

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the growth of the Kingdom of God to the germination of a wheat seed and that of a tiny mustard seed. Both have very small beginnings. The wheat seeds, by gradual but steady growth, give the farmer a bumper crop. In the same way, the life principle in a tiny mustard seed enables it to grow into a large bush. The reign of God in human hearts and the growth of the Church in the world also have small beginnings. Yet, the source of all life, God the Holy Spirit, gives to both a steady, persistent and gigantic growth, provided we co-operate with God's grace.

Since the acceptance God's rule by human beings is a very slow process, there is a great danger of discouragement and hopelessness among preachers, evangelizers and believers. Yet, we need not get discouraged. The conviction that growth of the Kingdom of God is the work of the Holy Spirit with our humble co-operation should make us optimistic in continuing our work of witnessing. We should continue sowing tiny seeds in the form of words of love, acts of encouragement, deeds of charity, mercy and forgiveness. Remember parents, teachers, and mentors can plant a lot of seeds in the minds of their children and students. The Holy Spirit will touch the hearts of the recipients of these seeds sown by us and will affect the growth of the Kingdom in their souls and lives. As the apostle Paul said of his ministry, in 1 Corinthians 3:7, *"Neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."*

A Happy and Blessed Father's Day to all Dads and Father Figures

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." ~ Billy Graham (Dads: TELL YOUR KIDS YOU LOVE THEM AND LOOK THEM IN THE EYE WHEN YOU DO IT!) Happy Father's Day.

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Before beginning Mass, the pastor read aloud a note he'd been handed moments earlier. "It says here that I should announce that there will be no B.S. Wednesday evening." He tucked the piece of paper into a pocket and added, "I'm hoping they meant 'Bible Study.'"



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, June 18, 2024

5:30pm Intentions of Fergus & Elora CWL Members
Intentions of Joan Pollock – Colette Brodie
Intentions of Donal MacNally – Colette Brodie

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

8:30am James MacDonald - Margarite

Thursday, June 20, 2024

8:30am Mary Doyle – Paul & Mary MacMillan

Friday, June 21, 2024

8:30am Intentions of Margaret Lingard – Dolores Schmidt

Saturday, June 22, 2024

5:00pm Chester Buczek – Grace Robinson
Mary Doyle – Jane Thatcher
Intentions of Trevor Klein & Family – St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, June 23, 2024

9:00am Intentions of Deacon Trevor Klein & Family
Intentions of the Parish
11:00am Barbara Stark – Grace Robinson
Intentions of the Parish

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 16, 2024

Today's readings remind us that great things often have small beginnings. If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for June 8 & 9, 2024:

Regular Offerings	\$ 3,298.85
Indigenous Reconciliation	\$ 40.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 70.00
Cura Pastorum	\$ 1,815.00
Building Fund	\$ 250.00

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Mass Time Change Next Week

Normally, Mass on Tuesday evening takes place at 7pm. On **Tuesday, June 18th**, please note that the **Mass time will be 5:30pm** (one-time change).



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE **All Ladies Invited**

Our CWL council will be taking a break during July and August. Our last gathering before the break will be on **Tuesday, June 18th**. We will begin with a **Mass at 5:30** followed by a **potluck dinner in the parish hall at 6:30**. Ladies from St. Mary in Elora will be joining us. This is a great opportunity for **all ladies** to get together! Please join us!

Deacon Trevor Klein

A reminder that next weekend, June 22 & 23 will be the last weekend that we will have Deacon Trevor Klein and we hope you will join fellow parishioners after each Mass for a small reception to recognize all that Deacon Trevor has done for our Parish, and we all wish him the best at his new Parish!

Summer Celebration for Young Adults

Frassati's Carabiners, the Wellington Deanery's newly-formed young adults' group, is holding an evening event on June 22 to celebrate the beginning of summer - and more hours of daylight!! The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with Adoration at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate and a talk about Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati given by Bishop Ustrzycki. Following the hour of Adoration, there will be ultimate frisbee and lawn games at York Road Park (between the covered bridge and St. Mary's Ukrainian Church), and ice cream at The Boathouse. In the event of rain, we will enjoy board games and ice cream in the parish hall. Come out for a splendid social to start the summer! If you have any questions about the event or wish to become connected with the Carabiners, please contact Elise (ecreidy@protonmail.com).

Did you remember to bring back your Michael House's Baby Bottle? You still have time – there is a one-week extension!

Can you Grab a Shovel and Lend us a Hand **On Saturday, June 22nd ?**

The Church is set to receive a shipment of mulch on Friday, June 21st, and we would like to organize a group of parishioners to help spread the mulch on the garden beds on Saturday, June 22nd at 8am! If you have a shovel and wheelbarrow, please bring them along but not, we'll find something for you to use! Many hands will make short work of this project so we hope many of you can help out. Please call the Church office at 519-843-2006 to let us know if you think you can help out.

Lunch and Learn Seminar **Funeral & Estate Planning**

Join Dreisinger Funeral Home and Varun Kapoor, MBA, CFA from BMO Investment Counsel for an informative seminar about organizing your final arrangements in advance and getting your affairs in order. Question and answer period will follow and a catered lunch will be served. 62 Arthur St. S., Elmira RSVP to 519-669-2207 or email info@dreisingerfuneralhome.com

A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor & guide us with fatherly love & advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen

Upcoming Parish Events

June 18	CWL Potluck Dinner 5:30pm Mass, 6:30pm Dinner
June 22 & 23	Reception after each Mass for Deacon Trevor Klein
June 24	St. Joseph School Gr. 8 Graduation
June 26	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
July 1	Canada Day Mass 11am
July 1	Canada Day – Office Closed

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