

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 Hétu



There is a point of no return. In 49 BCE, the bold and ambitious Julius Caesar arrived at the border of Italy with his entire army. Italy was separated from its provinces by the Rubicon River. It was considered unlawful and treasonous for a Roman general to travel into Italy with a standing army. So, Caesar had a fateful decision before him. To cross the Rubicon into Italy with his army would mean that he had moved past the point of no return. Caesar chose to risk everything and moved his army ahead. This course of action set him into opposition with the Roman Senate, but there was no going back. This decisive move propelled Caesar into power over Rome and changed the course of world history.

Around 30, the young Jewish rabbi Jesus appeared in Israel. According to the Jewish authorities, Sabbath activities were considered unlawful. Nevertheless, with his twelve key disciples, Jesus travelled the Judean countryside. He went about feeding the hungry, healing the sick and proclaiming Good News but often on the Sabbath. And since he was not someone from the establishment, he was considered to be a rogue preacher. Jesus had moved past the point of no return there was no going back. The religious leaders of the day felt threaten and had him arrested and crucified for treason. Yet, on the third day he rose from the dead. This decisive event propelled Jesus into power over the world and changed the course of eternity.

Where do we stand in the midst our contemporary society? Many of our Christian beliefs and activities are in conflict with today's political (legal) and secular agendas. Let us boldly follow in the footsteps of Jesus and continue to promote and build God's Kingdom and change the face of the earth. Vivat Jesus! Maranatha!

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL "Solitude is the salt of personhood. It brings out the authentic flavour of every experience." ~ May Sarton

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL A burglar broke into a house. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said, "Jesus knows you're here." He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more, he shook his head and continued. Just as he pulled the stereo out, he heard a voice say: "Jesus is watching you." Freaked out, he frantically shined his light around. Finally, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot. "Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot. "Yep", confessed the parrot. "I'm just trying to warn you that he is watching you." The burglar relaxed. "Who in the world are you?" "I'm Moses," replied the bird. "Moses," the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a bird Moses?" "The same kind of people that would name their Rottweiler Jesus!" the parrot squawked back.



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, July 16, 2024

7:00pm **Deceased Parents of Michael & Julie Reidy**
- The Reidy Family
Special Intentions
Jason Kieffer – The O'Neil Family
Donal MacNally – Colette Brodie
Jim, Jacinta & Riley Mae – The O'Neil Family

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Danielle Dawkins**
2:00pm **Caressant Care**

Thursday, July 18, 2024

8:30am **Bud Fauteux** – Mary Epoch
Ann & Brian Darnell – Joanne Huber

Friday, July 19, 2024

8:30am **David Hutchison** – Pat Ogborn
Guisepe Lorenzo & Elisabeth Castelano –
Damiano Pietropaolo

Saturday, July 20, 2024

5:00pm **Jack Miller**
Intentions of Mark Graham – Ted & Marlene
Buczek & Family
Bud Fauteux – Elaine Taylor
Intentions of Lesly Landoni – Grace Robinson

Sunday, July 21, 2024

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**
11:00am **Nolen Scott** – Grace Robinson

NO WEEKDAY MASSES JULY 22 – 26, 2024

Saturday, July 27, 2024

5:00pm **Bud Fauteux** – Grace Robinson
Bob Lake – Stella Johnson
Chester Buczek – Fern & Marie Beaudry

Sunday, July 28, 2024

9:00am **Mary Doyle** – Betty Boyd & Family
11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 14, 2024

In today's first reading Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet; God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to consider what you are doing at this time and perhaps begin the special work He has for you. If you feel God may be selecting you for the special life of priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 21, 2024

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocation discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place. If you feel the call is genuine, call Fr. **Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Offerings for June 29 & 30, 2024

Regular Collection: \$2,153.30
Cura Pastorum \$ 10.00
Building Fund \$1,117.00

Parish Offerings for July 6 & 7, 2024, 2024

Regular Collection \$1,991.30
Cura Pastorum \$ 40.00
St. Mary & St. Joseph Cemetery \$ 20.00
Building Fund \$ 72.00

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Report

Enclosed with this weekend's bulletin you will find a copy of St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Report which covers the good work done in both St. Joseph and St. Mary's parishes.

