

# St. Joseph's Parish

760 St. David Street North, Fergus, Ontario N1M 2K9  
Tel: 519-843-2006 Email: [stjosephfergus@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stjosephfergus@hamiltondiocese.com)  
Web Page: [www.stjosephfergus.org](http://www.stjosephfergus.org)



**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 Hétu



Pope Francis recently reflected that, "Quite a few years of my life have strengthened my conviction that each and everyone's existence is deeply tied to that of others, life is not merely passing by, life is about interactions."

Similarly, Daniel Cellucci, CEO of the Catholic Leadership Institute, shared his preference to travel alone for business. Despite his extroverted nature, when it comes to work travel, he much prefers to go it alone. Negotiating meal decisions, coordinating departure times, determining who drives, singing loudly in the car without judgment, he thinks he is more effective as a lone ranger.

Several months ago, he did a three-day crisscrossing of Southern California. He counted 15 hours in the car (mind you, only about 250 miles). As he sat in LA traffic, singing to his heart content, he kept noticing the carpool lane and how fast those cars were moving compared to him. Just one additional person and he could be getting to his destination sooner. It made him wonder, "Where else in my leadership does my bias toward going it alone for the sake of efficiency keep me from getting to my goal sooner, let alone with more joy and quality? Does my ego keep me stuck in traffic or do I recognize how 'deeply tied' I am to others and can I get into the lane that allows me to get moving?" It does not always need to be a caravan, perhaps like the HOV lane, it just might be one more passenger.

In our family life, our workplace, spiritual and parish life, are we lone rangers or are we team players? We are all time travelers moving at the speed of exactly 60 minutes per hour. Remember the Christian life is not an arduous lonely trek, but a joyful community journey. Let us support one another and discover the road to heaven together!

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "The journey is never finished. Just as in each of our own lives, there is always a need to restart, to rise again, and to recover a sense of the goal of one's own existence." ~ Pope Francis

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** A man was waterskiing when he fell into the river. When the boat circled to pick him up, he noticed a hunter sitting in a duck boat in the reeds. He put his hands in the air and joked, "Don't shoot!" The hunter replied, "Don't quack!"



**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 30, 2024

7:00pm **Rose Sabourin** – The Hétu Family  
**James Bailey** – The Reidy Family  
**Deceased parents of Michael & Julie Reidy**  
**Special Intentions**

#### Wednesday, January 31, 2024

8:30am **Mary Deslippe** – Mary Epoch  
**Intentions of Fr. Robert Hétu** – St. Joseph Parish

#### Thursday, February 1, 2024

8:30am **Sharon Nicklasson** – Laurie Landoni

#### Friday, February 2, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Tim Garton** – Tove Schmidt

#### Saturday, February 3, 2024

5:00pm **In Thanksgiving-** Ann Cornelisse  
**Tom Holden** – Sean Rea  
**Sharon Nicklasson** – Mary Waterman

#### Sunday, February 4, 2024

9:00am **Rose Sabourin** – The Hétu Family  
11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 28, 2024

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or deaconate? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)**

### Parish Offerings

#### **Your contributions for January 20 & 21, 2024:**

Regular Offerings	\$1,491.65
Initial Offering	\$ 80.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 40.00

### Great News for Fr. Robert

After a visit to his orthopedic specialist last week, we are pleased to announce that he will be having hip surgery next week on Wednesday, January 31st! While he is off, Fr. Ken has kindly offered to fill in. Fr. Robert is very thankful for all of your prayers, offers of assistance, medical referrals, kind words and concern. Please continue to offer prayers for his speedy recovery!

### Anointing of the Sick Mass

Fr. Ken invites everyone to join him on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am on the World Day of the Sick, to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Anyone 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. Following mass you are invited to join Fr. Ken and fellow parishioners for lunch. Registration Forms are available in the Narthex. Please register to assist us in having enough food for lunch!



### Knights of Columbus

#### Pancake Supper - February 13

The Knights of Columbus will once again be offering a pancake supper for all who are able to come out and join us. We will be serving pancakes, sausage and syrup on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Parish Hall from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Coffee, tea and juice will also be available. Free Will donations will be gratefully accepted for the important work being done at Portage in Elora in support of young people with addictions.

### The Injustice of Abortion

**Thursday, January 25, 2024, 7:30 pm**  
**Sacred Heart Church, 98 Alice St, Guelph.**  
**(Enter through Huron St door.)**

For too long abortion has been dismissed as a personal choice leaving women and men suffering in silence while babies are killed before birth across Canada. On January 25, you are invited to attend The Injustice of Abortion, a free pro-life presentation provided by Guelph & Area Right to Life. During this presentation you will learn about abortion as a human rights violation, keys to effectively dialoging about the issue and how you can help bring hope to those hurting from the trauma of abortion.

