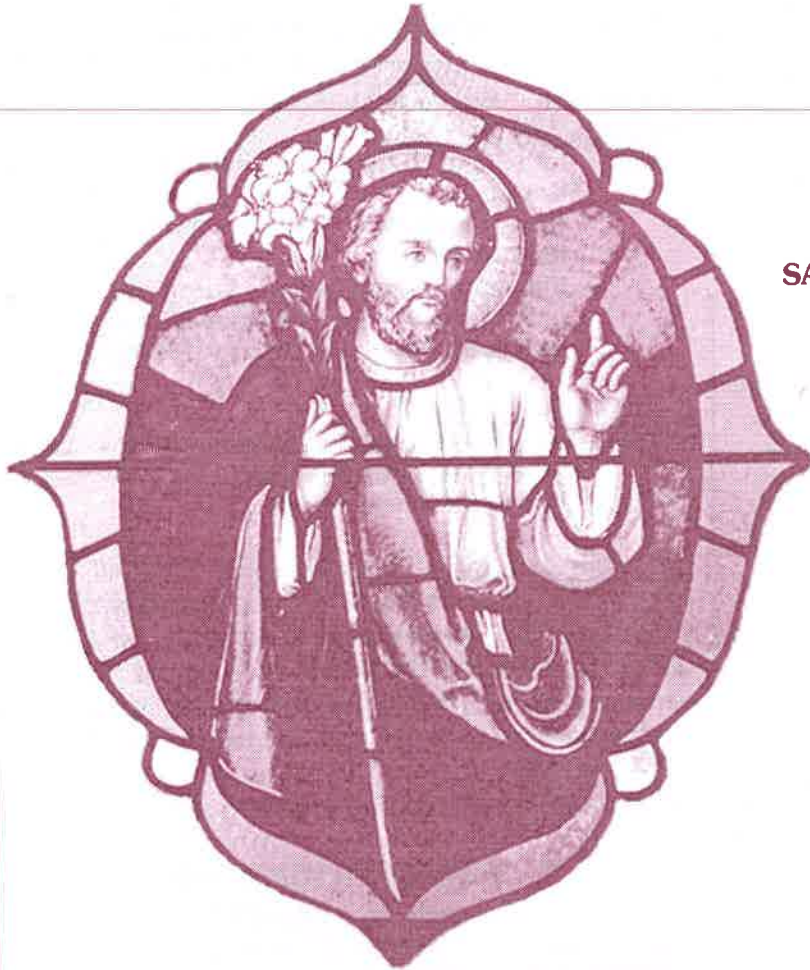


# St. Joseph's Parish

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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



Pope Francis reminds us, "Quite a few years of life have strengthened [my] conviction that each and everyone's existence is deeply tied to that of others: life is not time merely passing by, life is about interactions." Starting July 16 and for the next couple of weeks, I will be visiting a friend in the US. When travelling to the States the notion of 'duty free' always comes up. So, I thought about another friend, who told me that she does not practice the Catholic faith because she does not like 'all the obligations.' Juxtaposing the two experiences, I thought about the difference between 'obligation' and 'duty.' Doing a quick Google search, the difference between the two words seemed marginal at best. It was clear to me was that I practice my faith as a duty, and my friend felt obliged.

Perhaps the difference is in the Holy Father's words. "Do we understand our lives and faith as a duty to protect, to preserve, to pass down? Or, do we feel constrained and obligated to a job, a task, or a relationship that is forced upon us?" If I am honest, it might depend on the day. Understanding my 'tie to others' and embracing my duty may free me from feeling obliged and help me more fully realize how God's calling me (and all of us) to serve. May our faith be truly 'duty free,'—a duty that truly frees us.

On the weekend of July 22-23, let us welcome Msgr. Dennis Noon, who will cover the weekend Masses while I am away.

Parlez-vous français? Oui certainement! Do you speak French? Yes of course! On the last Sunday of July and the first Sunday of August I will be in Georgetown and Milton. I will be replacing Fr. Jonas of Sacré-Cœur in Georgetwon as he attends World Youth Day in Portugal. If you think that you are going to miss me, I will be here for the Saturday Masses. I want to also thank everyone for understanding. A 'Big Thank You' to Fr. Bill Trusz, newly retired priest, who will cover the Sunday Masses. As *moltos annos*.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "When I have a problem, I ask St. Thérèse [of Lisieux] not to solve it, but to take it in her hands and help me to accept it." ~ Pope Francis

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** The pastor was shocked when he heard that an elderly parishioner had just made his first parachute jump with the local sky-divers club. He scolded the man for doing such a 'crazy thing.' "But," elderly parishioner redponded, "I'm so close to heaven up there." "Yes," the priest replied, "but you're going the wrong way!"



**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

**July 17 - 23, 2023**

**July 17 – 21 No Weekday Masses**

**Saturday, July 22, 2023**

5:00pm **Intentions of Mary Kleingebbinck – Mac & Gail Brown**

**Diana VanDerPryt – Catholic Women's League**

**Emmett Rogers**

**Elisabeth Kochendorfer – Susan Barth**

**Lino Pigozzo – Theresa Pigozzo & Family**

**Guiseppe Dorenzo – Damiano Pietropaolo**

**Sunday July 23, 2023**

9:00am **Larry Cyr and the Deceased members of the Cyr & Kowalchuk Families**

11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 16, 2023**

Let anyone with ears listen! Do you hear God's call for you in your life? Have you considered the way of loving called "priesthood", "diaconate" or "religious or consecrated life"? 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)