You're invited to a BBQ with Frassati's Carabiners – July 20th!

Young adults of the deanery are invited to join the Carabiners for a summer BBQ at St. Joseph Parish, Fergus (760 St. David St. N). Weather permitting, a soccer game will be held first, beginning at 4:30 pm. If you are not a sports person, still consider coming to watch the game and cheer! At 6:15 pm, we will pray the Rosary in the church, followed by a BBQ. Burgers, buns and condiments are provided (\$10.00 cash admission), and salads, snacks, desserts, and drinks are potluck. Please email Elise (ecreidy@protonmail.com) to RSVP by Wednesday, July 17. We look forward to seeing you!

Faith After Graduation

The Office of Youth Ministry has produced a resource for those graduating grade 12. Please visit our webpage to access the brochure and the suggested resources to help you stay connected to the faith and your parish after graduating from your Catholic High School. <https://tinyurl.com/dohymresources>

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Smart Steps

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? This program, facilitated by those who have lived experience, is designed to offer practical insights and suggestions on how to make blended family relationships work well for all. This one-day session is held on Saturdays from 9:15AM - 3:30PM. The cost is \$75 per couple or \$50 per person (includes lunch). Fall dates will be on line in July and you can register at hamiltondiocese.com by looking under Upcoming Events on the Diocesan home page. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

ReSTART: Moving Forward

Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will begin again this fall and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Fall registration will be on line soon, so look to register at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Next Bulletin – July 27 & 28, 2024

Upcoming Parish Events

July 15 – 19	Church Office Closed due to holidays
July 22-26, 29-1 incl.	No Weekday Masses
August 3	Baptismal Prep Class 9-11am
August 13	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting

ST . VINCENT de PAUL ANNUAL REPORT 2024

January 1, 2023 – December 31,2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We bring you greetings from your representatives of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul from St. Joseph and St. Mary's parishes.

Most sincerely, we thank you , the parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Mary's ,for your extremely generous donations during these very difficult times. Our clients are very appreciative for your help. In total, for 2023, you have contributed \$ 40,988.00. As you all know this money is dedicated to help anyone in need living in our community, regardless of colour, race or religion .

We have visited a total of 103 families which includes 152 adults, and 105 children. Total amount of vouchers in groceries were \$15,130.00 . Other expenditures (listed below)amounted to \$6,686.00.

Mission Store –Furniture , clothing
Personal Hygiene
Winter Coats for children to 18 yrs.
Particular Council(Insurance & Dues)
Groves Hub (For Snacks)
Moving Expenses for a client
Replace bicycles that had been stolen

We also contributed \$300.00 towards Bunk Beds and \$250.00 to equip each homeless person who lodge at Grace Gardens in Guelph.

We gave \$500.00 to St. Joseph School as contingency fund, and \$400.00 to St. Mary's for winter clothes for a family and \$400.00 to use as needed.

At Christmas we made a donation to all our clients for \$200.00 for food vouchers and these were handed out at the church .

We sent two students from our two schools to Camp Brebeuf and one student to Leadership for the amount of \$2,250.00.

As the number of families in need increase ,we are appealing to our fellow parishioners , who may be newly retired and willing to help with home visits to consider

joining our group to ensure the continuation of the work that Brother Ozanam began in 1833. We meet every last Wednesday of the month at 4:00 P.M. in the Marian Room. If interested , contact the church secretary and she will put you in contact with someone in the group.

We sincerely ask that you keep us in your prayers so that we may continue our work with humility and compassion for our clients.

Thank you and God bless!

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