

# St. Joseph's Parish

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

**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



In her book *Dead Man Walking*, Sister Helen Prejean tells the real story of Lloyd LeBlanc, a Roman Catholic layman, whose son was murdered. When he arrived in the cane field with the sheriff's deputies to identify his son David's body, LeBlanc immediately knelt by his boy's body and prayed the *Our Father*. When he came to the words: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," he realized the depth of the commitment he was making. "Whoever did this, I must forgive them, I resolved," he later told Sr. Prejean. LeBlanc confessed that it had been difficult not to be overcome by the bitterness and feelings of revenge that welled up from time to time, especially on David's birthday. Yet, for the rest of his life forgiveness was prayed for and struggled for and won. He went to the execution of the culprit Patrick Sonnier, not for revenge but hoping for an apology. Before sitting in the electric chair Patrick Sonnier, the murderer said, "Mr. Le Blanc, I want to ask your forgiveness for what I did," and Lloyd LeBlanc nodded his head, signaling forgiveness he had already given. Today's Gospel, reminds us and challenges us to continue on the path to forgiveness and reconciliation.

Today's Gospel also reminds us of the good we can do together, and of how we can do it. Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." If any group of us gather, work, and act with the Holy Spirit guiding us, we will become much more than simply the sum of our numbers. Today, Jesus makes it clear how important we are, one to another. One with Jesus, our community can use God's power to make God's healing, life-giving love more effective among all people.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Playing sports has become very important today, since it can encourage young people to develop important values such as loyalty, perseverance, friendship, sharing and solidarity." ~ Pope John Paul I.



Join us for breakfast this Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses. Catch up with friends and enjoy a great meal!



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 September 12, 2023

7:00pm **Deceased parents of Michael & Julie Reidy** –  
The Reidy Family  
**Toph Martin** – Jean Martin

#### Wednesday, September 13, 2023

8:30am **Souls in Purgatory**  
2:00pm **Caressant Care Mass**

#### Thursday, September 14, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Al Evans** – Mary Epoch

#### Friday, September 15, 2023

8:30am **Arlene Blackmore** – Tove Schmidt  
9:20am **St. Joseph School Mass**

#### Saturday, September 16, 2023

5:00pm **Intentions of Terri Wellstead** – Catholic  
Women's League (St. Joseph)  
**Intentions of Bob & Molly Myer** – John & Mo  
Rutherford  
**Dan Wikiruk**  
**Marietta Maniezzo** – Maria Cinira Emidio

#### Sunday September 17, 2023

9:00am **Cynthia Monkhouse** – The Buczek Family  
11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 10, 2023

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider 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)

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** A minister, a priest and a rabbi went for a hike one very hot day. They were sweating profusely by the time they came upon a small lake with a sandy beach. Since it was a secluded spot, they left all their clothes on a big log, ran down the beach to the lake and jumped in the water for a long, refreshing swim. Refreshed, they were halfway back up the beach to the spot they had left their clothes, when a group of ladies from town came along. Unable to get to their clothes in time, the minister and the priest covered their privates and the rabbi covered his face while they ran for cover in the bushes. After the ladies wandered on and the men got dressed again, the minister and the priest asked the rabbi why he covered his face rather than his privates. The rabbi replied, "I don't know about you, but in my congregation, it's my face they would recognize!"

### CWL General Meeting – Date Change

Our General Meeting will be held on **Saturday September 30, 2023** in the Church Hall at 10:00am. All ladies are welcome! Come and hear about new projects that we will be working on! We welcome your ideas about our activities and issues that concern Catholic women today!

### 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.

### 'Being With' Volunteer Training

With Kathy Matusiak Costa, Executive Director of Compassionate Community Care & Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Gain the confidence to journey and visit with those who are suffering, socially isolated, sick or dying, to renew their hope and purpose in life.

#### **Saturday, September 23, 2023**

10 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 3 pm

**In person:** St Joseph's Church, 409 Paisley Rd, Guelph. Register to join in person by contacting Jakki Jeffs at 519-820-3399 or email [aflo@mgl.ca](mailto:aflo@mgl.ca).

**Zoom:** Register to join on Zoom at [www.beingwith.org/Events3](http://www.beingwith.org/Events3)

This training (in person and on Zoom) is free to attend! Workshop is two sessions, each session being two hours. One hour lunch break is provided in between the two sessions. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Event sponsored in part by Guelph & Area Right to Life. Hosted by Alliance for Life Ontario and Compassionate Community Care.



**Michael House**

### Thank You from Michael House

Michael House has sent a special thank you to St. Joseph Parish for our participation in their 2023 Baby Bottle Campaign – our contribution total was \$1,401.00. Thanks for you for your support.

### St. Boniface 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. Tickets required for lunch \$15. Email: [maryhillroots@gmail.com](mailto:maryhillroots@gmail.com) - (519) 648-2432 or any board members.

### Struggling After An Abortion?

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

### Parish Offerings

#### **Your Contributions for September 10, 2023:**

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| Sunday Offerings             | \$ 2,142.25 |
| St. Mary/St. Joseph Cemetery | \$ 20.00    |
| Building Fund                | \$ 337.00   |

### Upcoming Parish Events

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| September 10 | Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast                                  |
| September 13 | Caressant Care Mass, 2pm   |
| September 15 | St. Joseph School Mass 9:20am  |
| September 23 | Minister of the Word Workshop 9:30am-3:00pm. Registration is required. |
| September 30 | Baptismal Prep Class 9-11am  |
| September 30 | CWL General Meeting, 10am  |
| October 1    | Groves Fundraiser featuring the Windjammers 7:00pm                     |

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