

St. Joseph's Parish

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SECRETARY: Mrs. Lori Cipparrone

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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

The glorious solemnity of Easter is just around the corner. So, today's readings focus on the approaching death of Jesus, which St. Paul considers a priestly sacrifice and St. John considers his moment of the 'exaltation' and 'glorification.' The readings offer us a challenge. Just as Jesus became the "*Promised Messiah of Glory*" and the "*Conquering Son of Man*" by offering his life for others, we, too, must possess heaven by dying to self and by spending our lives in self-giving and sacrificial service.

Today's Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through suffering and service. Salt gives its taste by dissolving in water. A candle gives light by burning its wick and melting its wax. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by transforming a grain of sand through a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves had. Let us pray that we may acquire this self-sacrificial spirit, especially during Lent.

Only a life spent for others will be glorified in heaven, and sometimes even in this world. We know that the world owes everything to people who have spent their time, talent, and treasure for God and for their fellow human beings. St. Teresa of Calcutta, for instance, gave up her comfortable teaching career, and with just 17 cents in her pocket began her challenging life for the 'poorest of the poor' in the crowded streets of India. We have seen similar cases in the history of great saints, scientists, and benefactors of humankind in all walks of life. They chose to burn out rather than to rust out.

Happy St. Patrick's Day – Happy St. Joseph's Day

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"God sees everything through the lens of mercy." ~
Word Among Us

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:

Two fish are sitting at the bar at O'Callaghan's. Fish One says: "Wow, this place is really dead..." Fish Two replies: "It's always like that during Lent!" (It must be a Catholic neighbourhood. Ha! Ha!)



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 19, 2024

7:00pm **Michael Kenny** – The Reidy Family
Special Intentions
Josef Krekel and Katie Campbell – Elisabeth Krekel

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:30am **Special Intentions of the Vollick** – Audry & Ron Vollick

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

Thursday, March 21, 2024

8:30am **Mary Phillingham**
5:00pm **100th Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League of St. Joseph Parish**

Friday, March 22, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Sister Maria Francis Herrera** – Tove Schmidt
9:20am **St. Joseph School Mass**
2:00pm **CWL Stations of the Cross – Mary's Way**

Saturday, March 23, 2024

5:00pm **Eldon Richard** – Hilda Richard
Paul Rivett – Pat Rivett-Kitras

Sunday, March 24, 2024

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**
11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for March 9 & 10, 2024:

Regular Offerings	\$1,909.15
Share Lent	\$ 200.00
Easter Floral Tribute	\$ 420.00
Building Fund	\$ 150.00

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 17, 2024

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



The Candles at the Shrine of St. Joseph burn for the repose of the souls of Josef Krekel and Katie Campbell.
 March 16 – 22, 2024

Thank-You From The CWL!

The St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League extends our heartfelt gratitude to all who joined us in commemorating our 100th Anniversary celebration on March 14th! We express our deepest appreciation to each individual who contributed in any capacity to ensure the success of this significant event. Your support and participation made our milestone celebration truly memorable. Thank you!

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.

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper

On Palm Sunday weekend, the parish will receive copies of the above-mentioned book and they will be available to anyone who would like a copy at no charge while quantities last. An excellent read, ideal for this time of Lent as we move toward Easter! The books will be available next weekend in the Narthex.



Reel Justice Film Festival

Join the **Reel Justice Film Festival March 27, 7:00 – 9:00 PM** for our special youth screening of **Island of Lemurs, Madagascar**. An insightful documentary for the whole family! Follow Dr. Patricia C. Wright's mission to help lemurs, the highly evolved creatures who arrived on Madagascar millions of years ago as castaways but are now highly endangered. Daytime screening for D&P Schools also available. **The screening will be hosted online via Zoom. Register 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.

New Addition to our Library

A parishioner has generously donated two copies of a new book "**Therefore Choose Life – My Journey from Hopelessness to Hope**". It is a true story of the homeless, hopeless Orillia man who was seeking MAID.

Missing a Licence Plate?

Someone who attended a recent Mass at our Parish, backed into their spot and then pulled forward to leave, left their rear licence plate behind. The plate is now at the table in front of the church office. If you are missing your rear plate, please check it out!



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Upcoming Parish Events

March 17	Knights of Columbus reception after Masses for CWL Anniversary
March 20	Caressant Care Mass, 2pm
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

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