

St. Joseph's Parish

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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



Our liturgical year follows a rhythmic cycle. It points us toward beginnings and ends and, in so doing, emphasized an important truth that can only be grasped through faith. Today is the Thirty-Fourth and last Sunday in Ordinary Time on which we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King for short.) Our Catholic faith and its liturgical practices proclaim to a world hungry for meaning that Jesus in the *Alpha* and the *Omega*, the beginning and the end. In Jesus the entire world is being made new.

In the Gospel, we see Jesus hanging on the cross crucified and it was written on the cross that he is the King of the Jews. On Palm Sunday, they honour him with 'Hosannas' and they call him king. He accepts the title and rides triumphantly on a donkey into the city. At the passion they tease him with the title king. He accepts it silently. Now on the cross he is mocked, and a person crucified with him asks for a place in his kingdom. Without hesitation Jesus accepts him into paradise. He gives him everything he needs to inherit eternal life.

On this Solemnity of Christ the King, we celebrate the full and final triumph and return of the One through whom the entire universe was created and in whom it is being recreated. Today, let us pray a special prayer for all the staff and students of Christ the King Catholic Secondary School in Georgetown.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Life is short. Live for Christ the King and live forever!" ~ Fr. Robert Héту

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: An elderly couple are attending Mass. About halfway through, the wife writes a note to her husband. It says, "I just let out a silent fart. What do you think I should do?" He scribbles back, "Put a new battery in your hearing aid."



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 28, 2023

7:00pm **Sharon Armstrong** – Knights of Columbus
Randy Liswid Sacki – Lowell & Nancy Butts
Claude Héту – The Eng Family
Larry Cyr & Deceased members of the Kowalchuk Family

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

8:30am **Ed Smith** – Jane Thatcher

Thursday, November 30, 2023

8:30am **Linda Giusto**

Friday, December 1, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Mike & Lucie Whitmore** – Tove Schmidt

Saturday, December 2, 2023

5:00pm **Michael Dignard** – Peter & Carol Landoni
Mae O'Connell

Intentions of Mac & Gail Brown – Terri Wellstead
Intentions of John & Jean Paul – Terri Wellstead

Sunday, December 3, 2023

9:00am **Doug & Michelle MacLean** – Anne MacLean
Michael Dignard – Miczi Cicci

11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for November 19, 2023:

Regular Offerings	\$2,010.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00

Christ the King - November 26, 2023

"Lord, when was it that we saw you ...?" Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve 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

New Sunday Missals

This will be the last weekend we will be using the 2022 – 2023 (red) Missals. Beginning next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, we will begin using the 2023 – 2024 (blue) edition. Copies are still available in the Narthex for a cost of \$5.00 each while quantities last.



Bambinelli Sunday

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed both the people and their Baby Jesus figurine from their family nativity set in St. Peter's Square.

The blessing takes place on Gaudette Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. Our parish will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday on December 16 & 17 at all the Mass. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figure from your home to Mass that day to be blessed.

After the blessing we suggest you take your "bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and open it on Christmas day and place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib.

Thank-you

to everyone who helped make Christmas cards for seniors at our recent CWL meeting. They will bring joy to someone at Christmas!



St. Joseph's CWL are once again collecting items for 'The Tree of Hope' for this Christmas. Items collected will be going to parish families in need as well as Elora House. Each tag on the tree will be a request for a particular item. If you take a tag, please bring back your item/items clearly marked and place them under the tree on or before the weekend of December 16-17. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Reminder: Tickets are now on sale for the CWL Christmas Dinner.

\$25 for a wonderful catered turkey dinner on Tuesday, December 5th after a 5:00 Mass. Tickets available after Masses! All ladies welcome! Bring a friend!

Potluck Christmas lunch for men & women 55+

December 14 at 12:00 in the Parish Hall. Soup and a bun will be provided by the CWL. You may wish to bring a small sweet or savoury dish to share. RSVP to Barbara at 519-843-2088

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.

