

# 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



Author, Doug Schmidt, in his book entitled: *The Prayer Of Revenge: Forgiveness In The Face Of Injustice*, shares some of his struggles with a hostile mother who was a manic-depressive. Life is his home was like walking on eggshells. Yet God, in God's graciousness, caused other mothers to come into the lives of this author and his sister, to mentor them in a loving and compassionate ways. Their singular message to these children was this: "Never let your suffering create a long-lasting sense of entitlement in your hearts." Sure, it is okay to pamper yourself a bit when you have been hurt, to rest for a while, perhaps to regroup, but do not allow this time of retreat to become a permanent state. If you do, your suffering will produce a well-entrenched but false sense of entitlement that will only end up causing you to hurt those whom genuinely care about you.

One of life's greatest challenges is not to allow history to repeat itself. Many people are a 'chip off the old block' and literally repeat the failings of their parents and grandparents. On our faith journey, let us pray that we will not let our past hurts determine who we are today or will be tomorrow. Let us learn to forgive and forget and let God take care of the rest. "If God is for us, who is against us?" (Romans 8:31b)

May we let go of our past hurts, take control of our present life and let God led us to a glorious future in heaven.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Somebody should tell us, right at the start of our lives, that we are dying. Then we might live life to the limit, every minute of every day. Do it! I say. Whatever you want to do, do it now! There are only so many tomorrows." ~ Pope St. Paul VI

### LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL

An elderly priest found himself wondering whether there were any golf courses in heaven. He even began to ask the question in his prayers. One day, in answer to his prayers, he received a direct answer from on high. "Yes," said the heavenly messenger, "There are many excellent heavenly golf courses. The greens are always in first class condition, the weather is always perfect and you always get to play with the very nicest people." "Oh, thank you," said the priest, "That really is marvellous news." "Yes, isn't it?" replied the messenger, "And we've got you down for a foursome next Saturday."



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 24, 2023

7:00pm Rita Da Maren – Fergus Prays  
Special Intentions – Aedan Reidy  
Intentions of Trevor Klein

#### Wednesday, October 25, 2023

8:30am Casey Noss – Jim & Diane Robertson  
Intentions of Tracy & Brandon Barber – Dave & Pat Messere

#### Thursday, October 26, 2023

8:30am Avril Jaffar – Robin Rogers  
Intentions of Mac Brown – Robin Rogers  
Tony Reilly

#### Friday, October 27, 2023

8:30am George Busch – Pat Woode

#### Saturday, October 28, 2023

5:00pm Fr. Terry Sehl – Pat Woode  
Dorothy Bedford – Margaret & Lee Thorne  
Cornelia Lanigan – Gord & Barbara VanderVoort  
Bob Landoni – Mary Waterman

#### Sunday October 29, 2023

9:00am Cynthia Monkhouse – Ted, Marlene & Chester Buczek  
Arlene Blackmore – Dolores Schmidt  
11:00am Intentions of the Parish

### 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 22, 2023

"Give ... to God the things that are God's." That includes you! Is God calling you to service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, or consecrated virgin? 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 October 15, 2023:**

Regular Offerings	\$2,126.70
World Mission Sunday	\$ 10.00
St. Mary/St. Joseph Cemetery Fund	\$ 25.00

## *Two Great Fellowship Opportunities this Weekend*

Sat. Oct. 21 6pm	Sun. Oct. 22
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	<b>CWL Coffee Sunday</b>
Pork Roast	after the 9am & 11am
Adults \$17, 12yrs & under \$8	Masses
2 and under - Free	

### Keeping Up With the Synod

The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to offer a variety of resources to inform us of the work of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops taking place in Rome during the month of October. The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has produced a series of short, informative videos on a series of topics/themes that have been highlighted in the Instrumentum Laboris, rooting the work of the Assembly of Bishops. Each video is less than 4 minutes and features a variety of voices including our very own Bishop Crosby, expert theologians, religious, young people, educators and the laity. Each video comes alongside questions for reflection and consideration. We encourage you to take some time to watch these videos so as to share the joy of this Synodal journey. All the full length videos can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod-21-24/diocesan-resources/>. A new video will be added to this resource page every Monday in October. May we continue to pray for one another, especially for those contributing to the discussions in Rome.



### St Joseph (Fergus) Parish Bazaar

The date of our Parish Bazaar is fast approaching (**November 4<sup>th</sup>**), and your help is needed to have another successful event. We are still hoping for donations of new items for our Silent Auction and Tooney Table. All donations can be dropped off at the Church office. All baked items donated for our bake table should be dropped off on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> or early on the morning of Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

### St. Joseph, Guelph CWL Christmas Bazaar

takes place on Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Church Hall. Come out and enjoy Draws, Attic Treasures, Silent Auction, Penny Table, Craft Table, Bake Table, Touch & Take, Santa Photos and a Hot Luncheon.

### CWL PD Day Camp

Register your child for the CWL PD day camp on November 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be presenting fun activities including arts and crafts, outdoor play, stories, a tour of the Church and indoor games! Bring a lunch. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. No Fees.

### Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2024 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

### Next CWL General Meeting

Saturday, **OCTOBER 28 at 10:00** in the Parish Hall. All Ladies are welcome!

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:barrettpw@yahoo.ca)) or Shaun Redmond ([redmonds@golden.net](mailto: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."

