

St. Joseph's Parish

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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



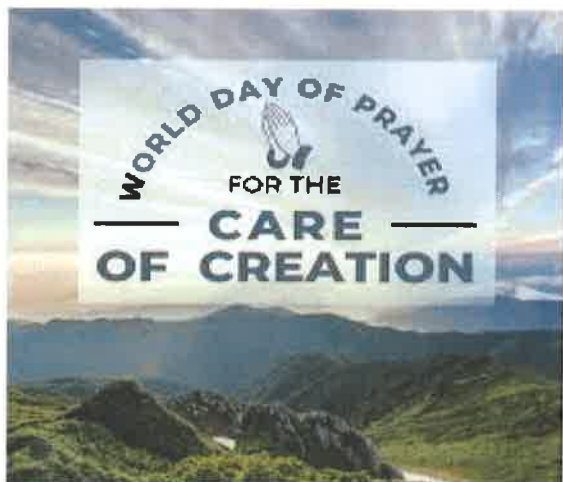
Today's Gospel invites us to look into our hearts and ask ourselves; to what extent do these words of today's second reading, from the Letter of James, apply to us? *"Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and keep oneself unstained by the world."*

Or to what extent do these words from Isaiah, which Jesus quotes in today's Gospel, apply to us? *"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me."*

In short, what really counts on our faith journey is not the letter of the Law but the spirit of the Law. What counts is not what we do, but why we do it. What counts is the love in our hearts: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbour as yourself."* (Mark 12: 30-31)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous 'yes,' nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord." ~ Pope Francis

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Grandson: "Do you know how you and God are similar?" "No," said grandma polishing her halo. "You are both are old!"



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, September 3, 2024

8:30am **The Deceased Parents of Michael & Julie**

Reidy – The Reidy Family

Special Intentions

Michael Haid – Ralph Haid

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

No Mass

Thursday, September 5, 2024

7:00pm **Intentions of Oscar Pimiskern**

Friday, September 6, 2024

8:30am **Nancy Haid** – Ralph Haid

Saturday, September 7, 2024

5:00pm **Intentions of Laura Downham** – Catherine Cyr

Intentions of Don Cassidy – Knights of

Columbus

John Martin – Mary Epoch

Bud Fauteux – Peter & Carol Landoni

Sunday, September 8, 2024

9:00am **Rose Colontino** – Don and Barbara Cassidy

11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

Parish Offerings for August 24 & 25, 2024

Regular Collection: \$1,875.55

Needs of the Canadian Church \$ 20.00

Building Fund \$1,120.00

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 1, 2024

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father ...". God's gifts should prompt a response of gratitude, which should be the basis of our daily lives. If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood, religious life or diaconate, and you wish to respond generously, trusting in God, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**

Please Note:

Mass Time Changes for Next Week

Please note the following time changes to next week's Masses:

Tuesday	8:30am
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	7:00pm

These changes apply to next week only.

Memorial for the Preborn

Join Guelph & Area Right to Life us for a time of remembrance and prayer for the preborn children whose lives were ended through abortion. Prayer will be led by Bishop Emeritus Ustrzycki on Sunday, September 8th at 1:00 PM in the Garden of Grace 28 Norfolk St., Guelph. Everyone is welcome.

Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu

Enclosed with this bulletin you will find a copy of the Mission Brief of the Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate. Sister Mary Cecilia Draru will be visiting next weekend to talk to us about their work



Thank You from Michael House

We received a nice note this week from Michael House: "Thank you to everyone at St. Joseph Fergus – For all those amazing baby bottles full of joy, hope and love. Your generosity helps us continue our mission to provide a safe and nurturing environment for mothers and their children. **Your donations totaled \$1,478.73, and together we raised over \$50,000.**" Great job!

