

# 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



Have you ever heard of *The World Day of the Poor*? It is a new celebration, on the Catholic calendar, created by Pope Francis at the end of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. So, on Sunday, November 19, we celebrate the seventh *World Day of the Poor*. The Church has always understood the importance of the cry of the poor. In the words of Pope Francis, "Let us never forget that, for Christ's disciples, poverty is above all a *call to follow Jesus in his own poverty*."

With that in mind, I am reminded of the story of a Franciscan friar from Australia. As the story goes, he was assigned to be a sort of guide and 'gofer' to Mother Teresa of Calcutta as she visited New South Wales (where my youngest brother lives.) He was thrilled at the prospect of being so close to this great and holy woman. What would they talk about in the many hours that they would spend together, he wondered? Yet as her visit unfolded, he became frustrated, although he was constantly near Mother Teresa, the Franciscan brother never had an opportunity to speak more than a few words to her—and then, always about practical matters. There were so many other people for her to meet.

Finally, her tour was over, and she was due to fly on to her next stop in New Guinea. In desperation the friar approached Mother Teresa and pleaded, "If I pay my own fare to New Guinea, could I sit next to you on the plane, so I can talk with you and learn from you?" Mother Teresa looked at him. "You have enough money to pay for airfare to New Guinea?" she asked "Yes," he replied eagerly. "Then give the money to the poor," she said. "You'll learn more from that than anything I can tell you."

I leave you to reflect on this quote from Pope Francis' letter marking today's celebration. "This Sunday, if there are poor people where we live who seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them: it will be a favourable moment to encounter the God we seek. Following the teaching of Scripture, let us welcome them as honoured guests at our table; they can be teachers who help us live the faith more consistently. With their trust and readiness to receive help, they show us in a quiet and often joyful way, how essential it is to live simply and to abandon ourselves to God's providence." What have we done for our less fortunate brothers and sisters lately?

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works." ~ Pope Francis



**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 November 21, 2023**

7:00pm **The deceased parents of Michael & Julie Reidy**  
– The Reidy Family  
**Nancy Haid** – Ralph Haid  
**Intentions of John & Jean Paul**  
**Intentions of Mac & Gail Brown**

#### **Wednesday, November 22, 2023**

8:30am **Fr. Terry Sehl** – Brigitte Quinke  
**Nancy Haid** – Dave & Pat Missere

#### **Thursday, November 23, 2023**

**NO MASS this day!**

#### **Friday, November 24, 2023**

8:30am **In Thanksgiving** – Robin Rogers  
**Larry Cyr**  
**Intentions of Don & Barbara Cassidy** – Fern & Marie Beaudry

#### **Saturday, November 25, 2023**

5:00pm **Michael Dignard** – Peter & Carol Landoni  
**Intentions of Lois Chabot** – Bernadette Armstrong  
**Intentions of Irene Wownuk** – Grace Robinson

#### **Sunday, November 26, 2023**

9:00am **Doug & Michelle MacLean** – Anne MacLean  
**Michael Dignard** – Miczi Cicci  
11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

#### **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 19, 2023**

What will you say when you meet God face to face?  
Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to 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)

### **Parish Offerings**

#### **Your contributions for November 12, 2023:**

Regular Offerings	\$1,532.00
Building Fund	\$ 40.00

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** The pastor of an old German parish was not about to let the recent downturn destroy tradition. Even though the town was hurting from the recession and Covid 19, the parish annual '*WeinerFest*' had always been a big morale booster for the whole community. Despite grumbling from the parish council, the pastor repackaged the festival. The new theme: "It was the best of times; it was the wurst of times."

**Congratulations!!**

Congratulations to the winners of this year's St. Joseph Bazaar Raffle:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$1,000      Joan Phillip (Fergus)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$500        Connie Montgomery (Elora)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$250        Brenda Huber (Belwood)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$150        Mirka Idzik (Fergus)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize \$100        Terry Spadafore (Fergus)

Our thanks to you all for supporting our Raffle and our hope that the winners enjoy their prizes!