### 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.

### Upcoming Parish Events

October	Rosary before Weekday Masses 8:10am
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
October 25	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting 4pm
October 28	CWL General Meeting
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 5	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
November 24	CWL – PD Day Camp

# GUELPH STORM HOCKEY NIGHT!!!!



October 10, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Friday, November 10, 2023, St. Joseph Catholic School is planning a Family Hockey Game Outing. The Guelph Storm are set to face off against the Flint Firebirds and game time is at 7:30p.m.

We are running the program in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus Council 15333 St. Mary & St. Joseph's, who are sponsoring the outing and able to offer discounted tickets at the cost of \$20.00 each. (These tickets are regularly priced at \$29.00!!)

This is a great opportunity for our school and parish community to get out to see some great hockey at a greatly discounted price. There are a limited number of these discount tickets available, so please complete the below tear-off portion and return to St. Joseph Catholic School by Friday, October 27, 2023.

(Please see our School Cash Online Link in the Eblast, or if you prefer, send the cash/cheque in a sealed envelope with the order form below.)

## GO STORM GO

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x 20.00 each= TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.# \_\_\_\_\_



# St. Joseph's Parish Annual Bazaar

Saturday November 4, 2023  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Hot Lunch will be served  
from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Baking, Toonie Table, Religious Articles,  
Silent Auction, Local Vendors,  
and much, much more!

RAFFLE DRAW - \$1,000 - 1st Prize

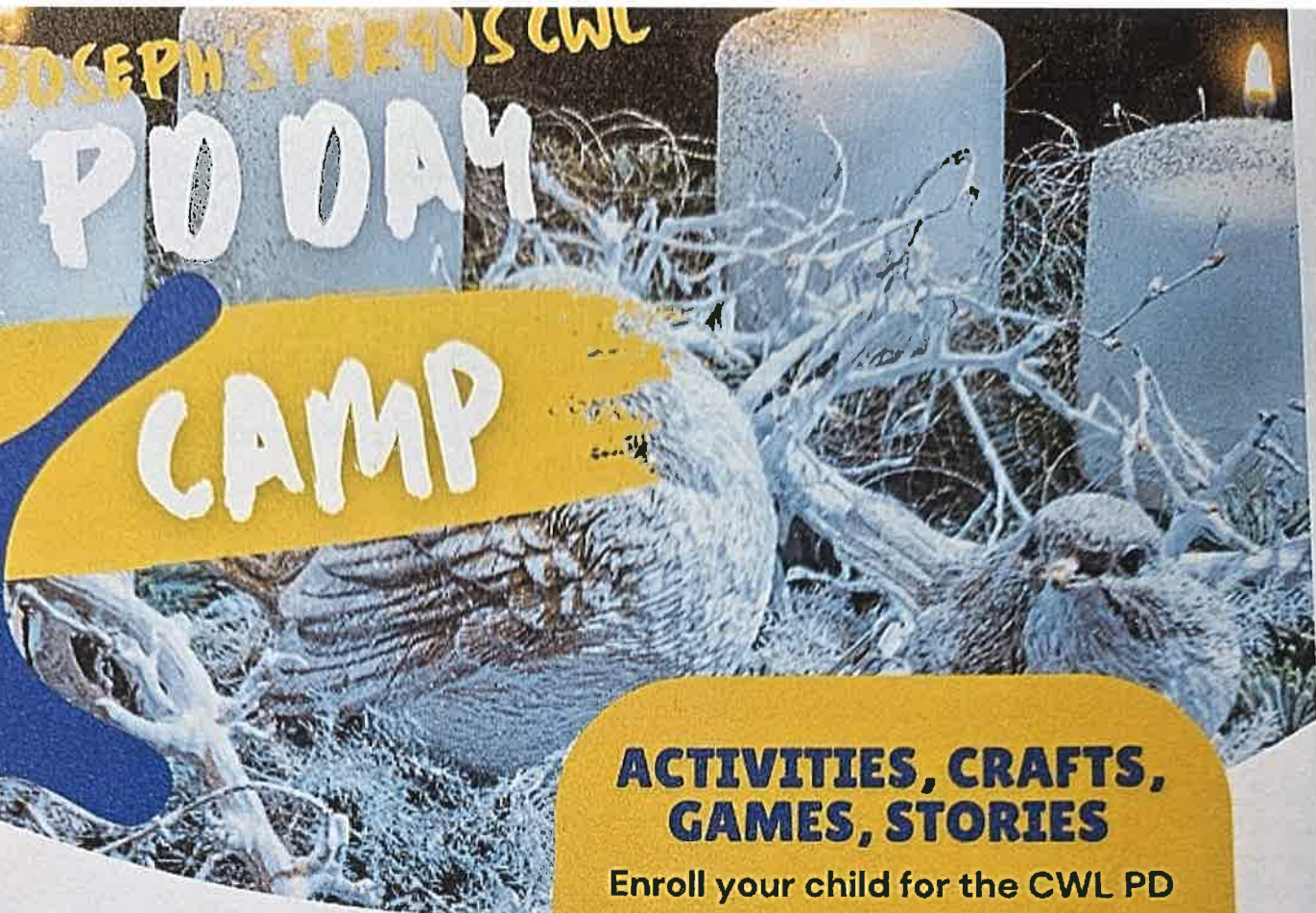
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ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CWL

# PD DAY

# CAMP



## ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS, GAMES, STORIES

Enroll your child for the CWL PD day camp where faith, fun, and friendship come together! We can't wait to welcome you to our church! We will be presenting fun activities including arts and crafts, outdoor play, stories, a tour of the Church, and indoor games. Bring a lunch - a snack will be provided. Our theme will be ADVENT!



**Friday, Nov. 24**  
**8:30 - 4:00**



**St. Joseph's**  
**Parish Hall**



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