

# 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.

## **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



Anger can be compared to nitroglycerine. Nitroglycerine is an unstable liquid, which in paste form, constitutes dynamite. However, nitroglycerine in very small amounts is what is given to heart patients to keep their hearts beating. The little molecule that dilates blood vessels wherever they are in the body is nitric oxide. It is the active ingredient in nitroglycerine, which is a widely used little pill for the treatment of heart pain (angina). When the heart arteries are constricted, the heart becomes starved for blood and a crushing chest pain results. Put a nitro pill under the tongue and it 'spells relief' as the nitric oxide relaxes the arteries and allows the blood to flow again.

Anger, of itself, is not sinful. The sin is in getting angry over the wrong things. We get angry when someone cuts us off in traffic, or when someone takes credit for something we have done at work. We get angry at the kids when they are too noisy and at our spouses when they do not meet our expectations. Sometimes we get angry when we are simply tired and cranky. We do not even need anything to set us off.

The media reported sometime back on a fight that broke out in a nursing home. *The Spring Haven Retirement Community* in Florida found their peace disrupted over a nasty incident at the salad bar. Mealtime turned ugly when an 86-year-old man complained to another gentleman about picking through the lettuce. Name-calling soon gave way to punching and the police was summoned. Those in the way paid a price. One resident was bitten in his attempt to stop the fight, another knocked down. While no one was seriously injured, one of the men was expelled from the home.

You and I get angry over all kinds of things, some of them exceedingly silly. Sinful human beings exploit religion just as they exploit everything else and for the same reasons—wealth, power, prestige. Jesus got justifiably angry when he saw people exploiting religion for monetary gain. That is a little different from getting miffed over a salad bar. Lord give up peace and patience.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "It's hypocrisy to call yourself a Christian and chase away a refugee or someone seeking help, someone who is hungry or thirsty, toss out someone who is in need." ~ Pope Francis



## 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, March 5, 2024

7:00pm **Marianne & Vincenzo Pietropaolo** – Damiano Pietropaolo

#### Wednesday, March 6, 2024

8:30am **Sharon O'Shea**  
7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**

#### Thursday, March 7, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Gord Lysyshy** – Dolores Schmidt

#### Friday, March 8, 2024

8:30am **Evelyn Pierson** – Tove Schmidt  
2:00pm **CWL Stations of the Cross – Mary's Way**

#### Saturday, March 9, 2024

5:00pm **Souls in Purgatory**

#### Sunday, March 10, 2024

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**  
11:00am **Sophia Panchaud** – Janie MacDonald

### Parish Offerings

#### **Your contributions for February 24 & 25, 2024:**

Regular Offerings	\$1,891.25
Initial Offering	\$ 45.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 2.00
Building Fund	\$1,925.00

### Third Sunday of Lent - March 3, 2024

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be 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)

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** A man was driving without his seatbelt when he spotted a police car right behind him. He grabbed for the belt and put it on. However, it was too late, and the red lights began to flash. "You weren't wearing your seatbelt," said the officer. "Yes, I was," said the man, "And if you don't believe me, ask my wife." "So how about it, ma'am?" asked the cop. "Officer," she said, "I've been married to this man for forty years, and there's one thing I've learned. Never argue with him when he's drunk! Just give him a ticket for not wearing the seat belt"

**March 14, 2024 –  
St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League  
100th Anniversary Celebration**

5:00pm Mass followed by dinner at 6:00pm  
The evening holds the promise of something truly extraordinary as we come together to celebrate Mass with Bishop Crosby and our clergy alongside the presidents of the Catholic Women's League from the National, Provincial, and Diocesan levels.



**St. Joseph Easter Floral Tributes**

Each year we offer an opportunity for Parishioners to include their deceased friends and family in our Easter celebrations through Easter Floral Tributes. If you are interested, please complete the enclosed order form and return to the Church no later than March 25<sup>th</sup>. During Easter, your intentions will be placed by the Altar and remembered at all Masses.

**Vacation Bible School Workshop 2024**

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites all parish ministers, youth ministry leaders to join in our annual Vacation Bible School workshop in preparation for summer children's ministry. New to VBS? Looking to learn more about recruiting youth volunteers? Want a peek at new VBS kits available this year? Come and join us for this informative virtual workshop on April 10, 2024 from 7:00-8:30pm. Registration is available on the Diocesan website: <https://bit.ly/DoHVBS2024>

**Holy Week Resource For Teens**

The Office of Youth Ministry will be publishing, *Walking the Way* a Holy Week Journal for Teens. This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The journal bridges the Gospel readings for each day of Holy Week to practical ways young people can live out the message. The journal also has reflections from Pope Francis' letter, *Christus Vivit* for young people to consider. The Holy Week Journal can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/yyxvxyj>

**Extra Confession Times  
Before Easter**

Saturday March 23 3:30-4:30pm  
Tuesday, March 26 7:30-8:30pm  
Wednesday, March 27 9:00-10:00am  
7:30-8:30pm

**Mass with Bishop Lobsinger**

40 Days for Life is a 40 day prayer vigil to pray for the ending of abortion. In 2024, it runs from February 14 to March 28 in Guelph. On Wednesday, March 27, you are invited to attend a special 40 Days for Life Mass with Bishop Lobsinger. All are welcome to attend and to pray for this effort. The Mass will take place at 7pm at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St. Guelph.

**Parenting Tip Of The Month**

Vacations or 'Stay-cations' are a wonderful time to step away from the busy-ness of everyday family living and reconnect with each other. As you laugh and play this March break, do not forget to stay connected to your faith. Be the family that plays and prays together. Take some time to talk about Lent and how it leads us to the great celebration at Easter!

**Marriage Tip Of The Month**

Marriage in the Catholic Church is a sacrament: our love for each other is to mirror the love of God for each person. When you look at your relationship, do you see it truly reflecting the total love and giving of God's love? Love is a choice and the decision to love can and should influence how we treat our spouse. When we purposely act in ways that reflect God's love, our marriages are better and will then echo, through our relationship, a visible love showing God's invisible love to the world.

**Upcoming Parish Events**

March 6	Stations of the Cross, 7pm
March 8	CWL Stations of the Cross 2pm
March 12	Knights of Columbus Executive meeting
March 13	Stations of the Cross 7pm
March 14	CWL 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass with Bishop Crosby, 5pm followed by Dinner.
March 15	CWL Stations of the Cross 2pm
March 26	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
March 27	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
March 27	Stations of the Cross 7pm
March 28	Holy Thursday Mass 7pm
March 29	Good Friday, 11am and 3pm
March 30	Easter Vigil 8pm
March 31	Easter Sunday 9 and 11am
April 1	Easter Monday Office Closed



## St. Joseph Parish's Easter Floral Tributes

In this Holy Season of Easter, as a mark of respect for your late loved ones, you can choose to honour their memory through an Easter Floral Tribute. Over Easter, the name of your deceased loved ones will be placed on the Altar and remembered at each Mass offered at St. Joseph Church.

Please complete the form below and return to the Church by April 5<sup>th</sup>.

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I/We \_\_\_\_\_ wish to dedicate an Easter

Floral Tribute for \_\_\_\_\_

and request that it be placed at the altar at St. Joseph's Church as a sign of remembrance and expression of our faith in Christ's promise of eternal life.

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