

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



There was a man on a crowded street that, while distracted, stepped right in front of a moving truck. Another man grabbed his arm and pulled him safely back to the sidewalk. Shaken, the first man thanked the other profusely. The rescuer accepted the thanks and disappeared into the crowd. The man who had been pulled to safety, however, had been on his way to rob a convenience store. Now safe, he saw no reason not to continue. He did, but within hours, he was apprehended by the police and taken to court. As he faced the bench, he was surprised to see that the judge was the man who had saved his life earlier in the day. When the judge asked him if he had anything to say, the man said, "Your Honour, you know me. You saved my life this morning. Can't you help me know?" The judge responded, "This morning I was your saviour. Now I am your judge." Both relationships were valid and applicable.

God is both our Judge and our Saviour. God always judges with merciful justice. Let us in all humility acknowledge our wrongdoing and leave the rest to God's mercy. Let us remember that God is merciful and gracious but God will not save us against our will. "*Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*" (Hebrews 11:1) In faith, let us forever humbly open our hearts to God our merciful Judge.

Please offer Msgr. Dennis Noon a warm welcome this Sunday (August 11th), Fr. Don Sanvido next Sunday (August 18th), and Fr. Ken Sunday, August 25th. For the next three Sundays, I will be doing French missionary work, I will be celebrating the Mass 'en français' in Georgetown. 'You get a break from me' and I allow 'Père Jonas to get a break.' I will, however, be here for the Saturday evening Masses. Sorry, those who go to Mass on Saturday are stuck with me. LOL!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Priest must be especially merciful. If they cannot be merciful then they should ask their bishop for a desk job and never walk into a confessional." ~ Pope Francis

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: A woman was trying to get the ketchup out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "Oh, hi Father Robert, Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."



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, August 13, 2024

7:00pm **Deceased Parents of Michael & Julie Reidy**
- The Reidy Family
Elizabeth & Giuseppe Castellano – Damiano Pietropaolo
Bud Fauteux – Colette Brodie
Intentions of Deacon Trevor Klein & Family -

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

8:30am **Bob Lake** – Jane Thatcher
Rogers Family – Jo Huber

Thursday, August 15, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Robin Rogers** – Mary Epoch

Friday, August 16, 2024

8:30am **Autumn Rogers**

Saturday, August 17, 2024

5:00pm **Bud Fauteux** – Mac & Gail Brown
Sunday, August 18, 2024 Fr. Don Sanvido
9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**
11:00am **Irene Mulcahy** – Grace Robinson

Fr. Robert will be attending a retreat for all Diocesan Priests in the coming week so there will be no weekday Masses.

Saturday, August 24, 2024

5:00pm **Bud Fauteux** – Jane Thatcher

Sunday, August 25, 2024

9:00am **Msgr. Peter Coughlin** – A friend
11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

Parish Offerings for July 27 & 28, 2024

Regular Collection:	\$2,038.60
Building Fund	\$ 670.00

Parish Offerings for August 3 & 4, 2024

Regular Collection	\$1,937.80
Building Fund	\$ 550.00

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 11, 2024

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven."
Each of us must be a living sign and symbol of God's presence within us. If you are willing to witness Christ with your life as a priest, religious or 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!

Come Retreat With Loyola House

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats:

- **NEW! The Enneagram - A Practice for Accessing Your Divine Essence - Three evening sessions on September 10, 17, & 24**
- **NEW! Dining with Ignatius: The Saint's guidance for mindful eating - September 12**
- **Prayer Bead Pilgrimage - September 21**
- **NEW! Martha & Mary: Action & Contemplation - September 25**

Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519 824 1250 ext 266



Maryhill Historical Society

You are invited to visit the Edward Halter home that houses our Maryhill Historical Society. We are open every Sunday from 12 noon until 3 p.m. Come see our museum which holds over 1300 family genealogy information, chapel, artifacts, pictures, information and clothing from Alsace France and much much more. 3 floors to visit and enjoy. Our address is 1338 B Maryhill Road. Across from St. Boniface church parking lot and beside the former St. Boniface school. Our hours are from 12 noon until 3 p.m. until Sunday September 18th our Heritage Day. Other times by appointment (519) 648-2432.

Martyrs' Shrine Pilgrimage For Young Adults

Frassati's Carabiners are excited to announce a day pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs in Midland on Saturday, August 17 for young adults in their 20s and 30s. The day will begin in prayer at 7:00 AM at the altar of the Canadian Martyrs (behind the high altar at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate), and the bus will depart for the Shrine at 7:30 AM. Once we arrive in Midland, we will spend the late morning and early afternoon walking to the site where Sts. Jean de Brebeuf and Gabriel Lalemant were martyred (approximately a 13 km hike); Fr. Ian will be accompanying us and will celebrate Mass at the outdoor altar at the martyrdom site.

After Mass, we will return to the Shrine via bus. Pilgrims will have the chance to visit the Shrine, and we will have a picnic supper on the Shrine's beautiful grounds. The bus will return to the Basilica by 10:00 PM.

Plan for a full day of wholesome and prayerful fun as we journey to one of the most holy sites in North America, consecrated by the blood of the martyrs!

To RSVP, email Elise at ecreidy@protonmail.com. The cost of the trip is \$30/person, covering transportation, admission to the Shrine, and dinner. Pack your own lunch for the hike! Our bus seats forty pilgrims, so don't delay – sign up today!

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>

Upcoming Parish Events

August 10&11	Next Bulletin Aug. 24 & 25, 2024
August 13	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
August 19-23	Priest Retreat – No Weekday Masses
September 5	CWL Executive Meeting 10am
September 29	CWL General Meeting, 12:00pm
October 17	Parents Only Meeting for 1 st Reconciliation & 1 st Communion 7pm

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