

# St. Joseph's Parish

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

**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

As our summer draws to a close, I share with you these thought-provoking words of the late Catholic essayist and novelist Flannery O'Connor. She has written, "You cannot understand life and its mysteries as long as you try to grasp it. Indeed, you cannot grasp it, just as you cannot walk off with a river in a bucket... To have running water you must let go of it and let it run. The same is true of life and of God." Let us stop trying to control our lives and turn our lives over to God. Like a river: let us "let go of [life] and let it run." Yes, may we "let go" and let God "run" our lives.

I share with you my poem titled:

### Like A River

(Inspired by a circulating email)

Let us try to live	Focusing on our future
Like a river	and the promise of heaven
The river never goes	Yes, the Lord is preparing us
In the other direction	a heavenly dwelling

Let us forget our past	The river never goes
And our failures	in the other direction
Let us live today	Let us try to live
With joy & confidence	like a river

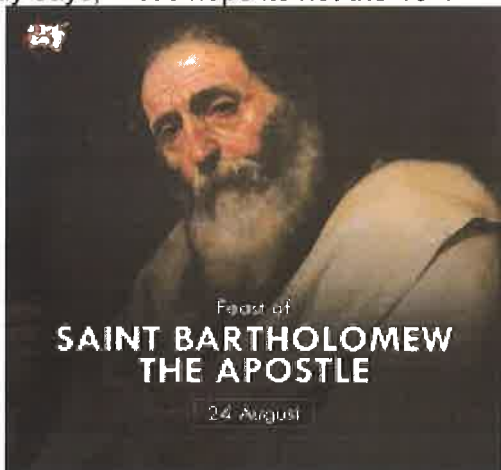
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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

"A life without love is like a year without summer"  
Lithuanian Proverb

### LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:

Mick says to Paddy "Christmas is on a Friday this year."  
Paddy says, "Let's hope its not the 13<sup>th</sup>."



## 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 27, 2024

7:00pm Intentions of Jason Kieffer – The O'Neil Family  
Michael Haid – Ralph Haid  
Intentions of Don Cassidy – Elaine Taylor

#### Wednesday, August 28, 2024

8:30am Autumn Rogers – Jane Thatcher

#### Thursday, August 29, 2024

8:30am Autumn Rogers – Pat Ogborn

#### Friday, August 30, 2024

8:30am Jean Lippert – Ralph Haid

#### Saturday, August 31, 2024

5:00pm Mary Doyle – Peter & Carol Landoni  
Intentions of Laura Downham – Mac & Gail Brown  
Antonio Carvalho, Mario Rosario Santos and  
Natashia deAmaral – Nativity Santos

#### Sunday, September 1, 2024

9:00am Rose Colontino – Don and Barbara Cassidy  
11:00am Intentions of the Parish

### Parish Offerings for August 10 & 11, 2024

Regular Collection: \$1,434.85

Building Fund \$ 10.00

### Parish Offerings for August 17 & 18, 2024

Regular Collection \$2,324.50

Building Fund \$ 40.00

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 25, 2024

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to Him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### 2024 Photo Directory

Preparation is almost complete for the new photo directory. Please note that everyone's home address and telephone number will be included in the directory unless you advise us that you do not want that. If you do not wish your address and telephone # to appear, please advise us by August 30<sup>th</sup>. You can call the office at 519-843-2006 or email us at: [stjosephfergus@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stjosephfergus@hamiltondiocese.com)

**About Our Annual Mission Appeal  
& A Request for Your Help**

On the weekend of September 7 and 8, we will be visited by Sister Mary Cecilia of The Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu (LSMIG) for the annual Mission Appeal. Information on the Sisters, their Mission and their Ministry will be included in next weekend's bulletin.

**In Search of Accommodation:**

Sister Mary Cecilia is seeking accommodation for one night (Saturday) and possibly Sunday. If any family in the parish would be able to offer to host our guest, please speak to Fr. Robert or call the Church Office.

**Fall Formation Workshops**

The Liturgy Office of the Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to offer the following Formation Workshops in September, October and November 2024:

- **Extraordinary Minister of Communion to the sick, homebound and hospitalized Formation workshop;**
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word Formation Workshop;**
- **Minister of the Word Formation Workshop;**
- **Extraordinary Minister of Communion Formation Workshops**

For full details on date, location, times or to register, visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) under Upcoming Events/Workshops. A reminder that all ministers are requested to update their mandate by attending a workshop every three years.



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Sept. 4, 2024

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connect with other incredible Catholic Moms; It Takes a Village.

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[st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com)

St. John the Baptist Parish  
45 Victoria Rd. N, Guelph

**Hamilton Diocese Marian Days**

Just a reminder that you have two more opportunities to participate in a Marian Day at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. On September 7<sup>th</sup>, the presider will be Bishop Douglas Crosby and on October 5 the presider will be Bishop Daniel Miehm. The format is:

- 9:00 am Holy Hour and Confessions
- 10:30am Mass and Reflection on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary
- 11:30am Rosary Procession
- 12:00pm **Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**– Tea & Coffee available in the Parish. You are welcome to bring your lunch.
- Oct. 5** – The annual Regina Caeli Tea will follow the Rosary Procession. Tickets will be available in August.

**Mary Queen of Families**



**Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 @ 1:00 pm  
Marymount Cemetery &**

**Our Lady Immaculate Mausoleum**

Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating our devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Come and share in this special occasion with us!

Mass will be held at **1:00 PM**, followed by a Rosary Procession around the grounds (weather permitting). For those who have difficulty walking, the Mausoleum will be available for participation in saying the Rosary. After the Rosary, we will enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

**Upcoming Parish Events**

September 2	Labour Day – Office Closed
September 5	CWL Executive Meeting 10am
September 8	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
September 10	Knights Executive Meeting, 7:30pm
September 24	Knights General Meeting and Installation of Officers
September 29	CWL General Meeting, 12:00pm
October 17	Parents Only Meeting for 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion 7pm

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