schadenberg and Jakki Jeffs. Urgent Life issues which require our attention and our prayers will be discussed. We hope to see you there. Contact aflo@mgl.ca Text or call 519 820 3399.

**You're Invited to the
Traditional Annual Corpus Christi Procession
St. Boniface Church in Maryhill**

Sunday, June 11th, 2023, immediately after the 11 a.m. Mass to the two outdoor altar houses followed by St. Boniface Festival Picnic on the old School grounds. Bring a lawn chair and picnic lunch or BBQ hamburgers will be available. There will be live music, children's fish pond, games, bake table, horseshoes, community ball game. Raffle for large basket worth \$200.00

**Faces of Abortion Tour
A National Tour Across All 10 Provinces**

In Canada every day, nearly 300 children are killed by abortion – faceless and nameless. This summer CCB^R* is travelling across the country with photos of the faces of abortion victims that have never been seen before on Canadian streets, to change hearts and minds on abortion. At each stop, there will be an evening presentation from CCB^R speakers on The Faces of Abortion and how to take action to end the killing. (*Canadian Centre for Bio Ethical Reform)

The closest stop for this tour will take place in Waterloo on **Tuesday, June 20** at 7pm at Trinity Bible Chapel, 1373 Lobsinger Line. For details visit endthekilling.ca/tour.

Upcoming Parish Events

May 22	Church closed for Holiday
May 23	Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30pm
May 25	Thursday Club Luncheon, Noon
May 31	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 4pm
June 3	Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive 10am – 2pm
June 4	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
June 4	CWL Scholarship Application Deadline

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