

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



Huey Long was a very colourful Louisiana politician who had hopes of running for the presidency in 1936. He began as an unschooled farm boy and ended up in the governor's mansion, one of the most popular politicians in the history of the state. Long was born in the central part of Louisiana, and when he first campaigned for governor, he was given some advice about the voters in the New Orleans area. "South Louisiana is different from the northern part of the state," he was told. "We have a lot of Catholic voters down here." Long nodded knowingly and went out to make his speech. It began, "When I was a boy, I'd get up at six every Sunday morning, hitch our old horse up to the buggy, and take my Catholic grandparents to Mass. I'd bring them home and then take my Baptist grandparents to Church." The speech was a rousing success. Afterward, a New Orleans political boss said, "Huey, you've been holding out on us. We didn't know you had Catholic grandparents." Huey looked at him slyly and said, "We didn't even have a horse!"

Today's scripture readings offer us a standing invitation to the everlasting joy of the "*heavenly banquet*" and a loving warning to be ever ready for it by constantly wearing the "*wedding garment*"—that is remaining in a state of grace. The garment is freely offered. We just have to wear it. All three readings describe how a loving and providing God sees to it that there are abundant resources for God's people.

Jesus nourishes us in the Church through the proclamation of Word of God and through our reception of Holy Communion—his very Body and Blood—the Bread of Life. We need to participate in the Eucharistic banquet with proper preparation by repenting of our sins and by actively participating in the prayers and singing during the Mass. Participating in Mass is the best preparation and source of power for our future participation in the "*heavenly banquet*."

Do not let anybody mislead you. Around the banquet table of God there will not be Baptists or Catholics. There will not even be a head table reserved for the very saintly. There will only be sinners for whom Jesus died. That includes you and me. Everyone is invited.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Conversion is not the path to Christianity. It is Christianity." ~ Author Unknown



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 October 17, 2023

7:00pm **Deceased Parents of The Reidy Family** –
Michael & Julie Reidy
Special Intentions – Aedan Reidy

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

8:30am **Deceased Connor & Epoch Family Members** –
Mary Epoch

Thursday, October 19, 2023

8:30am **Wanda Nicowski** – Jim & Diane Robertson
Bob Landoni – Laurie Landoni

Friday, October 20, 2023

8:30am **Fr. Terry Sehl** – Mac & Gail Brown
Intentions of Eldon Richard - Family

Saturday, October 21, 2023

5:00pm **Fr. Terry Sehl** – Robin Rogers
Sharon Armstrong – John & Mo Rutherford
Tarra Myers – John & Mo Rutherford
Dorothy Bedford – Marilyn & Brian Ross
Intentions of Harry & Berndatte Cullen

Sunday October 22, 2023

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**
11:00am **Robert Rogers** – Robin Rogers
Intentions of Rose Robinson – Grace Robinson

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 15, 2023

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, 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

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for October 1, 2023:

Regular Offerings	\$2,275.85
World Mission Sunday	\$ 20.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 20.00
St. Mary/St. Joseph Cemetery Fund	\$ 205.70
Building Fund	\$ 180.00



LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: A boy is selling fish on a corner. To get his customers' attention, he is yelling, "Dam fish for sale! Get your dam fish here!" A pastor hears this and asks, "Why are you calling them 'dam fish.'" The boy responds, "Because I caught these fish at the local dam." The pastor buys a couple fish, takes them home to his wife, and asks her to cook the dam fish. The wife responds surprised, "I didn't know it was acceptable for a preacher to speak that way." He explains to her why they are dam fish. Later at the dinner table, he asks his son to pass the dam fish. He responds, "That's the spirit, Dad! Now pass the friggin potatoes!"

Cardinal Collins Retirement Roast & Toast

"The Guelph Knights of Columbus Charity Trust invites parishioners and community members to join us for a fun-filled evening to roast and toast Guelph's very own Cardinal Tom Collins on his recent retirement. Join us at the Italian Canadian Club on Thursday November 23rd from 6-10pm for an evening of wonderful food and socializing to toast his successes and hear some stories of those he moved/inspired through his journey. Order your tickets today by contacting Local Parish Ticket Contact Peter Barrett **519-846-5118** (barrettpw@yahoo.ca) or Shaun Redmond (redmonds@golden.net) Tickets are \$100 (you will receive a \$35 charitable donation receipt). Proceeds from the evening will be split between the Cardinal to support his favorite charitable causes and the Guelph Knights Charity Trust, supporting charities in our community."

All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery will take place on Saturday, October 28 at 11:00am. The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome!

Young Adults Nights

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-7:30pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) **Saturday, November 4th** at Saint Pius X Church (9 Waverly Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



**Knights of Columbus –
St. Mary and St. Joseph Council
Pork Roast – October 21, 2023**

Our Knights of Columbus invite you to join them for their Pork Roast on Saturday, October 21 in the St. Joseph Hall right after the 5:00pm Mass. For full details, please see the flyer included with this bulletin! You can look forward to an evening of good food and good fellowship!

**The Injustice of Abortion: A Guelph & Area
Right to Life Community Presentation**

Saturday, October 28, 2023 10 am - 12 pm
Basilica of Our Lady (hall), 28 Norfolk St, Guelph
Free admission. With Vanessa Montague, GARTL Program Manager & Jakki Jeffs, GARTL President and Executive Director of Alliance for Life Ontario
For too long abortion has been dismissed as a personal choice leaving women and men suffering in silence while babies are killed before birth across Canada. On October 28, learn about abortion as a human rights violation and how you can help save lives of preborn babies while bringing hope to those hurting from the trauma of abortion.

Upcoming Parish Events

October	Rosary before Weekday Masses 8:10am
October 14	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Workshop 9am – 3pm
October 18	Fergus Prays the Rosary – 6:00pm
October 19	Parents Meeting for 1 st Reconciliation and 1 st Communion 7:00pm
October 20	St. Joseph School Mass 9:20am
October 21	Knights of Columbus, Pork Roast 6:00pm
October 22	Coffee Sunday after both Masses, hosted by the CWL
October 25	Fergus Prays the Rosary – 6:00pm
November 26	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting 4pm
November 1	Fergus Prays the Rosary – 6:00pm
November 4	Baptismal Prep Class 9am to 11am
November 4	St. Joseph Parish Bazaar 10am – 2pm
November 24	CWL – PD Day Camp



PORK ROAST



Knights of Columbus

St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Council 15333

Saturday, October 21

St. Joseph's Hall, St. Josephs Church

760 St David St N, Fergus

Supper starts at 6.00 p.m.



We will be serving

Roasted Pork, Baked Potato

Salad, Beans, Bun, Desert

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The cost is \$17 per person

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