

St. Joseph's Parish

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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



William Poutu shared some African Wisdom. He tells the story of an anthropologist who showed a game to the children of an African tribe. He placed a basket of delicious fruits near a tree trunk and told them: The first child to reach the tree first will get the basket. When he gave them the start signal, he was surprised that they were walking together, holding hands until they reached the tree and shared the fruit!

When he asked them why they did that when any one of you could have gotten the basket for themselves! They answered with astonishment: *Ubuntu!* "That is, how can one of us be happy while the rest are miserable?"

Ubuntu in their civilization means: "I am because we are." That tribe knows the secret of happiness that has been lost in most societies that transcend them and which consider themselves civilized societies!!

Perhaps we can use the concept of *Ubuntu* in considering the mystery of the most Holy Trinity, which is a basic doctrine of faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct persons in one God, sharing the same divine nature, co-equal and co-eternal. Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine, which teaches us that $1+1+1 = 1$ and not 3. Yet, as Christians, we believe in this mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the evangelists recorded it, the Church Fathers tried to explain it and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian faith. This mystery will be understood only when we get to heaven, perhaps God is trying to tell us: "I am because we are." One God in three persons! Wow!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "I tell you, the solemn truth, that the doctrine of the Holy Trinity is not so difficult to accept for a working proposition as any one of the axioms of physics." ~ Henry Adams

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: In religion class on day, the teacher asked a young theatre enthusiast what he knew about the Holy Trinity. To her surprise, the student responded, "As a live theatre enthusiast, the only 'holy trinity' I know is my three favourite plays: 'Les Misérables, Cats, and The Phantom of the Opera.'"



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 28, 2024

7:00pm Chester Buczek – Knights of Columbus
Parents of Michael & Julie Reidy – The Reidy Family
Intentions of Joan Pollock – Grace Robinson

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

8:30am Chester Buczek – Jane Thatcher
7:00pm Confirmation

Thursday, May 30, 2024

8:30am Flora Hetherington – Elaine Taylor

Friday, May 31, 2024

8:30am Intentions of Thomas Clerkin
Saturday, June 1, 2024
5:00pm Flora Hetherington – Mary Epoch
Mary Doyle – Elaine Taylor
Rose McCulligh – Mac & Gail Brown

Sunday, June 2, 2024

9:00am Intentions of the Parish
11:00am Fern & Marie Beaudry

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – May 26, 2024

God the Father, Creator; God the Son, Redeemer; God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier. When we go out to "make disciples of all nations", we have a lot to tell! God is present everywhere. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest, religious or deacon? If so, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988** or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for May 18 & 19, 2024:

Regular Offerings	\$ 2,105.90
Building Fund	\$ 145.00





Join Us Next Sunday, June 2

For the Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast

Join the Knights of Columbus after the 9am and 11am Masses next Sunday for some good food and good fellowship.

St. Joseph's Parish CWL Scholarship Award for 2024

Applications for the CWL annual scholarship award are available in the narthex of the Church for students from our parish entering the first year of studies at an accredited college, trade school or university. See the application for more details. The deadline for applications is June 2, 2024.



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!**

Thank-you to everyone who donated items to our Spring Food Drive for the Centre Wellington Food Bank! Your kindness will help to ease hunger in our community.

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, or call her at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

Bishop Douglas Crosby Health Update

Earlier this week we were advised that Bishop Crosby had been taken to St. Joseph Hospital (Hamilton) with concern about his eyesight. After testing it was determined that he had suffered a small stroke affecting vision in his right eye. He has been released from hospital on medication and under medical supervision. He will reduce some of his schedule for the coming weeks to ensure that the problem is fully resolved. Please keep him in your prayers.

Adult Faith Formation Through VLCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2024. Three and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

The Fine Art Of Being Happily Married

In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, "A good marriage must be created" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite 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 relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on Saturday, June 1st from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

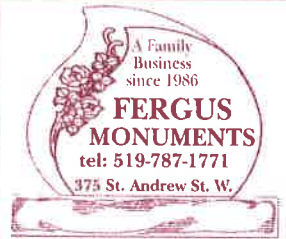
Upcoming Parish Events

May 28	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
May 29	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
June 1	Baptismal Prep Class 9am to 11am
June 2	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
June 3	CWL Executive Meeting 10:00am
June 18	CWL Potluck Dinner 5:30pm Mass, 6:30pm Dinner

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