

# 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



Dr. Joe Vitale reminds us that behind every behaviour is a belief. Whenever we are confused about why we did something, Dr. Vitale suggests that we look for a 'belief.' Beliefs compel us to do what we might otherwise think is stupid. "The belief isn't stupid. It's just a belief. Change the belief and you change the behaviour."

Most people will have no clue that their behaviour comes from their own beliefs. They will want to blame others – the prime minister, the economy, their family (especially their parents,) their friends, their childhood, and so on. Blame is easy. It avoids responsibility. Recognizing that all behaviour is caused by a belief will help us select better beliefs for ourselves. It will also help us to understand others as well.

In today's Gospel parable, Jesus has a landowner who is very generous with his resources. The landowner chose to pay each worker the agreed upon daily wage even those that worked only a half a day or even just an hour. Some of the other workers believed that they should have been paid more, but the landowner responded, "*Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?*"

We need to express our gratitude to God in our daily lives. God personally calls each one of us to our own ministry and shows us God's care by giving us God's grace and offering us eternal salvation. To God, like the landowner in today's Gospel, we are more than just numbers on a payroll. Our call to God's vineyard is a free gift from God for which we can never be sufficiently thankful. Let us rejoice, and not be envious, in the success and blessings of others. We need to follow God's example and unconditional love to our families, friends, and neighbours.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

"Show mercy...when you are on earth, and mercy will be shown to you in heaven." St. Caesarius of Arles

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL**

While volunteering in a soup kitchen, a young lady hit it off with a very attractive single man. It was a relief, since she and her mother always laughed, because the men to whom she was drawn were inevitably married. So, optimistic about her chances, she asked her new friend what he did for a living. He replied, "I'm a priest."



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 26, 2023**

7:00pm Harold Kenny – The Reldy Family

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

8:30am Jack, Maria, Tony & Rosa Nunes

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

8:30am Intentions of Joseph Deganuto

**Friday, September 29, 2023**

8:30am Intentions of Al Evans – Don & Barbara Cassidy

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

5:00pm Intentions of John & Annie Rockefer

Rita DaMaren

Tarra Myers – Brigitte Quinke

**Sunday October 1, 2023**

9:00am Eric Giesel Thursday Club

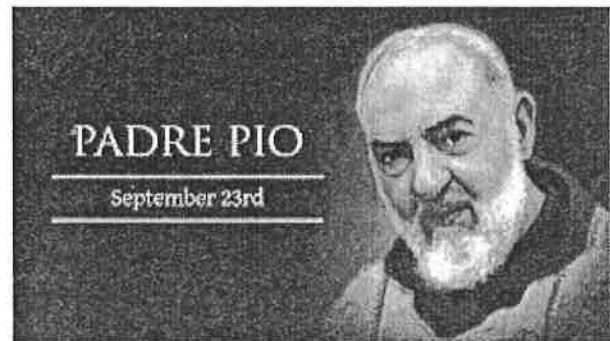
Dean Duffield – Margaret Duffield

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 24, 2023**

"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, or consecrated virgin? 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)



**Parish Offerings**

**Your Contributions for September 17, 2023:**

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,606.30
Building Fund	\$ 845.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,180.40

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**

Fr. Robert invites you to join him for Mass to celebrate Thanksgiving on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

**Thursday Club**

After much discussion and 25 years of enjoying the monthly gatherings, the Thursday Club Committee has decided to terminate the monthly luncheons. Thank you for your support and participation through all these years. The remaining funds will be donated to the Building Fund.

**Join Us to Pray the Rosary  
on Wednesday Evenings**

Every Wednesday at 6:00pm, a small group of parishioners gather at the church to pray the Rosary. They are praying for peace in our homes, towns, provinces, nation and the world, entrusting the chaos, discord and the world's evils to the Holy Mother of God, believing that she will triumph over these ills with her Immaculate Heart. If you would like to participate, simply come to the church on Wednesday evening, entering through the front door. If praying the Rosary is new to you, do not be deterred; it is quite simple and you will learn by doing it. Also, there are many good resources to assist you. For more information call 519-787-0443.

**Morning Rosary for the Month of October**

During the month of October, parishioners will join together at 8:10am, just before the 8:30am Mass to pray the Rosary. All are welcomed to join them.

***DON'T FORGET***

**September CWL General Meeting**

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!

**Smart Steps – Supporting Step-Families**

This is a one-day workshop designed to assist all parents and step-parents who are adjusting to blended family life. Sessions will be held at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. Time: 9:15a.m. - 3:30p.m., Price: \$50 per person, Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023. Register on line: [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**Windjammers Benefit for Groves Hospital**

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be hosting a concert by Windjammers, Canada's best wind Orchestra. Admittance is free by donation and proceeds of the event goes Groves Memorial Hospital. Join us for some good music and a good cause!

**St. Joseph's New Photo Directory**

The work of creating our new photo directory is now underway. You can expect a call from a representative of Universal Portrait Studios (area code 613) who is calling parishioners to book their appointment for your portrait sitting. If you would like to call Brenda directly to book your appointment, she can be reached at 613-403-0513. We look forward to seeing all your smiling, happy faces!

**Cosmic Chastity - October 28th – Hamilton**

A Study Day co-sponsored by the Communio Circle and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton Saturday, October 28th, 2023 - 10:00am to 2:00pm at Newman Hall, Canadian Martyrs Church, 1349 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario. In his book *Cosmic Chastity in an Age of Technocratic Lust: A Song of Three Popes* (The Legacy of John Paul II and Benedict XVI in the Francis Papacy: The Theological, Ethical, and Spiritual Heart of Their Social Message)", Jeremiah Barker makes the case that the underlying principles of Pope Francis are identical to those of the two previous popes and highlights a connection between vocational commitment and care for creation. Come and join the conversation. No need to read the book. Summaries of each chapter will be provided by our presenters and the author will be joining us for the conclusion. Refreshments and lunch provided. For more information visit <http://communiohamiltondiocese.org> or contact Father Mark Morley [mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com) or Deacon Charles Fernandes 519-923-0454.

**Upcoming Parish Events**

September 23 <b>POSTPONED</b>	Minister of the Word Workshop 9:30am-3:00pm. Registration is required.
September 27	St. Vincent De Paul Society Meeting 4pm
September 30	Baptismal Prep Class 9-11am
September 30	CWL General Meeting, 10am
October 1	Groves Fundraiser featuring the Windjammers 7:00pm
October 8	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
October 9	Thanksgiving Day Mass, 11am
October 9	Thanksgiving – Office Closed
October 14	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion



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