

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.

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

Today's Gospel recalls the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Horeb. Jesus is transfigured before the apostles Peter, James, and John. *"His clothes became dazzling white...from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"* (Mark 9:3a;7) In light of this phenomenon and heavenly declaration, I would like to share with you this poem by an unknown author that I slightly modified.

Transfiguration in Children

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.
 If a child lives with hostility, she learns to fight.
 If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.
 If a child lives with shame, she learns to feel guilty.
 If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.
 If a child lives with encouragement, she learns confidence.
 If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.
 If a child lives with fairness, she learns justice.
 If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.
 If a child lives with approval, she learns to like herself.
 If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
 He learns to find love in the world.

It is never too late for our children, grandchildren, and our inner child to unlearn these negative experiences and to be taught and learn new positive experiences. Remember, we are all children of our loving Father in heaven.

By God's grace, I should be home recovering from my hip replacement surgery. When I am up to it, I will need regular rides to appointments and even church until I have permission to drive again. Can be four to eight weeks.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Disrespect invites disrespect, violence incites violence." ~ Meryl Streep

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: On a Friday in Lent a Catholic couple stumbles through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. They were just in time for dinner and were treated to the best fish and chips they ever had. After dinner, they go into the kitchen to thank the chefs. They met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis." "We just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best we've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?" Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar." They turn to the other brother and say, "Then you must be..." "Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."



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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

7:00pm Eldon Richard – Hilda Richard

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

8:30am Sharon O'Shea – Mary Epoch

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, February 29, 2024

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 1, 2024

8:30am Autumn Rogers

1:00pm CWL Stations of the Cross – Mary's Way****

Saturday, March 2, 2024

5:00pm Umberta Medeiros – Berta Costa

Sunday, March 3, 2024

9:00am Intentions of the Parish

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

**** Note one-time change of time

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for February 17 & 18, 2024:

Regular Offerings	\$1,611.25
Seminary Appeal	\$ 20.00
Share Lent	\$ 100.00
Needs of the Church in Holy Land	\$ 35.00
Easter Offering	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 55.00

Second Sunday of Lent - February 25, 2024

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**



CWL Stations of the Cross,

Mary's Way – Time Change for March 1st

Please note we will walk the Stations Mary's Way at 1 pm on March 1st to accommodate those who would like to attend the WICC 2024 World Day of Prayer hosted by St. Andrew Presbyterian Church @2pm on the same date. See next paragraph. All are welcome to both.

Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada 2024 World Day of Prayer

The WICC Annual World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 2pm and will be hosted locally by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 325 St. George St. East, Fergus. This service has been prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact St. Andrew's Church at 519-843-3565 or Judy Daniel of our Parish at judy.h.daniel@gmail.com.

Spring Mini Retreat with Deacon Trevor

Deacon Trevor has kindly agreed to hold a mini retreat for our next CWL meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24. Please keep that date in mind and join us for a wonderful, spiritual evening.



Handmade Easter Cards for the Shut-ins

The CWL is interested in getting together to make handmade Easter Cards to distribute shut-ins in the parish. If you would be interested in joining them, please call Joanne Gregson at 519-843-4489 or email ferguscwl901@gmail.com. Joanne will contact you with more details.

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Guelph

Do you have a desire to live out the Gospel by doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love, in service of Christ's poor? Are you friendly, and someone who would enjoy working at cash while interacting with customers? Are you someone who would prefer to work behind the scenes sorting clothes or store items? Then we have a volunteer opportunity for you! No experience required; we will train you. All are welcome to inquire! Feel free to reach out to us:
Tel (519)-836-5829 Email: thriftstore@ssvpguelph.ca



100th Anniversary of St. Joseph's CWL Mass and Dinner – March 14th

The CWL are excitedly looking forward to celebrating a century of faith, service and social justice by the ladies of St. Joseph Parish. We invite you (men & women) to celebrate with us!

Date: March 14, 2024

Mass Time: Mass at 5:00pm – Main Presider will be Bishop Douglas Crosby

Dinner Time: 6:00pm St. Joseph Parish Hall \$35pp
Everyone is welcome to attend. Deadline to get tickets for the dinner is **February 28th**.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Be sure to join the Knights of Columbus next Sunday after each Mass for their Charity Breakfast. Join parishioners for some good food and good fellowship

Come Retreat With Loyola House!

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- **NEW! The Sounds of the Desert One-Day Retreat** - March 15
- **Knowing the Heart of Jesus** - March 15-17
- **Holy Week 8-Day Retreat** - March 23-31
- **Easter Triduum Retreat** - March 28-31

Register online at loyolahouse.com at registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or call 519-824-1250 x. 266

Upcoming Parish Events

February 28	Stations of the Cross, 7pm
March 1	CWL Stations of the Cross 1:00pm
March 1	WICC World Day of Prayer 2:00pm
March 3	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
March 6	Stations of the Cross, 7pm
March 8	CWL Stations of the Cross 2pm
March 14	CWL 100 th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Crosby, 5pm followed by Dinner. Tickets on sale after weekend Masses

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