

St. Joseph's Parish

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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, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is called *Lætare Sunday*—Rejoice Sunday. As on *Gaudete Sunday* in Advent, rose-coloured vestments may replace violet-coloured vestments and flowers may grace the altar, symbolizing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord. The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a gracious and merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus—God's Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Jesus.

We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving, gracious and merciful love. As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than generosity and compassion. It inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image and carry our own daily cross/crosses with joy, while helping other to carry their heavier crosses.

Our rebirth by water and the Spirit must be an ongoing process. That is, we must lead a life of repentance and conversion bringing us to renewal of life, with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us, through prayer, Bible reading and study, regularly frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist and doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"The will of God will not take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us." ~ Billy Graham

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL

The day before the last change from daylight saving time, the pastor posted, "For those who habitually show up 15 minutes late for Mass, allow me to remind you that tonight is the night you set your clock back 45 minutes."



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 12, 2024

7:00pm **Deceased Parents of Michael & Julie Reidy** –
The Reidy Family

Special Intentions

Intentions of Perone Family – Aedan Reidy

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

8:30am **Celestina Fabico** – Randy & Arlene Fabico

7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**

Thursday, March 14, 2024

8:30am **Patrick Murphy** – A Friend

5:00pm **100th Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League of St. Joseph Parish**

Friday, March 15, 2024

8:30am **Larry McDermott** – Tove Schmidt

2:00pm **CWL Stations of the Cross – Mary's Way**

Saturday, March 16, 2024

5:00pm **Eldon Richard** – Hilda Richard

Paul Rivett – Pat Rivett-Kitras

Sunday, March 17, 2024

9:00am **Tom Rider** – Frank Rider

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

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for March 2 & 3, 2024:

Regular Offerings	\$3,384.00
Seminary Appeal	\$ 20.00
Share Lent	\$ 50.00
Needs of the Church in Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Easter Offering	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 270.00

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 10, 2024

St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**



St. Joseph's Parish Catholic Women's League 100th Anniversary

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Catholic Women's League at St. Joseph's Parish on March 14, 2024, let us remember the women who paved the way—those who saw a need, took action, and established a legacy that continues today. Their courage, resilience, and determination have left an indelible mark on our parish, our community, and our hearts. Please pray for members of the St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League as they begin their second century of promoting service, social justice and spiritual development

2024 Guelph & Area Right to Life Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held in person and online via video conference. We encourage all members to be a part! Planning to attend? [RSVP by Friday, March 15th.](#)

Guelph & Area Right To Life AGM

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Time: 7 pm

Location: GARTL office - 26 Norfolk St, Guelph

Doors open at 6:40 pm. Light refreshments provided

If you are joining online a meeting link will be sent out closer to the date. To renew your membership, or to become a member, visit guelphforlife.com/getinvolved or contact us at 519-836-6311.

Maryhill Park Fish Fry Fundraiser

Maryhill Community Centre (58 St, Charles St. E.)
GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th 12 noon to 7 p.m. Eat in or take out. NO RESERVATIONS. First come- first served. Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 pc. - \$16; 2 pc. - \$19. Children 12 & under may buy a half price 1 pc for @ \$8.00 if dining in house only! Hot Dogs also available. Dessert & refreshments available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. CASH ONLY PLEASE! ADVANCED orders for Take out orders strongly advised. For more information contact (519) 648-2939. For more information, please check us out on the "Maryhill Events and Things for Sale" Facebook page.

Novena and Feast of Devine Mercy 2024

You are invited to join the parish community of St. Joseph (409 Paisley Rd., Guelph) for the novena prayers in preparation for the Feast of the Divine Mercy. The first day of the novena is on Good Friday, March 29 (7:30pm) and will continue up to Saturday, April 6. Please check the flyer included with this bulletin for the full schedule of the novena prayers and for more details. This year the Feast of the Divine Mercy will be

on Sunday, April 7 starting at 2pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, solemn Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Confessions. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm, followed by light refreshments in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome!



Construction on St. Joseph School Has Begun!

Construction on the new addition to St. Joseph School has finally begun, as you probably have noticed by the contractor fencing and signs. All construction vehicles will enter the property through the St. David St. entrance. People who attend weekday morning Mass or visit during the day may want to park at the front of the Church to avoid children, parents dropping off the children and construction vehicles.

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:

- **Knowing the Heart of Jesus
Weekend Retreat - March 15-17**
- **NEW! The Sounds of the Desert
One-Day Retreat - March 15**

Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519 824 1250 ext. 266

Upcoming Parish Events

March 12	Knights of Columbus Executive meeting
March 13	Stations of the Cross 7pm
March 14	CWL 100 th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Crosby, 5pm followed by Dinner.
March 15	CWL Stations of the Cross 2pm
March 17	Knights reception after Masses for CWL Anniversary
March 23	Extended Confession Time 3:30-4:30pm
March 26	Extra Confession Time 7:30-8:30pm
March 26	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
March 27	Extra Confession Times 9:00-10:00am and 7:30-8:30pm
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

The Apostles of Divine Mercy Canada (Guelph) invite you to the

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

*"On that day the very depths of
My tender mercy are open..."*

*(Jesus to St. Faustina)
St. Faustina's Diary 699*

NOVENA PRAYERS

Day 1: Fri. March 29 (Good Friday) – 7:30PM

Day 2: Sat. March 30 (Holy Saturday) – 3:00PM

Day 3: Sun. March 31 (Easter Sunday) – 1:00PM

Day 4 to Day 8: Mon. April 1 to Fri. April 5 – 7:30PM

Day 9: Sat. April 6 – 9:30AM

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Sunday April 7

Holy Hour & Chaplet of the Divine Mercy – **2:00PM**

(Confessions will be heard throughout)

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist – **3:00PM**

(Light refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall)



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For more information please contact

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St. Joseph Parish Office at (519) 822-4614

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