

St. Joseph's Parish

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SECRETARY: Mrs. Lori Cipparrone

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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 Hétu



Today is the beginning of Catholic Education Week. This year's theme is 'We are called to love.' Before my arrival in Fergus, I had served over seventeen years as an elected Catholic School Board Trustee on two different boards. I also served as the Deanery representative on Halton-CPIC (Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.)

As a Parish Priest and a former Catholic Trustee, I firmly believe in the triad of home/school/parish. Parents are the first educators of their children in the ways of faith. This is a promise they made at their child's baptism. Catholic schools support parents in this critical vocation by providing an over-all Christ centred education, with the parish ultimately being the heart of our on-going life-long faith journey. I am a product of the Ontario Catholic school system and I am very proud of that. I will boldly declare that the seeds of my priestly vocation were sown by my family upbringing and especially my Catholic education. During this Catholic Education Week, let us celebrate with great joy and participate in as many activities as we can. Catholic Education in Ontario is a special gift to be honoured and cherished.

May is also the month of Mary. I would like to share with you these words from the late Pope Benedict XVI to a group of children when he visited India in 2011.

"Look! I have this rosary in my pocket. The rosary is like a tool that we can use to pray. It is easy to pray the rosary. Maybe you know already; if not, ask your parents to help you to learn how. At the end of this meeting, each one of you will receive a rosary. When you hold it in your hands, you can pray...for every important intention. And now, before I bless you all with great affection, let us pray together a Hail Mary for children throughout the world, especially for those who are sick, who are hungry and in places of wars."

During the month of Mary let us turn to our Beloved Mother for guidance and assistance in making the world a better place for everyone. Perhaps, we can choose one day a week to pray the rosary together as a family. A family that prays together stays together.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "It takes a whole village to educate a child." ~ African Proverb (adapted)

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: A Catholic boy and a Jewish boy were talking and the Catholic boy said, "My priest knows more than you Rabbi." The Jewish boy responded, "Of course he does! That is because you tell him everything in confession!"



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 7, 2024

7:00pm **Students, Educators and Administrators in Catholic Schools**

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

8:30am **Jean Lippert** – Ralph Haid

2:00pm **Caressant Care Mass**

Thursday, May 9, 2024

8:30am **Chester Buczek** – Mary Epoch

Friday, May 10, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Fr. Robert** – Hétu Family

Saturday, May 11, 2024

5:00pm **Stasia Brohman** – Joanne Brohman

Chester Buczek – St. Vincent de Paul

Intentions of Berney Sytsma – Mary Epoch

Dorothy Unrau – Aubrey Schmidt

Sunday, May 12, 2024

9:00am **Chester Buczek** – John & Mo Rutherford

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 5, 2024

The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you". The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests, religious and deacons can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for April 27 & 28, 2024:

Regular Offerings	\$1,931.10
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund	\$ 21.50
Building Fund	\$ 967.90



Mothers, Daughters and Friends Tea – Saturday, May 11 at 1:00pm

This is the **last weekend to purchase tickets** for this event! Don't miss your chance to attend!

Join Us To Pray The Rosary (Correction)

The CWL will be praying the rosary 20 minutes before the **5:00 p.m.** Mass for the month of May, starting May 4th. Please join us in honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

55+ Free Luncheon

All Men and Women 55+ are invited to a free luncheon on **May 23, 2024** in the Parish Hall at **noon**. Lunch is being provided by the students at St. Joseph's School who have been participating in the "You're the Chef" program. YTC is a food skills program designed to help youth aged 10 and up develop the skills and confidence necessary to prepare tasty recipes emphasizing vegetables and fruits.

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.

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.

Frassati's Carabiners

Our deanery's new young adults' group hosted a bingo night on Saturday, April 27. Approximately forty people attended, and a fantastic time was had by all! The new group name was also revealed: Frassati's Carabiners! Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati is commonly invoked as patron of Catholic young adults. Known as "The Man of the Beatitudes", Pier Giorgio died at age twenty-four in 1925; an avid outdoorsman and mountaineer, he achieved great heights of personal holiness and service in his short life. A carabiner is a self-locking metal clasp, often used in climbing. Strong and durable, they connect and anchor ropes. Like mountain climbing, the Christian life requires strength and perseverance, and our faith community helps connect and anchor us in the truth of our Faith. Animated by the spirit of Bl. Pier Giorgio, our aim is to foster a community that helps our young adults aspire to the heights together! Stay tuned for upcoming events!



Catholic Education Week 2024 begins on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "*We are called to love*", and is grounded in our Holy Scriptures: "*If we love one another, God lives in us.*" (1 John 4:12)

With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "*Pilgrims of Hope.*" With open hearts of love, we can continue to "*fan the flame of hope*" for a bright future.

St. Joseph's CWL Scholarship Award for 2024

Applications for the CWL annual scholarship award are now available in the narthex of the Church for students from our parish entering their 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.

Upcoming Parish Events

May 3	St. Joseph School Mass – May Crowning 9:20am
May 4	Baptismal Prep Class 9am – 11am
May 5	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
May 8	Caressant Care Mass, 2pm
May 11	Mothers, Daughters and Friends Tea 1pm
May 11-26	Parish Food Drive
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



BISHOP OF HAMILTON

MESSAGE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024

The theme for Catholic Education Week this year is, “*We are called to love.*” The First Letter of St. John reminds us that, “If we love one another, God lives in us.” (1 John 4:12) This moment in Catholic Education invites us to reflect on our dignity as God’s beloved children.

In his Apostolic Letter, *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis shares the heart of the Christian message with young people by stating, “*God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen to you in life. At every moment, you are infinitely loved.*” (CV, 112) This message is a beacon of hope for young people in today’s world. Our Catholic Schools each day proclaim the truth of God’s infinite love for every child, every parent, and every educator growing in unity with Jesus Christ. Our Catholic Schools are conduits of love – accompanying each young person towards a greater understanding of identity, purpose and mission, nurturing future leaders of our Church and our world.

Each year we are proud to highlight the goodness taking place in our Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Hamilton. Videos, photos and witness statements are shared to showcase the value that is Catholic Education in the life of the Diocese. This year is no exception. What we capture is always remarkable – reflections of the endless love of God alive in the hallways, the classrooms, and the sports fields. The love of God is everywhere and roots our education systems, our ways of teaching, and walking with young people and families to fullness in learning and faith. There is much to celebrate and to be thankful for during Catholic Education Week. I encourage you to take part! Think of an educator, a leader in learning, or a peer in the classroom, and thank that person for being an image of God’s love for you today. Gratitude underlies love, it is the ultimate virtue.

Dear leaders in Catholic education: priests of our diocese, pastoral leaders, chaplaincy leaders, trustees, administrators, teachers, support staff, parents and guardians, your efforts do not go unnoticed! I know you do great and ambitious things out of love for our students. It is through your leadership and determination that seeds of faith and goodness are planted in the hearts of our children each day. Thank you for your witness to the joy of knowing and serving the Lord – it is through your example that others will come to know the heart of God.

I wish you the very best for a good and blessed celebration of Catholic Education Week!

+Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

May 5, 2024

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