

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



In the words of Pope Francis, let us remember that: "Holy Week is not so much a time of sorrow, but, rather, a time to enter into Christ's way of thinking and acting."

Holy Week is a time when we are on the road from crucifixion and to resurrection. This is not a road we are called to travel on our own, but a road on which we follow Jesus—the one who is on the way to the cross. On his way to the cross, Jesus helps his disciples understand that death and dying (because of original sin) are part of life.

St. John Paul II, in *Evangelium Vitae*, section 67 reminds us that: "Living to the Lord also means recognizing that suffering, while still an evil and a trial in itself, can always become a source of good. It becomes such if it is experienced for love and with love through sharing, by God's gracious gift and one's own personal and free choice, in the suffering of Christ Crucified. In this way, the person who lives his suffering in the Lord grows more fully conformed to him and more closely associated with his redemptive work on behalf of the Church and humanity."

To be fully faithful to our calling, we must incorporate this reality into our daily lives. As people of faith, we should not be afraid of suffering, death and dying. Let us boldly prepare for our heavenly journey. May we always rejoice in the glory and victory of the cross!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Hope born of the Cross is different from that of the world, because it is born of the love of Jesus. In the Cross our hope is reborn." ~ Pope Francis

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Waitress to her Catholic customer and friend: "Today is a Friday in Lent. Sorry, no meat for you!"



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 26, 2024

7:00pm Intentions of Pat Clerkin

Jean-Marie Héту – The Héту Family

7:30-8:30pm Extra Confessions

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:30am Frances & Elizabeth Clerkin

9:00-10:00am Extra Confessions

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:30-8:30pm Extra Confessions

Thursday, March 28, 2024

7:00pm Holy Thursday – Mass of the Last Supper

Friday, March 29, 2024

11:00am Good Friday - Passion of the Lord

3:00 pm Good Friday - Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 30, 2024

8:00pm Easter Vigil – Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:00am Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord

11:00am Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for March 16 & 17, 2024:

Regular Offerings	\$2,104.60
Initial Offering	\$ 25.00
Share Lent	\$3,060.00
Easter Floral Tribute	\$ 110.00
Easter Offering	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 970.00

Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 24, 2024

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord!
Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord!
If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Retreat With Deacon Trevor Klein

Deacon Trevor has kindly agreed to hold a mini retreat for our next CWL meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24. He would like to know how many ladies will be attending the retreat so he can provide material for everyone attending. Please contact Rose Anne Sander at wrs.sander@gmail.com if you are able to attend so she can forward the numbers to Deacon Trevor. It will be a wonderful spiritual evening with refreshments following the retreat.

Date Correction – 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/>

40 Days for Life Mass with Bishop Lobsinger

As the 40 Days for Life Guelph prayer vigil draws to a close, Bishop Lobsinger will be visiting the Basilica of Our Lady for a special 40 Days for Life mass. All are welcome to attend! Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 7 pm at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St, Guelph.

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 license 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!

Marriage Enrichment

The Family Ministry Office of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to take the time with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in a relationship and to deepen the love you already share. The workshop takes place Saturday, June 1st from 9:30am to 3:00pm at St. Catherine of Siena in Hamilton. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. Register online at Hamiltondiocese.com/events or call 905-528-7988, ext. 2249



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:

- **NEW! Journeying through Grief One-Day Retreat - April 11**
- **NEW! Unplug to Reconnect Retreat - April 16-18 NEW! The Everyday God:**
- **Finding God in our Sacred Stories One-Day Retreat - April 19**
- **NEW! Courage, Compassion, Climate Change: Early Earth Day Event - April 21**

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



DIocese of Hamilton

Calling All Moms!

Are you looking for a Free, Fun, Faith Filled Afternoon For You and Your School Age Children?

Wednesday April 3

4:30pm - 6:00pm

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st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

St. John the Baptist

45 Victoria Rd. N, Guelph

Upcoming Parish Events

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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