

St. Joseph's Parish

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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.

EUCHARISTIC 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



John the Baptist, in today's Gospel declared as Jesus walked by, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The main theme of today's Scripture readings is divine calling or vocation. Everyone is called by God to be a witness to and for Jesus by doing something for others with his or her life, using his or her unique gifts and blessings. Hence, today's readings remind us of our personal and communal call to become witnesses for Jesus, the "Lamb of God," by leading lives of holiness and service.

Our Christian vocation is to live and die like the "Lamb of God." We live like the "Lamb of God" by leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives, obeying the commandment of Jesus to love. We live like the "Lamb of God" by appreciating the loving providence and protective care of the Good Shepherd in the Church. We live like the "Lamb of God" by partaking of the Body and Blood of the Good Shepherd in the Holy Eucharist and deriving spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the Sacraments.

On the other hand, we are called to die like the "Lamb of God" by sharing sacrificially our blessings of time, talent, and treasure with others in the family, parish and the greater community. We are called to die like the "Lamb of God" by bearing witness to Jesus in our illness, pain and suffering through our graceful acceptance of all of it. We are called to die like the "Lamb of God" by offering our sufferings for God's glory, as penance for our sins and for the conversion of sinners.

Our universal Christian call or vocation is to bear witness to Jesus "the Lamb of God." Doing this, however, requires a personal experience of Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. Once we have experienced the personal presence of Jesus in our daily lives, we will start sharing with others the *Good News* of love, peace, justice, tolerance, mercy, and forgiveness preached and lived by Jesus. What are we waiting for? Jesus is calling!

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: After the Baptism of his baby brother one Sunday, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys!" (The dad got the message, and they began to go to church regularly...Needless to say, the family had a bit of catching up to do.)



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, January 16, 2024

7:00pm **Murray Smith** – Pat Woode

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

8:30am **Dave Bullock** – Pat Woode

Thursday, January 18, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of 2024 Confirmation Candidates**

Friday, January 19, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of David Gross** – Tove Schmidt

9:20 **St. Joseph School Mass**

Saturday, January 20, 2024

5:00pm **Ted Kleingebbinck** – Mary Kleingebbinck

Sunday, January 21, 2024

9:00am **Intentions of Aubrey Schmidt** – Dolores Schmidt

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14, 2024

A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for December 16 & 17, 2023:

Regular Offerings	\$1,590.00
Christmas Floral Tribute	\$ 300.00
Christmas Offering	\$1,200.00
Building Fund	\$1,405.00

December 23, 24 & 25, 2023:

Regular Offerings	\$2,098.00
Christmas Offering	\$6,139.70
Building Fund	\$ 250.00

December 30, 31, 2023 & January 1, 2024:

Regular Offerings	\$3,826.50
World Mission Sunday	\$ 20.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 70.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$1,350.00

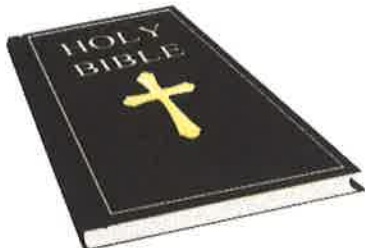
January 7 & 8, 2024:

Regular Offerings	\$ 902.00
Initial Offerings	\$ 175.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 265.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Conversion is not the path to Christianity. It is Christianity." ~ Author Unknown

IMPORTANT REMINDER**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.



January 21, 2024

Sunday Of The Word Of God

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.

Shine a Light

Monday, January 29, 2024

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Sidewalk in front of Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden St.

The 1988 Supreme Court decision left preborn babies with no protection in Canada. You are invited to gather with Guelph & Area Right to Life on January 29th to pray and present a pro-life display that will shine a light on the negative impact of abortion in Canada as a result of the court's 1988 ruling.

Young Adults Night — Waterloo

Saturday, February 3rd

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 Saturday, February 3rd at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

CWL - Next Gathering

Sunday, January 21 at 12:00

in the Parish Hall. A light lunch will be provided. A copy of the 2023 CWL Annual Report/Survey will be available and we will review the activities that provided opportunities for growth in spiritual development, service and social justice. Possible next steps and areas of focus for 2024 will be discussed. Please share your ideas! It will be a short meeting after the 11:00 Mass.

St. Joseph's Parish CWL 100th Anniversary Celebration - March 14, 2024

Mass at 5pm Main Celebrant: Bishop Crosby
Catered Dinner at 6pm Tickets will be on sale for \$35 per person beginning on February 3, after Masses. CWL members and a spouse or guest are invited to join the celebration.

Kindergarten Registration-Wellington Catholic DSE

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 8, 2024!

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children;

- must be four years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2024 to attend Year 1 Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2024 to attend Year 2 Kindergarten

During the registration, we ask that you have the following documents available;

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Parent Or Child's Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Tax Support for Families New to the System (i.e. Most Recent Tax Bill)
- Proof of Address (Government Document, Mortgage or Rental Agreement, Hydro Bill, Credit Card Statement)
- Immigration Documentation (If Applicable)
- Custody Documents (If Applicable)

Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Year 1 Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Year 2 Kindergarten.

Upcoming Parish Events

January 18	Confirmation Parent & Candidate Meeting, St. Joseph 7pm
January 20 & 21	Bible Sunday
January 23	Knights of Columbus General Meeting after 7pm Mass
January 31	St. Vincent de Paul, 4pm
February 3	Baptismal Prep Class 9am to 11am
February 4	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



Anointing of the Sick Mass Saturday, February 10, 2024 11:00 am Registration Form

Who can receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick?

Any member of the faithful can receive this sacrament if they are ill physically, mentally or spiritually. You can also receive the sacrament before surgery. There is no age limit or restrictions on the number of times you can receive this sacrament. Don't wait for your deathbed. It may be too late.

Person being anointed: _____

Tel. _____

Do you have any special needs (e.g. use a wheelchair or walk with walker/cane?)

of other people attending with you (approx.): _____

Will you be joining us for lunch afterwards? YES or NO

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