

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

In today's Gospel, we heard that after the Apostles had rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught he said to them, "*Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.*" There were so many comings and goings that the Apostles had no time even to eat. So, they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves.

Week in and week out, even in the midst of all our comings and goings, Jesus sets himself to "*teach us many things.*" If we are to be the disciples of Jesus, there can be no business as usual. The quest for money and things must be subordinated to the higher demands of discipleship. Follow Jesus; and, like Jesus we will become a person of compassion—a person for others.

Like the Apostles, we too need our periods of rest and relaxation—our vacations. From time-to-time, with all the comings and goings, our sagging spirits and spinning heads, our sputtering hearts and our tired bones all need to be refreshed, relaxed and renewed. And, whatever else they do for us, our times of 'getting away from it all' are golden opportunities to take stock of our lives, opportunities to ask ourselves, "Am I really being the person God wants me to be? Am I really doing what God wants me to do? Am I really doing all I can to make Jesus visible in me?" This summer let us take time for rest and relaxation and even perhaps a vacation. I am enjoying mine!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak." ~ St. Anthony of Padua

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL An elderly nun was living in a convent next to a construction site. She noticed the coarse language of the workers and decided to spend some time with them to correct their ways. So, she decided she would take her lunch and in full religious habit sit with the workers. She put her sandwich in a brown bag and walked over to the spot where the men were eating. Sporting a big smile, she walked up to the group and asked: "Do you men know Jesus Christ?" They shook their heads and looked at each other, very confused. One of the workers looked up into the steelworks and yelled out, "Anybody up there know Jesus Christ?" One of the steelworkers yelled down, "Why?" The worker yelled back, "Cause his mom's here with his lunch."



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

No Weekday Masses from July 29 – August 1, 2024

Friday, August 2, 2024

8:30am Intentions of Veronica Rowe – Tove Schmidt

Saturday, August 3, 2024

5:00pm Jack Miller – Brian & Laura Downham
Intentions of Darlene & Rick Batte – Don & Barbara Cassidy
Karen Hoganson – Ted & Marlene Buczek & Family
Bud Fauteux – Fern & Marie Beaudry

Sunday, August 4, 2024

9:00am Intentions of Bernadette Meyers – Tove Schmidt

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

7:00pm Deceased Parents of Michael & Julie Reidy
- The Reidy Family
Special Intentions
Intentions of Tony Perri – Robin Rogers
Intentions of Ron & Audry Vollick – The Reidy Family
Intentions of Phoebe McColville – Tove Schmidt

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

8:30am Bud Fauteux – Don & Barbara Cassidy

Thursday, August 8, 2024

8:30am Marian Connor – Pat Woode

Friday, August 9, 2024

8:30am Terry Smydo – Mary Epoch

Saturday, August 10, 2024

5:00pm Intentions of the Nunes Family – Maria Nunes
Bud Fauteux – Robin Rogers
Brian McCann – Wally & Roseanne

Sunday, August 11, 2024

9:00am Intentions of the Parish

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

Parish Offerings for July 13 & 14, 2024

Regular Collection:	\$1,853.80
Cura Pastorum	\$ 30.00
Building Fund	\$ 170.00

Parish Offerings for July 20 & 21 2024

Regular Collection	\$2,638.40
Building Fund	\$ 175.00

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 28, 2024

In the Gospel many people hunger for a small amount of food. In our day, there are too many people for the small number of priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. We too must trust in the Lord by praying for vocations. If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.** email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Lend Us Your Voice

The Choirs of St. Joseph Parish are such an important part of our parish. Their accompaniment during Mass, special occasions, funerals, sacraments, etc. is outstanding. They are currently seeking new choir members. If you are interested in joining their ranks or learning more, please contact Frank Rider at accordion_rider@gmail.com or John Rooyakers at royakers_j@hotmail.com. Both men and women welcomed!

Sunday, July 28, 2024

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly
“Do not cast me off in my old age”

This day is an opportunity, as Pope Francis says, to bring together the various age groups to honour our elderly: “What is important is the unity of the different ages of life, which is the real point of reference for understanding and valuing human life in its entirety” (Catechesis, 23 February 2022).

He goes on to challenge us: “On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say “I will not abandon you”, and to set out on a different path.” (Message from his Holiness Pope Francis for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, April 25, 2024). His entire message is posted on our website – www.stjosephfergus.org

Young Adults Night –
Saturday, September 7th – Formosa

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, September 7th at Immaculate Conception Church (212 Concession Rd 12, Formosa, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 28 July 2024

Lord, faithful God,
You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone
and who accompanies us through every season of life,
Do not abandon us, take care of us,
And grant us, once again,
The ability to discover ourselves
and recognize that we are Your children.
Renew our hearts with your Word
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.
May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness
And teach us to say: “I will not abandon you!”
To those we meet on our journey.
With the help of your beloved Son,
may we not lose the taste for fraternity
And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,
And make the World Day for Grandparents & Elderly
A day without loneliness, and a day abundant
with the first-fruits of Your peace.
Amen.

Upcoming Parish Events

July 29-1 inc.	No Weekday Masses
August 3	Baptismal Prep Class 9-11am
August 5	Office Closed – Civic Holiday
August 10&11	Next Bulletin
August 13	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting

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