

# 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 Héту



As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we proclaim, to all who are willing to listen, the infinite and divine mercy and love of God for every human being on the face of the earth. All we have to do is seek it. The readings for this weekend have one very important point to make and that is the infinite mercy and love of God for everyone. In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read how the Apostles went forth and performed many healings and miracles. Healing people of not only their physical afflictions, but also their spiritual illnesses, usually called sins, is just one of the manifestations of God's infinite mercy and love.

In today's Gospel from St. John, we hear how Jesus appeared to the Apostles as they had locked themselves away in fear. When Jesus appeared, he began with these words: "*Peace be with you.*" He then showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Risen Lord. Again, Jesus said: "*Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*" And with that he breathed on them and said: "*Receive the Holy Spirit.*"

The story goes on to tell us that Thomas was not among the disciples gathered there and when the apostles told him they had seen the Lord he said: "*Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger the mark of the nails, and my hand in his side, I will not believe.*"

About a week later Jesus appeared again to the apostles even though the doors were locked, and this time Thomas was with them, and Jesus began with the words: "*Peace be with you.*" Then he said to Thomas: "*Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.*" To which Thomas replied: "*My Lord and my God!*"

Jesus then told Thomas: "*Have you believed because you have seen me?*" Followed by what I feel are extremely important words for us to keep in mind: "*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believed.*" We, more than 2000 years later, who call ourselves Catholics and Christians, therefore are told that we are blessed, because we have embraced the truth of Jesus and believe. May our prayer forever be: "*My Lord and my God have mercy on me a sinner!*"

*Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!*



## 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

### Monday, April 8, 2024

7:00pm **Annunciation of the Lord**

### Tuesday, April 9, 2024

7:00pm **Ron Pickford**

### Wednesday, April 10, 2024

8:30am **Bob Landoni** – Laurie Landoni

2:00pm **Caressant Care Mass**

### Thursday, April 11, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Fr. Don Sanvido** – Tove Schmidt

### Friday, April 12, 2024

8:30am **Sheila Turnidge** – Michael Turnidge

### Saturday, April 13, 2024 & First Communion

5:00pm **Rosina DeLuca** – The Family

**Intentions of Fern & Marie Beaudry** – Barbara & Don Cassidy

**Intentions of Joan Pollock** – Colette Brodie

### Sunday, April 14, 2024

9:00am **Mary KleinGebbinck** – Mary Epoch

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

### Second Sunday of Easter - April 7, 2024

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988** email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Love is mercy's second name. Love is like mercy in action." ~ Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** The Gravestone Message: The following caption was found written on a gravestone..."As I am now, you soon shall be, so be content to follow me." Then someone taped the following note on that gravestone..."To follow you I'm not content, until I know, which way you went!"



### Parish Offerings

#### **Your contributions for March 29, 30 & 31, 2024:**

Regular Offerings	\$ 3,281.01
Share Lent	\$ 580.00
Easter Floral Tribute	\$ 150.00
Easter Offering	\$ 4,801.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 2,580.45
Building Fund	\$ 1,340.00



**Be sure to join the Knights of Columbus After each Sunday Mass this weekend for their Charity Breakfast and fellowship with other parishioners!**

### Catholic Women's League April Newsletter

Women of the Parish are encouraged to take some time to check out the CWL's April Newsletter included in this bulletin. In it you will find full details on their upcoming **Mothers, Daughters and Friends Tea**; the next CWL gathering on April 24<sup>th</sup> and more.

### Diocesan Choir

The Diocesan Choir leads and supports the assembly's song at major Diocesan liturgies such as the Chrism Mass and Ordinations and is looking for new members. Should you wish more information, please contact Mrs. Sharon Fazari, Choir Director, at [sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com).

### Guelph & Area Right to Life Annual Walk for Life!

All are welcome to join Guelph & Area Right to Life's annual Walk for Life fundraiser happening **Saturday, May 25!** Invite your friends, family, church or school to walk in support of Guelph & Area Right to Life's work to change hearts and minds-- and save lives. Join in either Guelph or Fergus and be sure to stay for the free lunch provided after each walk!

**Guelph location:** Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St. Doors open at 9:30 am, walk at 10 am.

**Fergus location:** Maranatha Canadian Reformed Church, 600 Belsyde Ave E. Doors open at 9:30 am, walk begins at 10 am.

Get full details and register today at [Guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life](http://Guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life).

### Parenting Tip Of The Month

Parents are the most influential people in their children's lives. Even in the teen years, when peers become so important, parents are still influencing their children in almost every way. As their role model, it is important to ask yourself if what your children are seeing and hearing from you is how you would like them to act and speak. Do you speak kindly to family, friends and strangers? Do you limit the amount of time you engage on your phone and/or tablet/computer? Do you show them that you rely on God through prayer, attending Mass and talking about times God has helped you through? Your children are watching you to know how to act and behave, so look inward at how you act and speak and be sure you are the person you want your child to become.

