

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



I know it might be hard to believe, but when I was in high school, I ran track. Believe it or not I was a middle-distance and long-distance runner. Though I never officially participated in relay races—today's Solemnity of the Ascension—brought relay races to mind.

The critical moment in a relay race is the passing of the baton from one runner to another. More relays are won or lost at that moment than at any other. Perhaps the Solemnity of the Ascension might be compared to the passing of the baton in a relay race. On this day some 2,000 plus years ago, Jesus passed the baton of responsibility for the Kingdom of God to his followers. Jesus commissioned them to complete the work he had begun.

I read about a young father watching his children at a track meet. He was struck by the words of one of the coaches prepping his young 4x200 relay team on their handoffs. "It won't work without trust," he said. "You've got to let go and trust she's got the baton," he said to the nervous novices. "And you have got to start to believe she will reach you to put the baton in your hand. But it's all about trust." What a wonderful life lesson! Similarly, on our faith journey, we have to trust. Pope Francis reminds us that: "Jesus changes our sins into forgiveness and our fears into trust. In [the] Cross, our hope is reborn again and again." Yes, Jesus can heal our broken hearts, but we have to trust him enough to give him all the pieces or we will have no peace.

Do we have a problem with trust? Are we always so worried about the handoff and expecting for the baton to be dropped? In all the handoffs in our roles in life, especially related to faith, do we take the baton in a way that lets others know we have it? Do we signal our trust to those we hand it off to? When it drops, do we recognize our mutual responsibility, pick it up and keep running? When we consider all the fears we want to give to the Lord, are we trusting enough that God will take it or do we just keep running, never putting it in God's hands? In a relay, you cannot succeed without passing the baton. It is the same on our journey of faith. We need trust to let go and let God.

**A Happy & Blessed Mother's
Day to all Moms &
Mother figures**



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, May 14, 2024

7:00pm **Intentions of Dwight Gross** – Tove Schmidt
Flora Hetherington – Mac & Gail Brown
Mary Doyle – Friends in Christ Prayer Group

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

8:30am **Flora Hetherington** – Beverly Rock

Thursday, May 16, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Sister Maria Frances Herrera** –
Dolores Schmidt

Friday, May 17, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Bill Lordan** – Dolores Schmidt

Saturday, May 18, 2024

5:00pm **Chester Buczek** – Sue Miller
Stella McCabe – Mary Epoch
Intentions of Berney Sytsma – Fern & Marie
Beaudry
Intentions of Al Raftis – Mary Epoch

Sunday, May 19, 2024

9:00am **Mary Doyle** and the
Intentions of Don Doyle – Dan O'Neill
11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

Ascension of the Lord - May 12, 2024

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem - to wait - to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for May 4 & 5, 2024:

Regular Offerings	\$ 1,762.05
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 565.00
Building Fund	\$ 150.00

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." ~ Abraham Lincoln (Moms it is never too late to pray for your children or children to pray for your mom.)

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: At 3 years, "Mommy, I love you." At 10 years, "Mom, whatever?" At 16 years, "Mom, you're so annoying." At 18 years, "Mother, I'm out of here!" At 25 years, "Mom, you were right!" At 50 years, "I don't want to lose my Mom." At 70 years, "I would give up everything to have my mom here with me now."

Michael House Baby Bottle Campaign

It's time to show our support once again for Michael House's Baby Bottle Campaign. Be sure to pick up your baby bottle this weekend and fill your bottle with cheques, bills and change and support the life-changing programs at Michael House Pregnancy Care Centre. Bottles will be collected on Father's Day. Michael House is a charitable agency located in Guelph, Ontario dedicated to providing shelter and support to pregnant and parenting young women. For more info, call Erwin at 647.524.5585 or email to erwin@michaelhouse.ca

Free 55+ Luncheon for all Men and Women!

All Men and Women 55+ are invited to a free luncheon on **May 23, 2024 in the Parish Hall at noon**. Tickets are limited for this event. Please pick up a **free ticket** from a CWL member after Masses to reserve your spot! All men and women 55+ are welcome! Please bring an item for the food bank.

Spring Parish Food Drive for Centre Wellington Food Bank

A Parish Food Drive for the Centre Wellington Food Bank, organized by the CWL, will take place from May 11-May 26. Most needed items include: large soup (Chunky, Habitant), small soup (not tomato), canned tuna, pasta sauce, canned pasta (ravioli, beefaroni), canned tomatoes, peanut butter, baked beans, toiletries such as deodorant, toothpaste, etc. Bags will be provided in the narthex for your donations. Thank-you for your generosity!

Ladies - Save the Date - Tuesday, June 18

The next CWL gathering will be on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. We will begin with Mass at 5:30 and then enjoy a potluck dinner at 6:30 in the Parish Hall with ladies from St. Mary's, Elora. **All ladies are welcome!** More details to come.



Happy

MOTHERS DAY



Marymount Cemetery Spring Memorial Mass

The Spring Memorial Mass at Marymount Cemetery will take place on Saturday, May 25, at 11:00am. All are welcome!

Relics Of St. Brother Andre Bessette Visit Hamilton Diocese

The major reliquary of St. Andre Bessette (Brother Andre of Montreal Oratory) will visit the Diocese of Hamilton May 17-24, 2024. The relics of Brother Andre start their tour at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King and finish at Holy Family, Hanover. See the diocesan website, [Saint Brother André in the Diocese of Hamilton \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](http://Saint Brother André in the Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com)) for dates and times. This is a wonderful opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our own Canadian Saints. We are truly blessed to have the relics of St. Andre Bessette visit our Diocese.

Parenting Tip Of The Month The data continues to grow on the dangers the internet can pose to children and on the benefit of time spent in play, both indoors and outdoors. For younger children this means play that uses their imaginations and does not include the internet. For older children, it may include such things as playing board games, doing puzzles and hiking. Whatever the age of your children, time without the internet supports good growth. So, spend time playing as a family and you will see the positive benefits for your children! Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 (ext. 2250)

Marriage Tip Of The Month The statement *'Families that pray together stay together'* is not just a cliché, but also a fact that has research data to prove its impact. To those of us with faith it makes sense, but we sometimes neglect to undertake what we know will be helpful to us. So, take the time to pray as a couple: first thing in the morning, before meals, before going to bed, at Mass and/or any other time you can. It is an easy way to connect and strengthen your relationship. Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 (ext. 2250)

Upcoming Parish Events

May 11-26	Parish Food Drive
May 11/18/25	Rosary before Saturday 5pm Mass
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
June 2	Knights of Columbus Breakfast



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Wednesday, May 22, 2024

- ▶ **6:00 pm** : Exposition of the Relic of Saint Andre Bessette
- ▶ **6:05 pm** : Talks on Saint Brother André
- ▶ **6:30 pm** : Eucharistic Adoration
- ▶ **7:00 pm** : Holy Mass
- ▶ **7:45 pm** : Veneration of the Relic and Blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph

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