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

**July 24 - 30, 2023**

**July 24 – 28 No Weekday Masses**

**Saturday, July 29, 2023**

5:00pm **Diana VanDerPryt – Mac & Gail Brown**

**Giovani Antonio Padovan – Gord & Barb**

**Vandervoort and Lisa Curtis**

**Sunday July 30, 2023**

9:00am **Diana VanDerPryt – Brigitte Quinke**

11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 23, 2023**

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought..." For five minutes today rest with Jesus and ask Him what He requires of you. If God is calling you, to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

On Sunday, July 23 we will again celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The purpose of the Day is to show care, gratitude and affection for grandparents and the elderly and to help them feel part of our Christian family and hope with younger people which can help society to recognize the value of the elderly. This year's theme is "***His mercy is from age to age***" (Luke 1:50):

God's mercy is seen throughout history  
And remembered by the testimonies of those  
Who pass it on to their children and  
grandchildren. Grandparents and the elderly  
fill this role, but they are also called to receive  
God's mercy, remembering that God is always  
with them.

Attached you will find a message of His Holiness Pope Francis on this World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

### **Prayer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly for 2023:**

*Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope,  
an example for this humanity bent  
by indifference, make me as willing as  
You to accept the will of God,  
to magnify and praise His Mercy.  
Mary, Mother of fortitude,  
you who knows my heart, do not allow me  
to become discouraged. I confidently surrender  
my life into your hands. Heal my wounds.  
May your tenderness accompany  
me on the way.  
Your presence, Mother of love, brings  
us to experience the joy of  
seeing our families united.  
Help me to transmit the tenderness  
and Love of God to the grandchildren  
and youth so that, in addition  
to praying for them, we can  
pray with them. Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit  
intercede for me: sustain my weakness;  
breathe into my heart the consolation that  
I may leave traces of faith among the young,  
bearing witness to the beauty of life,  
knowing that life has a limit and that beyond  
it lies before us our Father's embrace.  
Amen*

### **Young Adults Night August 5<sup>th</sup> Hespeler/Cambridge**

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, August 5th at St. Mary of the Visitation (16 Cooper St, Cambridge, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **Parenting Tip Of The Month**

Summer should be a time of relaxation, slowed schedules and time spent together as a family. All three of these are essential elements for good mental health for all family members, including children. So, together spend time outdoors, play games, cook or bake and pray because these are the moments that will strengthen your family bond. Take a holiday from social media and devices while doing so, which can help to prevent the negative mental health issues in children they are known to produce. Renew your commitment to in person, device free time together this summer and watch your children thrive. From: Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

### **Marriage Tip Of The Month**

When we say "I do" during our marriage vows we are really saying "I will". I will love this person even in moments when they may feel unlovable. I will not look for a 50/50 split in what we do, but will be a partner who will give more, and sometimes have to take more, depending on the circumstances of our lives. I will look to find a solution instead of winning. I will spend time with you so we stay connected and in love. I will remember the commitment I made to be faithful and seek to make you a better person and accept your attempts to do the same for me. Marriage, taken as an action word, continues to grow and thrive despite the challenges life may throw at you and it produces a love that strengthens as the years pass. From: Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

July 17 – 21	No Weekday Masses
July 24 - 28	No Weekday Masses
August 7	Civic Holiday – Office & Church Closed



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TO AGE**

LUKE 1:50



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FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY  
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23 JULY 2023

Dear brothers and sisters!

“His mercy is from age to age” (Lk 1:50). This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (cf. Lk 1:39-56). Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth addressed the Mother of God with words that, millennia later, continue to echo in our daily prayer: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (v.42). The Holy Spirit, who had earlier descended upon Mary, prompted her to respond with the *Magnificat*, in which she proclaimed that the Lord’s mercy is from generation to generation. That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations:

between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time.

This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the "haste" (cf. v. 39) with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfillment. Mary's visit to Elizabeth and their shared awareness that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation remind us that, alone, we cannot move forward, much less save ourselves, and that God's presence and

activity are always part of something greater, the history of a people. Mary herself said this in the *Magnificat*, as she rejoiced in God, who, in fidelity to the promise he had made to Abraham, had worked new and unexpected wonders (cf. vv. 51-55).

To better appreciate God's way of acting, let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on "having it all now", are blind to the way God works. His loving plan spans past, present and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us and calls us at every moment to *keep pressing forward*. For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead! And allow ourselves to be shaped by God's grace, which from generation to generation frees us from inertia and from dwelling on the past!



In the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, between young and old, God points us towards the future that he is opening up before us. Indeed, Mary's visit and Elizabeth's greeting open our eyes to the dawn of salvation: in their embrace, God's mercy quietly breaks into human history amid abundant joy. I encourage everyone to reflect on that meeting, to picture, like a snapshot, that embrace between the young Mother of God and the elderly mother of Saint John the Baptist, and to frame it in their minds and hearts as a radiant icon.

Next, I would invite you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly. Let us not abandon them. Their presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church. I

renew my invitation to everyone – dioceses, parishes, associations and communities – to celebrate this Day and to make it the occasion of a joyful and renewed encounter between young and old. To you, the young who are preparing to meet in Lisbon or to celebrate World Youth Day in your own countries, I would ask: before you set out on your journey, visit your grandparents or an elderly person who lives alone! Their prayers will protect you and you will carry in your heart the blessing of that encounter. I ask you, the elderly among us, to accompany by your prayers the young people about to celebrate World Youth Day. Those young people are God's answer to your prayers, the fruits of all that you have sown, the sign that God does not abandon his people, but always rejuvenates them with the creativity of the Holy Spirit.

Dear grandparents, dear elderly brothers and sisters, may the blessing of the embrace between Mary and Elizabeth come upon you and fill your hearts with peace. With great affection, I give you my blessing. And I ask you, please, to pray for me.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2023,

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary

*Franciscus*



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