### Marriage Tip Of The Month

When we marry, we gain a spouse and his or her family. It is essential that we agree to ensure that we, as a couple, have the most important connection and that we remain united as a family unit when stresses with extended family arise. This means coming to agreement with each other on items such as how to celebrate holidays and traditions, the raising of children and other areas that directly impact us as a couple, even when family wants to have input. Our families can provide wonderful support to our marriage, but we must remember that the essential relationship is between our spouse and ourselves.

### Restart: Refresh, Renew, Revive Friday Night Support Group

Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. Held the **2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month**, these get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Register before each session here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or call her at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

### Upcoming Parish Events

April 8	Office Closed at 1:00pm
April 8	Annunciation of the Lord Mass 7:00pm
April 9	Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg 7:30pm
April 10	Caessant Care Mass 2pm
April 15	CWL Executive Meeting 10am
April 24	CWL General Meeting & Mini Retreat with Deacon Trevor Klein
May 11	Mothers, Daughters and Friends Tea 1pm

**St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League News - April 2024**



*Mothers, Daughters and  
Friends Tea*

*Saturday, May 11, 2024*

*Tea Party hosted by the St. Joseph's  
Parish Catholic Women's League at  
1:00pm in the Parish Hall*

*Enjoy sandwiches, salad, sweet treats, lemonade and tea*

*Tickets available after Masses from  
April 6 until May 5*

*\$10 per adult*

*\$5 per child under 12*

*Please bring a donation for the food  
bank*



Tickets for this event sell out quickly. If you are interested in attending, please purchase your tickets soon. Tickets will not be sold after May 5th.



Thank-you to Mr. Burt and Mrs. Fuller from St. Joseph's School for inviting their classes to express their thoughts about the Catholic Women's League 100th Anniversary! Bishop Crosby along with many parishioners enjoyed looking at their work.



**Next CWL Gathering- April 24 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall**

Catholic Women’s League members will be gathering in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00pm for a short meeting followed by the “Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat” with Deacon Trevor. Thank-you to everyone who responded to our invitation to participate in the retreat.

The feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel is April 26.

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**CWL Diocesan Elections**

At the CWL Diocesan Convention on May 25/26 in Kitchener, there will be an opportunity to vote for new diocesan officers. Teresa DiFalco will be the new president of the diocese. Positions that need to be voted on are vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and chairpersons of standing committees. A brief list and resume for the nominees will be sent out to you by email. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the nominees. At our April 24th CWL Meeting we will ask you to vote for who you feel should fill each position. Our voting results will then be taken to the diocesan convention to become part of results from all CWL councils in the diocese.

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**May 3, 2024 - Deadline to register for the CWL Diocesan Convention on May 25/26 at Doubletree by Hilton in Kitchener**

Please see the [cwlhamilton.ca](http://cwlhamilton.ca) website for information about the annual CWL Diocesan Convention in Kitchener on May 25/26. Linda Staudt will be a Keynote Speaker at 2:00 on Saturday, May 25 speaking on the “Synodality and the CWL”.

There is also a panel presentation called “From Faith to Action with Living Compassion” including our Deacon Trevor Klein at 4:00 on Saturday.

On Sunday, May 26, Shari Guinta, the CWL National President, will be speaking on “Rebooting After COVID” at 10:30.

All members are invited to attend the entire convention or any part of it. Please register at [cwlhamilton.ca](http://cwlhamilton.ca)

**St. Joseph's Parish CWL Scholarship Award for 2024**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada St. Joseph Council Fergus Scholarship is awarded to high school or home schooled students from our Parish entering the first year of studies at an accredited college, trade school or university. This scholarship is not based on academic excellence nor financial need. The following criteria must be met:

The student:

- Is entering the first year of an accredited college, trade school or university
- Is a practicing Catholic as verified by our Parish Priest
- Is active in Church activities; i.e. altar server, choir member, volunteer with the CWL or Knights of Columbus as verified by the applicable member of St. Joseph's Parish

A maximum of 3 scholarships are available each year.

**Deadline for applications - June 2**

**Notification of acceptance - June 4**

**Presentation of award - 11:00 Mass, Sunday, June 23**

Applications are available in the Narthex and can be returned to the Parish Office

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**Mothers, Daughters and Friends Tea - Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 1:00 in the Parish Hall**

Tickets will be available for this year's Tea Party hosted by the CWL beginning on April 6 until May 5 after the Masses. Tickets are \$10 for adult and \$5 for a child under 12.

What's included? Sandwiches, salad, sweet treats, tea, lemonade, games, prizes, live music, fun!

Please bring a donation for the food bank.

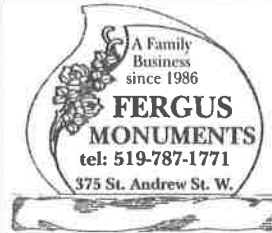
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**Here I am Lord, send me. Thinking of joining the CWL? We would love to welcome you!**

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