

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



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.

On August 14, we celebrated the Feast Day St. Maximilian Kolbe. He was born in Poland on January 8, 1884. From all observances, it seems that his early years—while good—were not that remarkable or spectacular. From boyhood, he was devoted to Mary. He became a Conventual Franciscan Friar. His faith was important to him, however, when the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939, Fr. Maximilian saw the writing on the wall. He knew that if he were to be a person of faith—and be true to his faith—he would probably have to suffer. In February 1941, because he spoke out against the horror of Nazism, he was arrested and imprisoned at Auschwitz. On July 30, 1941, a prisoner escaped from the concentration camp, and in retaliation, the commandant of the camp lined up the inmates of cellblock 14 and ordered that ten of them be selected at random for punishment. They would be consigned to an underground bunker and starved to death. Ten men were selected. One of them, Francis Gajowniczek, cried out in tears, "My poor wife and children! I will never see them again." At this point Fr. Maximilian Kolbe stepped forward and volunteered to take his place. The commandant accepted his offer, and so Fr. Maximilian Kolbe assumed his place among the condemned. By August 14, Kolbe was dead, his body cremated in the camp ovens.

Fr. Maximilian Kolbe did not choose to suffer—he chose to live the Gospel, to be true to the covenant God offered him. Fr. Maximilian Kolbe wanted to preach the Gospel in every way possible—he did not want to be starved to death. Yet, he did what he had to do for the greater glory of God.

Today's scripture readings reminds us that Christian discipleship demands self-control—"deny himself," (Matthew 16:24) the willingness to suffer—"take up his cross," (Matthew 16:24) the readiness to follow Jesus—"follow me" (Matthew 16:24) by obeying his commandment of love, and generosity in surrendering our lives to God—"to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God." (Romans 12:1) In following the footsteps of St. Maximilian Kolbe (and Jesus), what are we doing for the greater glory of God?

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday September 5, 2023

8:30am Ed Reidy – The Reidy Family

NOTE: Changes to Mass Times this Tuesday & Thursday

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

NO MASS

Thursday, September 7, 2023

7:00pm Stuart Robson – Jocelyne Donaldson

Friday, September 8, 2023

8:30am Fred Blackmore – Tove Schmidt

Saturday, September 9, 2023

5:00pm Elena Costanzo – The Brooks Family

Diana VanDer Pryt – Tove Schmidt

Intentions of Arlene Blackmore – Dolores Schmidt

Sunday September 10, 2023

9:00am Intentions of the Parish

11:00am Marietta Mancezzo – Maria Cinira Emidio

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 3, 2023

"For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" Isn't there more to life than chasing the dollar? Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or a consecrated virgin? Humbly ask the Lord. If you feel that God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "The roads along which God leads saints to their sublime destiny are varied and countless." ~ St. Maximilian Kolbe

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: As soon as the newlyweds returned from their honeymoon, the young bride called her mother, who lived a couple of hours away. "How did everything go?" her mom asked. "Oh, mother," she began, "The honeymoon was wonderful! So romantic, we had a terrific time. But, mother, on our way back, he started using really horrible language. Stuff I'd never heard before. Really terrible four-letter words. You've got to come get me and take me home. Please, Mother!" the new bride sobbed over the telephone. "But, honey," the mother countered, "What four-letter words?" "I can't tell you, mother, they're too awful! Come get me, please!" "Darling, you must tell me what has gotten you so upset. Tell mother what four-letter words he used." Still sobbing, the bride said, "Mother, words like dust, wash, iron, and cook!"

Special Thanks

Fr. Robert would like to thank the six parishioners who volunteered to participate with him in the upcoming meeting on the future of the Diocese. Your input will be invaluable and he looks forward to an interesting meeting. Fr. Robert will be in touch with the six parishioners by email soon with all the details.

Liturgy Workshops

The Diocese often holds workshops for new and existing Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Since we have been recruiting people for these positions, we have decided to hold these workshops at St. Joseph (Fergus) for our volunteers' convenience.

Ministers of the Word

Saturday, September 23, 2023, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, October 14, 2023, 9:30 am to 3:00pm.

Registration forms are available in the bulletin and in the Narthex. Please complete and return asap as we will be opening up attendance to other Parishes soon. A **reminder** that while all Ministers are encouraged to renew their mandate every 3 years, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required to do so, and therefore are expected to attend.

Saturday Evening Lectors Needed Immediately

A reminder that we continue to seek volunteers to be a Lector on Saturday Mass. If you are interested, please let us know and sign up to attend the above noted workshop.

Memorial for the Unborn

Sun., Sept. 10/23, 1 pm

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 Matthew Ustrzycki. Hosted by the Guelph & Area Right to Life Association.

Grief Relief

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton has grief programs to help. Find out more by calling Teresa at 905-528-7988. You can also visit the Diocese website at hamiltondiocese.com. We have programs running in both Waterloo & Hamilton this fall.

Parenting Tip Of The Month – As summer ends

and school begins, it is time to get back to a more scheduled lifestyle. As you organize your family, remember that our priorities are what we give the most time to and what we schedule time for, so do not forget to schedule family time, prayer time and Church attendance into your schedule. Place these items on the calendar because they matter to your whole family and seeing them there raises up their importance!

Marriage Tip Of The Month - When asked what

matters most to someone who is married, people often answer my wife/husband and children. It is important to see if your actions reflect that belief. Do you spend time together daily talking about your day and important matters? Do you plan a date night with your spouse (even if it is from home), so your children see the love you share? Do you do little tasks that need doing without being asked? Do you compliment your spouse and tell them you love them? What we do tells others what matters – be sure your spouse knows they do!

Parish Offerings

Your Contributions for August 26 & 27, 2023:

Sunday Offerings \$1,550.00
Building Fund \$ 850.00

Pre-Authorized Donations for August 2023

Sunday Offerings \$7,658.66
Building Fund \$2,727.00

If you are interested in switching from weekly cash contributions to pre-authorized giving, please pick up the necessary form in the Narthex or visit the Church office.

Upcoming Parish Events

September 4	Labor Day – Office & Church Closed
September 10	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
September 13	Caressant Care Mass, 2pm
September 23	Minister of the Word Workshop 9:30am-3:00pm. Registration is required.
September 30	Baptismal Prep Class 9-11am
October 1	Groves Fundraiser featuring the Windjammers 7:00pm



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Ministry of the Word Formation Workshop

I would like to register to attend the Minister of Word Formation Workshop on **Saturday, September 23, 2023**. Check In time: 9am at St. Joseph Fergus and the workshop begins at 9:30am to 3:00pm. Registration deadline: September 16, 2023

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

And/or

Extraordinary Minister of Communion Formation Workshop

I would like to register to attend the Extraordinary Minister of Communion Formation Workshop on **Saturday, October 14, 2023**. Check in time is 9am at St. Joseph Fergus, and the workshop begins 9:30am to 3:00pm. Registration deadline: October 7, 2023.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Both of these workshops will have lunch provided and will cost \$30 per participant. St. Joseph Parish (Fergus) will cover this cost for our Parishioners.

If you wish to attend either or both of these workshops but cannot attend the above dates, please note that the workshops are being offered elsewhere by the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information visit their website at hamiltondiocese.com.