

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



Every year on April 2nd in Canada, we celebrate Pope John Paul II Day. The most beautiful and meaningful comment on the life and the legacy of St. John Paul II was made by the famous televangelist the late Billy Graham. In a TV Interview he said: "He lived like his Master the Good Shepherd, and he died like his Master the Good Shepherd."

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is called *Good Shepherd Sunday*, we continue to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection. This is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Today, we celebrate the Risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The priest in charge of a parish is called pastor because pastor means shepherd of Christ's sheep. As a shepherd, he leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects Christ's sheep in the parish. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of a Good Shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock.

In today's first reading, St. Peter asserts unequivocally before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, and the One whom the Jewish leaders have rejected and crucified; but who is Risen from the dead; and in whose name the apostles preach and heal.

On this is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life, so, that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed and protect the Catholic community.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Everyone has his [her] own specific vocation or mission in life, everyone must carry out a concrete assignment that demands fulfillment." ~ Viktor E. Frankl

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: The sheep says to the shepherd "you're a jerk and I hate you!" and the shepherd says, "Say what?" And the sheep goes, "You herd me!"



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, April 23, 2024

7:00pm **Chester Buczek** – The Reidy Family

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Fern & Marie Beaudry**

Thursday, April 25, 2024

8:30am **Mary Doyle**

Friday, April 26, 2024

8:30am **Gayle McCaskill** – Tove Schmidt

Saturday, April 27, 2024

First Communion

5:00pm **In Thanksgiving** -Doug & Marie McGilvray

Souls in Purgatory

Stacey Leith – Rose Wilkie

Ron Pickford – Mac & Gail Brown

Sunday, April 28, 2024

First Communion

9:00am **Intentions of the St. Joseph Choir** – CWL

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 21, 2024

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for April 13 & 14, 2024:

Regular Offerings	\$ 2,947.50
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Seminary	\$ 20.00
Share Lent	\$ 100.00
Easter Offering	\$ 20.00
Needs of the Church in Holy Land	\$ 70.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund	\$ 273.00
Building Fund	\$ 230.00



Young Adult Gathering

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a bingo night in the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate parish hall on Saturday, April 27, hosted by a newly-formed young adults' group. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the game begins at 7:00 p.m. Come early for a chance to preview a selection of fabulous prizes! Please bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy or to share! Admission is \$5.00. The evening will also feature a brief introduction to Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, patron of Catholic young adults, and our group name will be officially announced. Mark the date, invite a friend, and come prepared for lots of fun! For further information, contact Elise at ecreidy@protonmail.com.

CWL Meeting & Retreat April 24th

Thank-you to everyone who accepted the invitation to attend a retreat in our Parish focusing on Our Lady of Good Counsel on April 24th at 7pm. Prior to the retreat, CWL members will have an informed vote for the diocesan officers. Please review the email that was sent out with candidates for each position.

Mothers, Daughters and Friends Tea

Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 1:00 hosted by the CWL in the Parish Hall. Tickets are selling quickly! Buy yours soon before they are all gone! Tickets available after Masses.



Our Lady of Good Counsel

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is sponsoring a **Mass in honour of Our Lady of Good Counsel** on Friday, April 26, 2024. Visit <https://dailytvmass.com> for more details.

April 20 – 26, 2024



The candles at the **Shrine of St. Joseph** burn for **the repose of the soul of Josef Krekel**

Save The Date!

There will be a **Luncheon for men and women (55+)** on **Thursday, May 23rd in the Parish Hall at 12:00pm**. More details to come.

May 5 - 11, 2024

National Hospice Palliative Care Week

This week celebrates and highlights the incredible work to provide quality palliative care across the country. Palliative Care is a vital healthcare service for Canadian's experiencing serious or life-limiting illness, emphasizing the dignity of patients, especially as they near the end of life. It is also an essential alternative to MAID (medical assistance in dying). On Sunday, May 5, the 9:00 a.m. Mass will be offered at the beginning of Hospice Palliative Care Week. We invite all members of the parish to offer one hour of prayer during this week to pray fervently that good palliative care be available to everyone. Your hour of prayer can be in church or in your own home. For more information and prayers that you might find helpful, visit www.cwl.paliativecare

Upcoming Parish Events

April 23	Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30pm
April 24	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 4pm
April 24	CWL General Meeting & Mini Retreat with Deacon Trevor Klein 7pm
April 28	In Honour of Our Lady of Good Counsel at 9am Mass
May 3	St. Joseph School Mass – May Crowning 9:20am
May 5	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
May 8	Caressant Care Mass, 2pm
May 11	Mothers, Daughters and Friends Tea 1pm
May 14	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting 7:30pm
May 23	55+ Luncheon for men and women, noon
May 28	Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30pm

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