

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 Hétu



In the Gospel, for the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time – August 27th, Jesus asks his disciples a very profound and challenging question: “*Who do you say that I am?*” He had previously asked them: “*Who do people say that the Son of Man is?*” Their answer to this first question was really not that important. However, their answer to the second question was critical and that goes for us as well. So, who do we say that Jesus is?

We need to declare that Jesus as our Lord and personal Saviour. Jesus is not merely the founder of a new religion, or a revolutionary Jewish reformer, or one of the great teachers. For Catholics—for Christians—Jesus is the Son of God who came to save us from our death of sin. This means that we have to see Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the Saviour, and the Redeemer. Jesus is our beloved brother and friend closer to us than our dear ones and a living experience, who walks with us, who talks to us, who loves us, who helps us and transforms our outlook and our lives. We have to give all areas of our lives to Jesus. Jesus must have a say in our daily lives and we must radiate all around us his sacrificial love, his unconditional forgiveness, his overflowing mercy and his committed service. The joy, the love, the peace that we find in Jesus should be reflected in the way we live our daily lives.

Yes, we need to experience Jesus as our Lord and personal Saviour and surrender our lives to him completely. The knowledge of Jesus as Lord and personal Saviour is not enough. It must become a living, personal experience for each individual Catholic—for each individual Christian. This is made possible by our listening to Jesus through the daily, meditative reading of the Bible, by our talking to and listening to Jesus through daily personal and weekly communal prayers, by our offering our lives on the altar with Jesus whenever we attend Mass and by our leading a life-giving sacramental life. The next step is the surrender of our lives to Jesus by rendering humble and loving service to others with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in us and in every other person. We are all God's children. The step after that is to praise and thank God in all the events of our lives, both good and bad, realizing that God's loving hands are behind every event of our lives. So, in the name of Jesus, I ask the question again: “*Who do YOU say that I am?*” What will be our personal response?

Food For Thought:

“To bring about change, you must not be afraid to take the first step. We will fail when we fail to try.” ~ Rosa Parks



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday August 22 to August 25, 2023
No weekday Masses as Fr. Robert will be
attending the Hamilton Diocese's
Priest Retreat at Mt. Carmel

Saturday, August 26, 2023

5:00pm **Antonio Carvalho, Natasha DeAmaral & Rosario Santos** – Nativity Santos
Ken Wilke – Rose Wilke
Antonio Fagundes – Maria Nunes
Cynthia Wreeler – Margi Pavetich

Sunday August 27, 2023

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

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

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

7:00pm **Teixeira Family Members** – Maria Nunes

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

8:30am **Nunes Family Members** – Maria Nunes

Thursday, August 31, 2023

8:30am **Fred Blackmore**

Friday, September 1, 2023

8:30am **For World Peace** – Maria Nunes

Saturday, September 2, 2023

5:00pm **Elena Costanzo** – The Brooks Family
Sister Donata Dean – Laurie Landoni
Patrick Logel – Bettu Zettel)

Sunday September 3, 2023

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

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

Laughter Good For The Soul:

A new pastor moved into town and went out one Saturday to visit his parishioners. All went well until he came to one house. It was obvious that someone was home, but no one came to the door even after he had knocked several times. Finally, he took out his card, wrote on the back “Revelation 3:20” and stuck it in the door. The next day, as he was counting the collection he found his card in the offering basket. Below his message was notation “Genesis 3:10”. (Revelation 3:20 reads: “*Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.*” Genesis 3:10 reads: “*I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.*”)

Saturday Evening Lectors Needed Immediately

We are seeking individuals who would like become Lectors who are available to read at the 5pm Mass on Saturdays. Training will be provided. If interested, contact Beth McCabe at bethmccabe@wightman.ca

Forward Together in Christ

Bishop Lobsinger has invited each parish priest and six members of their lay faithful to attend a gathering to share thoughts and ideas on the direction that Diocese should take in the coming years. Meetings will be held by Deanery, and all information derived from these meetings will be gathered and documented for use in future planning.

Fr. Robert would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested participating to contact him. The Wellington meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th from 10am to 3pm. It is hoped that those attending would represent the diversity of our parish in areas such as age, interest and involvement. **We have been asked to submit attendees names no later than September 11th.** If you are interested in making your voice heard, please contact Fr. Robert at the office at 519-843-2006 or email rhétu@hamiltondiocese.com Thank you.

Memorial for the Unborn

Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 1pm
The Garden of Grace, 28 Norfolk St, Guelph
All are welcome to attend a time of prayer and remembrance for unborn children whose lives were ended through abortion. Prayer will be led by Bishop Emeritus Ustrzycki. Hosted by the Guelph & Area Right to Life Association.

Maryhill Heritage Day

Sunday, September 17, 2023 11 a.m. Mass – 11:45 Mary Grotto- 12 noon – car tour of the area shrines – 1:00 p.m. lunch (hosted by the CWL), Presentations, 50-50 Draw & Silent Auction. Call 519-242-9595 or email maryhillroots@gmail.com for more information.

Next Marian Day – September 2, 2023

Join Bishop Wayne Lobsinger on Saturday, September 2 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph for the next Marian Day. The format for the day includes Confessions at 9am; 10am Mass; 11am Rosary Procession; 12pm Lunch Break (Bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea available); 1pm Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis; and 2pm Marian Day closes with Benediction.



Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfasts

While most of us are enjoying the last days of summer, the Knights of Columbus Executive have been busy planning ahead and provided the dates for their Charity Breakfasts for the 2023/24 Season. Please make note of the following dates and join the Knights for breakfast after Sunday Mass:

Sept. 10	Oct. 8	Nov. 5	Dec. 10
Jan. 7	Feb. 4	March 3	April 7
May 5	June 2		

Construction News

Due to the continued growth of the student population at St. Joseph School, the decision has been made to build an addition. The portables are to be moved and construction is estimated to start at the end of August or early September. Construction vehicles will be entering the property through our entrance on St. David Street and travelling through the outside lane of the south parking lot towards the school. We want to encourage everyone to exercise caution during this period for your own sake and for the safety of the schoolchildren.

A Prayer of Praise

Praise to You, God, for long warm days,
for buzzing bees and chirping crickets,
for shade trees and gentle breezes.
Praise to You for the earth's rotation,
for our cycle around the sun,
for "sun, moon, and stars in their courses above."
Praise to You for the order of the universe,
the variety of the seasons,
and the gift of another summer.

Upcoming Parish Events

August 26	Baptismal Prep Class 9am to 11am
September 4	Labor Day – Office & Church Closed
September 10	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast

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