

# St. Joseph's Parish

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**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 Héту

Have you ever heard of the World Day of the Sick? Do you know what day we commemorate World Day of the Sick? St. John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day.

World Day of the Sick was first observed on February 11, 1993. February 11 is also the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is a title given to the Virgin Mary in honour of the apparitions in and around Lourdes, France, to a young girl called Bernadette Soubirous, now officially declared saint of the church.

On this day, people around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Did you know that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI declared his decision to resign from his post as the Pope on this day in 2013? He cited his failing health as the reason behind his decision. Faith organizations, throughout the world, mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance.

This year, here at St. Joseph, we will highlight the day (really a day earlier) by offering a communal celebration the Sacrament of the Sick at a special Mass on February 10, next Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. So, after the homily the Sacrament of Sick will offered all those who would like to receive it. Remember, we no longer consider the Sacrament of the Sick as Last Rites or *Extreme Unction* but what it truly is a sacrament for the sick. You do not have to be dying to receive this sacrament. The sacrament of the Sick is administered to a Catholic who, having reached the age of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness, old age, or chronic health concerns. Some people receive the sacrament pre-surgery. (I did.) If you are not well or a loved one is ill, please attend Mass that morning and you will be able to share in the sacrament. A light lunch will follow Mass. Please fill in a registration form. It will be helpful so that we can get an idea of how people would like to share in the sacrament and be at lunch.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Sickness has frequently been of more use to the saints of God than health has." ~ Charles Spurgeon

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** Patient: "Oh doctor, I'm so nervous. This is my first operation." Doctor: "Calm down, this is my first operation, too."



**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 6, 2023

7:00pm **Intentions of the Nunes Family – Maria Nunes**  
**Deceased parents of Michael & Julie Reidy -**  
The Reidy Family  
**Special Intentions – The Reidy Family**

#### Wednesday, February 7, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Casey Noss – Jim & Diane**  
Robertson

#### Thursday, February 8, 2023

8:30am **Vince Merry – Yvonne & Leighton Spradbrow**

#### Friday, February 9, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Laura Fischer – Don & Barbara**

#### Saturday, February 10, 2023

11:00am **Sacrament of the Sick Mass**  
5:00pm **Sharon Nicklasson – Margaret Duffield**  
**Intentions of Robert Héту – Terri Wellstead**  
**Intentions of Ken Hanson – Jim & Peggy Sheehy**

#### Sunday, February 11, 2023

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**  
11:00am **Intentions of Linda Wiebe – Grace Robinson**

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4, 2024

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think 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.** email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

#### Parish Offerings

#### **Your contributions for January 27 & 28, 2024:**

Regular Offerings	\$1,825.30
Initial Offerings	\$ 100.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 70.00
Building Fund	\$1,265.00



**Join the Knights of Columbus after the Sunday Masses this weekend for their monthly Charity Breakfast!**



### **Registration Deadline**

A reminder to parents that the deadline to register your child for First Communion is February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure they are received at the Church office by that date so that your child can receive the sacrament this year.

### **Anointing of the Sick Mass**

A reminder that registrations for the Anointing of the Sick Mass and lunch need to be returned to the Church asap. If necessary please call the office or email a message to us.

### **Reel Justice Film Festival**

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival **February 24, 7:00 – 9:00 PM** for the screening of **La Lucha Sigue (The Struggle Continues)** with special guest speaker Honduran human rights investigator Elvin Hernandez. In Honduras, the most dangerous place in the world to be a land defender, the Lenca and Garifuna people are fighting to uphold their spirituality and Indigenous ways of life in the face of state backed mega-projects that threaten to destroy their lands and erase their existence. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

### **"Taste of Diversity" Dinners**

#### **Return to the Ignatius Jesuit Centre!**

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- Dates: April 9 & November 13
- Prices: \$100 each or \$180 for both
- Space is limited

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### **Knights of Columbus Pancake Supper - February 13 in St. Joseph Hall**

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.

### **Dynamic Women of Faith Catholic Women's Conference**

Details for Dynamic Women of Faith's 2024 Catholic Women's Conference have been released. The conference will be held on March 23, 2024 at The Old Mill (Toronto) from 9am to 4pm and opening with Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins. Several excellent speakers will be there including Special Guest Tammy Peterson, wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson, and Kathleen Beckham L.H.S. speaking on "*A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare*" and others. Get inspired, meet like-minded women, discover your missions. For information or to register (Early Bird Registration available before Feb. 14) visit [dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://dynamicwomenfaith.com)



### **Habitat for Humanity, Guelph Wellington**

is seeking volunteers. If you are interested in learning more, visit [habitatgw.ca/volunteer](http://habitatgw.ca/volunteer) or email [volunteer@habitatgw.ca](mailto:volunteer@habitatgw.ca).

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

February 3	Baptismal Prep Class 9am – 11am
February 4	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
February 5	CWL Executive Meeting 10am
February 11	CWL General Meeting, Noon
February 13	Ash Wednesday, 8:30 am and 7:00pm
February 13	Knights of Columbus Pancake Supper 5-6:30pm
February 18	Deadline for First Communion and Confirmation Registration Forms
February 19	Family Day – Office Closed
February 27	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
February 28	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## *Special Edition*

Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Dear Family, Parishioners and Friends,

Sad personal news. My much anticipated right hip replacement surgery scheduled for Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> was canceled on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Someone, did not look at my list of medications well enough. I should never have been given that date because one of my medications had to be stopped three weeks before surgery. I was given that unbelievable date just eight days after my first consultation. Now, I have to wait at least three more weeks before they give a new date. In addition, the hotel I was going to stay overnight in anticipation of my early morning surgery refused to give me a refund for my room. They said that I had to cancel it by the 29<sup>th</sup>, but that was the day I made it!!!

At first, I was in shock and completely devastated. After sober reflection, I now appreciate that the delay is for my own health and wellbeing. Unfortunately, now I have to try to survive the pain and practical immobility for another three weeks. Yet, it could be longer. I will do my best to keep working, but it may be impossible. Thanks for all your support and prayers these last few months as I unfortunately regressed exponentially before your eyes. So, please keep the prayers coming. I am at peace.

Shalom,



(Fr.) Robert



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH  
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CELEBRATING  
**100**<sup>TH</sup>

ANNIVERSARY

MARCH 14, 2024

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, FERGUS

5 PM Mass, Main Celebrant: Bishop Crosby

6 PM Dinner, \$35 per person

Tickets available after Masses



**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S  
LEAGUE 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Who: CWL member and a spouse or a guest

When: Thursday, March 14, 2024

5:00 Mass - Main Celebrant - Bishop Crosby

6:00 Catered Dinner

Where: St. Joseph's Church and Parish Hall

760 St. David St. N. Fergus, Ontario

What: The catered dinner will include salad, choice of roast pork with apple sauce or chicken breast, stir fried vegetables, roasted potatoes, roll and a variety of tarts, along with apple or tomato juice, wine, tea and coffee

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Tickets will be sold after the Masses beginning on February 3rd.

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Our next CWL Gathering will be on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 12:00 in the Parish Hall. A light lunch will be provided. This is our Annual General Meeting.

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