The Ignatius Jesuit Centre's OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to a celebration of Advent on Sunday, December 3 from 3-5pm with friends and staff of the Ignatius Jesuit Centre. This gathering will be held at **Loyola House** (Ignatius Jesuit Centre), **5420 Hwy 6 N, Guelph**. There will be a Welcome & Salutations at 3:45pm, as well, light snacks and beverages to enjoy. We hope to see you there! For more information call 519 824 1250 or email reception@ignatiusguelph.ca.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Ukraine & the Middle East

Holy Trinity God Almighty
 Blood of Christ Destroy the Devil,
 Disable and paralyze
 the traps of those who are manipulating
 the whole world.
 Immaculate Heart of Mary
 Trample on the Devil,
 Disable and paralyze
 the traps of those who are manipulating
 the whole world.
 St. Michael the Archangel
 trample on the Devil
 Disable and paralyze
 the Traps of Those who are manipulating
 the whole world. Amen

Upcoming Parish Events

November 29	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
December 2	First Reconciliation 10am
December 2	Baptismal Prep Class 9am to 11am
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
December 16&17	Bambinelli Sunday at all Masses
December 16&17	ALL DONATIONS FOR THE TREE OF HOPE MUST BE RETURNED



ST JOSEPH SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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Accepting Donations Through

Friday, December 8 2023



Please donate **gently used/giftable** toys and books for **families** to shop through at no cost.

Drop-off Location: St Joseph School

Shop location: St Joseph Church

For more information:
519-843-3810

December 8
760 St David St N
9-11 and 4-8

Enjoy refreshments and socializing as you shop!
Child minding on location, free of cost

St. Joseph's Parish Catholic Women's League - My First Year as a Member

As I near the end of my first year as a CWL member and as the president of the Catholic Women's League at St. Joseph's Parish I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the experience.

It has been a great pleasure meeting parishioners and working together with CWL members to meet our goals of increasing membership and providing engaging activities for our members. We had some new members join this year and we are hoping that more ladies will come to meetings and activities.

Our team worked enthusiastically this year to provide a variety of experiences for our members in the areas of faith, service and social justice. As well as many traditional CWL activities, we also implemented new ideas. For example, we had 12 children registered for our PD day camp and they enjoyed activities presented on the theme of Advent. We participated in the St. Joseph School Picnic and Open House. We provided a cash donation to the principal to be used for items that students may need, but were lacking. We had Gr. 8 students volunteering at our bazaar. We want to continue to develop our relationship with St. Joseph School staff, students and parents. We have many ideas and would like to invite all ladies to consider joining us, to share your ideas and to help make them happen.

Through all of our activities, I have had the opportunity to meet people that I would not have normally met before I joined the CWL. The impact that this can have on your life is profound. I am so grateful for this past year as a CWL member. It has made me feel that God is guiding me on a path closer to Him.

If you have ever thought about joining the CWL, I would recommend taking small steps toward the goal. There are different levels at which you can participate. Please see the other side for a description of each level. If you have questions, please email me at sbeatty14@gmail.com

It's evident that the dedication of the executive team, along with the enthusiastic participation of members and parishioners have contributed to the success of the St. Joseph's Parish Catholic Women's League. May the upcoming year bring even more opportunities for growth, collaboration, and the deepening of connections within the parish community as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the CWL at St. Joseph's Parish.

Thank-you for considering joining the CWL at St. Joseph's Parish!
Sue Beatty

The different categories of CWL membership are equal in the League, and by just being a member you have made a difference.

Category of Memberships:

- a. **Fully Active Members:** These members pay dues, attend meetings, take part in business procedures with voting privileges, serve on committees and can take advantage of the many opportunities for personal and spiritual development offered by the League.
- b. **Partially Active Members:** These members pay dues but cannot always attend meetings or functions. They are willing to help when needed, on a task-by-task basis. They want to be part of the organization and make a difference but have limited time to offer.
- c. **Financially Supportive Members:** These members pay dues to support the national organization and their local council. They cannot be fully or partially active currently but may become more involved in the future. They wish to stay informed of events and educational updates through the League website and The Canadian League.
- d. **Prayer Partners:** These members pay dues, taking part spiritually as prayer partners—either with a specific person or generally for all members. In turn, they are included in all League prayers.

The Membership Fee is broken down as follows:

National: \$25.00

Ontario Provincial: \$3.00

Hamilton Diocesan: \$6.00

Our Parish: \$4.00

Total: \$38.00

Membership Fees are due January 1, 2024

Place the fee in the envelope supplied in your box of 2024 envelopes or use any envelope with your name, phone number and “CWL Membership” written on the front. Place the envelope in the collection basket or drop off at the Church office.

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