### Stations of the Cross

Lent is fast approaching – Ash Wednesday is coming up on February 14<sup>th</sup>! As we prepare for Easter, you will have two different opportunities to take part in weekly Stations of the Cross:

1. Stations of the Cross will take place on Wednesday evenings beginning Feb. 21 at 7pm and will continue through Lent until March 27
2. The Catholic Women's League will lead Mary's Way of the Cross on Fridays at 2pm beginning on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Step/Blended Family:

#### Smart Steps For Building Family

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: Saturday, March 9, 2024. Register on line at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

### Interested in starting an Educational Fund for your children to fund post-secondary study?

If your answer is yes but you believe that you cannot afford it the Canada Learning Bond is for you. If your net income is \$53,359.00 or less and you have children born since 2004, you can qualify for free government money to set up a fund for your child(ren). For more details, email: [socialjusticeclbguelph@gmail.com](mailto:socialjusticeclbguelph@gmail.com) or leave your contact information with the Parish Office and a volunteer from St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council Social Justice Committee will contact you, explain the details and assist you with your application.

### Upcoming Parish Events

January 31	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 4pm
February 3	Baptismal Prep Class 9am to 11am
February 4	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
February 5	CWL Executive Meeting
February 10	Anointing of the Sick Mass & Lunch am
February 11	CWL General Meeting at Noon
February 13	Knight's Pancake Supper 5pm-6:30pm
February 14	Ash Wednesday 8:30am and 7:00pm
February 16	CWL Stations of the Cross, 2pm
February 27	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
February 28	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 4pm
March 14	CWL 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



Call  
**1-800-268-2637**  
for this space



*It's a beautiful thing.*




WOOD & GAS SPECIALISTS  
Free Estimates  
Specializing in Wood & Gas  
www.fergusfireplace.com  
967 St. David St. N. 519-843-4845



A Family Business since 1986  
tel: 519-787-1771  
375 St. Andrew St. W.

Sorbara Law is Proud to Serve the Centre Wellington and Guelph Communities  
Waterloo Region Record 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022 Readers' Choice Diamond Winner



Sorbara, Schumacher, McCann LLP  
Waterloo Guelph Fergus Markham  
519-843-4400 www.sorbaralaw.com



your pet • your store  
900 Tower St. S. 519-843-7997  
www.petvalu.com



Jewellery - Watches - Repairs - Crystal - China - Fine Gifts  
109 St. Andrew St. W. 519-843-1225  
www.ronwilkinjewellers.com



ASSISTED & INDEPENDENT LIVING  
"Living and Caring with Distinction and Style"  
110 Belsyde Avenue East, Fergus  
519-843-6694  
www.HighlandManorFergus.ca



FUNERAL HOMES LTD.  
www.grahamgiddyfh.com



"All creatures have the same source as we have. Not to hurt our humble brethren is our first duty."  
St. Francis  
FergusVeterinaryHospital.com  
519-787-2000

**Remember...**  
Let our advertisers know you saw their ad here.



FERGUS CHAPEL  
Rob Giddy  
Graham Giddy  
Scott Giddy  
Funeral Directors  
280 St. David St. S.  
519.843.3100



Religious Articles, Bibles, Crucifixes  
Rosaries, Gifts for Baptism  
First Communion & Confirmation  
519-843-2006  
Proceeds support the work of our CWL



Crafting smiles with care  
New Patients & Emergencies Welcome  
Implants & Implant Supported overdentures  
Denturist available  
226-897-1016 • care@crystal-dental.ca

THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!



TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 1-800-268-2637



REAL ESTATE AT YOUR SERVICE.  
**KRIS BUTLER**  
REALTOR®  
226-383-9484  
Kris@mvrealestategroup.ca



WE DO MORE TO SELL YOUR HOME  
COMPLETE HOME STAGING - HANDYMAN REPAIRS - PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS  
ONLINE FLOOR PLANS - VIRTUAL HOME TOURS  
INCLUDED AT NO EXTRA COST



Shopping Locally Saves Gas!



Free Prescription Delivery • Seniors Discount  
Care That Never Quits  
519-843-1100



Family Dentistry  
New Patients Always Welcome!  
519-787-0024  
reception@drmauramckeown.ca  
www.drmauramckeown.ca

Total Room Solutions For The Lifestyle You Deserve!  
superior quality | exceptional value | comfort & style | great selection | reliable service



"Where Quality, Service & Value Have Been the Tradition Since 1872"

Free Layaway!  
Free Delivery!  
Free Set-Up!  
Free Removal!

John Thomson & Son Furniture Ltd.  
157 St. Andrew St. W., Fergus  
Phone: 519-843-1502  
Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed & Sat: 12-7  
Thurs & Fri: 12-8; Sun: By Appt.

www.johnthomsonfurniture.com