

# St. Joseph's Parish

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Robert Hétu



A Blessed New Year to one and all. On the last Sunday of the calendar year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. On this feast day, we offer our own families and all its members on the altar to ask God's blessings upon them and to grant them the guidance of the Holy Family.

We need to learn lessons from the Holy Family. The Church encourages all Christian families to look to the Holy Family for inspiration, example, and encouragement. The Holy Family was a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood, and accepted each other as God's gifts, and raised their Son in human and divine wisdom.

Let us consider the special role of Joseph. As the *Word Among Us*, from several years ago, reminded us Joseph could have said 'no' to being Mary's husband. However, despite the extenuating circumstance he said 'yes.' Since "Joseph obeyed God, he is forever a part of salvation history. For someone who never says a word in Scripture, his 'yes' was rather important. It made the Holy Family complete, and it gave us a moving portrait of what trust, surrender and faith really looks like."

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds parents that they have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children as the Holy Family did by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. (CCC #2223). Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of our parish family, and for all families of the world. In the example of Jesus, Mary and Joseph let us always say 'yes' to the Father's invitation to make the world a better and more loving place for all.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Christmas is love, a religious hope, an inner joy of light and peace."  
~ Fr. Robert Hétu (inspired by Pope Francis)

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** Admiring the Christmas trees displayed in his neighbour's windows, Nathan asks his father, "Daddy, can we have a Hanukkah Tree?" "What? No, of course not." says his father. "Why not?" asks Nathan again. Bewildered, his father replies, "Well, Nathan, because the last time we had dealings with a lighted bush we spent 40 years in the wilderness."



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

#### Monday, January 1, 2024

10:00am **Mary Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)**

#### Tuesday, January 2, 2024

**No Mass**

#### Wednesday, January 3, 2024

8:30am **Aurelia Fagundes and the Nunes Family**  
– Maria Nunes

#### Thursday, January 4, 2024

8:30am **John Doherty**

#### Friday, January 5, 2024

8:30am **Souls in Purgatory**

#### Saturday, January 6, 2024

5:00pm **Dina Janssen** – Jane Thatcher  
**Intentions of Doug & Rosemary Blinkiron**  
**Mike Dignard** – Brigitte Quinke  
**Eldon Richard** – Mary Epoch

#### Sunday, January 7, 2024

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

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

### Parish Offerings

Your contributions for the weekends of December 17, 24, 31 will appear in a bulletin in early January.

### Feast of the Holy Family - December 31, 2023

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. 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)







### **Office Closure**

The Church Secretary will be away from December 27<sup>th</sup> until January 8<sup>th</sup>. Messages will be checked periodically, so leave a message or send an email to the office and it will be answered as soon as possible.

### **TELL ALL SOULS ABOUT MY MERCY Divine Mercy PowerPoint Presentation By Nestor Buendia**

#### **Divine Mercy Apostolate of Canada**

“A great treasury of revelations, teachings, insights and prayers of the Devotion to the Divine Mercy”

At The Basilica of our Lady Immaculate, Guelph

On January 13, 2024, 9am to 3pm

RSVP not required

Please bring your own lunch

Please see the agenda for the Presentation attached to this bulletin!

### **2024 Confirmation Parent & Candidate Meeting**

Grade seven students and their parents are asked to attend an important meeting on January 18, 2024 in St. Joseph Church at 7pm. Please mark this date in your calendars.

### **Bible Sunday – January 21, 2024**

The inspiration for Bible Sunday comes from Pope Francis’ letter for the conclusion of the Year of Mercy in which he states “It would be beneficial if every Christian community on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused. It would be a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.” Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton has chosen the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how the bible speaks and how we listen.

### **Want to Order A Bible?**

The Diocese of Hamilton is currently taking orders for a **NRSV Green Soft Cover Bible** for \$17.50 or **The Catholic Family Connections Bible** for \$22.00. If you are interested in ordering one of these bibles, please pick up an order form in the Narthex and return to the Church Office along with your payment.

### **Young Adults Night**

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** at St. Michael Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

### **Adult Faith Formation Through VLCFF**

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University’s Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. Three and five week e-seminars are available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com)

### **Prayer for a blessed New Year**

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

December 31	Regular Sunday Masses + <b>Holy Family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus</b> at 5pm
January 1, 2024	<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b> , 10am
January 2	No weekday Mass
January 7	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
January 18	Confirmation Parent & Candidate Meeting, St. Joseph 7pm
January 20 & 21	Bible Sunday
February 3	Baptismal Prep Class 9am to 11am
February 4	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast





# **TELL ALL SOULS ABOUT MY MERCY**

## **DIVINE MERCY POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

by Nestor Buendia (Divine Mercy Apostolate of Canada)



**“A great treasury of revelations, teachings, insights, and prayers of the Devotion to the Divine Mercy.”**

**At The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph**

**On January 13, 2024, Saturday**

- 9:00 am : Holy Mass**
- 9:30 am : Coffee Break**
- 9:45 am : Praise and Worship Songs / Opening Prayer**
- 10:00 am : Inform mankind about the revelation made by Jesus through St. Faustina  
Why do we need Divine Mercy in our life.  
Elements of the Divine Mercy (Divine Mercy Image)  
The importance of the Sacraments based on the Diary of St. Faustina.**
- 11:45 noon : Lunch Break (Bring your Lunch)**
- 12:30 pm : Praise and Worship Songs**
- 12:45 pm : How to obtain spiritual graces promised by Jesus through Divine Mercy.  
The elements of the Divine Mercy (Chaplet of the Divine Mercy  
The Great Hour of Mercy, Feast of Divine Mercy, Novena to the Divine  
Mercy and Proclamation of the Divine Mercy)  
The Essence of this devotion is: TRUST to GOD and MERCY towards others.  
The visions and miracles encountered by St. Faustina  
(Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, The Judgment Seat of God and others).**
- 02:00 pm : Coffee Break**
- 02:15 : To understand how suffering can be turned into grace and merit.  
To understand the process of Healing.  
To strengthen our Catholic Faith.  
Reference: Diary of St. Faustina, Holy Scriptures, and Catholic Catechism**
- 03:00 pm : Hour of Great Mercy – Divine Mercy Chaplet – Divine Mercy Hymn**

**Jesus said:**

***“Write down these words, my daughter. Speak to the whole world about My Mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it, will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My Mercy; let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them”. (Diary, 848)***

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