**Catholic Women's League Update**

Please see the attached newsletter for details on what is coming up for the CWL in our Parish!

**Your Photos Have Arrived**

If you were among the first group to have your photo portraits taken, you'll be happy to hear that your packages have arrived. This weekend the packages can be found in the Narthex and during the week they will be in the Church office.

**Holy Rosary Annual Christmas Concert**

Please join us for a Christmas concert on **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm.** Located at 175 Emma St. Guelph. All are welcome!

**Interpreters Needed**

Do you speak Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic or Colloquial (*Ammiya*) Arabic of Iraq), Blin (Bilen), Cantonese, Croatian, Hausa, Igbo, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Thai, Tigre, Tigrinya, Vietnamese, Yoruba, or Zulu? Our diocesan marriage tribunal needs your help. In some marriage annulment cases, witnesses prefer to speak these languages when they give their formal testimony. Would you like to serve as an interpreter? To find out more, please contact Mrs. Lori Lewis at [tribunal@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:tribunal@hamiltondiocese.com). Thank you.

**Restart: Refresh, Renew, Revive**

Join us for learning, support and fun on a Friday evening. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Please contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 if you plan to attend in person and for the zoom link if joining online. We look forward to seeing you!

**Loyola House Retreats**

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**St. Nicholas Celebration**

St. John the Baptist Parish in Guelph, is Happy to Announce a **St. Nicholas Celebration** at our Next Catholic Moms Group Meeting that happens to fall on his Feast Day!

**Wednesday, Dec. 6**

4:30pm-6:00pm

**Be sure to RSVP by Nov. 27**

with the ages of your children so we can plan accordingly

There will be a short Liturgy,

Children's Crafts, and a Photo Booth

There will also be a Lesson on St. Nicholas

Our very own **Parish Gift Shop** will display a table of Advent Resources and Christmas

Gift Ideas available for purchase that day!

RSVP to [st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com)

**Upcoming Parish Events**

November 24	CWL – PD Day Camp
November 25	CWL General Meeting & Christmas Card making for seniors in Long Term Care and Retirement Homes - 10am
November 29	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
December 2	First Reconciliation 10am
December 2	Elora Singers – Handel's Messiah 7pm See Elora Singers Box Office for tickets
December 5	Mass at 5pm, CWL Christmas Dinner with Elora at 6pm
December 9	Religious Articles from the Holy Land after all Masses
December 10	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
December 13	John Miller & Friends Concert 7pm
December 14	55+ Christmas Potluck Lunch Noon
December 16	Minister of the Word Formation Workshop 9:30am to 3:00pm



St. Joseph Parish, Fergus  
St. Mary Parish, Elora

**Catholic Women's League**  
**Christmas Dinner**

**WHAT: Catered Turkey Dinner**

**\$25 per person (cost is subsidized by St. Joseph's  
CWL)**

**The meal includes: apple or tomato juice, salad,  
turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, two kinds of  
vegetables, roll, dessert, tea/coffee**

**WHEN: Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

**5:00 Mass followed by dinner at 6:00**

**WHERE: In St. Joseph's Parish Hall**

**WHO: All Ladies**

**Tickets available after Masses**

**CWL Meeting and Christmas Card Making**  
**November 25 at 10:00 in the Parish Hall**

All ladies at St. Joseph and St. Mary are invited to get together for some fun as we make cards that will bring joy to seniors this Christmas! There are 3 designs to choose from. Contact Joanne at [ferguscwl901@gmail.com](mailto:ferguscwl901@gmail.com) for more information about the cards and to reserve a spot. Materials will be provided at no cost. We will have a short CWL general meeting before making the cards. We will discuss the bazaar results, donations, Christmas support for families, and The Tree of Hope.

**Men and Women 55+ Christmas Potluck**  
**Lunch on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at**  
**12:00 in the Parish Hall**

The Catholic Women's League will be providing soup and buns. Parishioners may bring a small item to share (sweet or savoury). Please call Barbara at 519-843-2088 to rsvp.

**Sew What?!**  
  
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