Heads Up for Healthier Brains **Tuesday, October 8 1:30 – 3:30pm** **Nicholas Keith Room,** **Wellington County Museum**

Join fellow Wellington County residents for an afternoon of education on ways to keep your brain healthy and strong as you age. Guest speaker will be Robin Smart, MA, of the Alzheimer's Society of Waterloo Wellington. Robin will explain the difference between normal and abnormal forgetting! Everyone is welcome, admission is free and there will be an opportunity for questions and answers

Mary Queen of Families **Saturday September 21st, 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.

CWL General Meeting September 29th **With Guest Speaker Teresa Hartnett**

All ladies of the parish are invited to a workshop with Teresa Hartnett on Sunday, September 29, 2024, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Teresa Hartnett is an excellent speaker and we are very fortunate to have her as our guest speaker. The topic she will be speaking on is "God's Design for Us: Who are we Called to Be and Who are we Capable of Being". Please keep this date open. More information to follow in next week's bulletin.

A Prayer For Children **Going To School**

Dear Jesus, you who promise to be with me always, I pray that you would be with me today as I go to school. Bless my going and my coming. Bless my learning and my playing. Please protect my heart from fear. Please keep me safe. Please give me good friends. Give me joy this day and thank you for loving me from head to toe. In your name. Amen.



A Prayer For Children **Schooling At Home**

Dear Jesus, you who promise to be with me always, I pray that you would be with me at home today as I do my school work. Please help me to do my best, help me not to feel alone, and help me to be patient with my family. Give me joy this day and thank you for loving me from head to toe. In your name. Amen

Upcoming Parish Events

September 2	Labour Day – Office & Church 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 with Guest Speaker Teresa Hartnett
October 17	Parents Only Meeting for 1 st Reconciliation & 1 st Communion 7pm



MISSION BRIEF: THE LITTLE SISTERS OF MARY IMMACULATE OF GULU (LSMIG)

Who we are: The Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu (LSMIG) are an indigenous Congregation of Catholic Sisters founded in 1936 in the Archdiocese of Gulu, in Northern Uganda (East Africa).

Our Charism & Mission: the **Charism** of LSMIG is to share *God's love and kindness to All*. **Our mission** is to witness to the love of Jesus Christ to the poor and most vulnerable members of the society. We the LSMIG live our mission through: Catholic education, health, pastoral and social services in hard-to-reach areas. Our mission stations are in Uganda, Kenya, Italy, Germany and the USA.



Our current Ministry:

The LSMIG Sisters are uniquely serving a people of northern Uganda who are emerging from a nearly 30 years of devastating civil war while concurrently dealing with influx of refugees from South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). According the United Nations High Commission for Refugees Report (UNHCR- September 2023) Uganda is a home to 1.56 million refugees and 57% of these are settled in northern Uganda. Among the refugees are children who arrived in Uganda unaccompanied. The little girls in particular

have suffered sexual violence which left them pregnant and they have become child-mothers at 13-15 year of age. The plight of these girls is most devastating in the post COVID period. The United Nation report of 2023 indicated that teenage pregnancy among refugee girls increased by 33%.

Our sisters are responding courageously with limited resources, to the need of these refugee child-mothers and children in the refugee camps through catholic education and catholic youth outreach programs. We have developed a unique Catholic Elementary Education Center with a blend of Vocational training, Daycare and Kindergarten to support education of the child mothers and their babies on the same campus. Our LSMIG Sisters have made this bold move to break the cycle of teenage pregnancy and child motherhood and to give these girls and their babies a second chance in school through an innovative Catholic Education.



We kindly invite you, through your Pastor, to consider financial support for the mission of the Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu in Uganda, to break the cycle of child motherhood in the refugee camps and to impart our Catholic values of God's love and kindness to these refugee children through Catholic Education.

You can make your gift with a check or in cash to your Parish, with a memo for the LSMIG.

Please pray for us and be assured of our prayers for you, your Parish, your family and your loved ones. May God graciously bless you. Thank you for your generosity!

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sister Mary Cecilia Draru, LSMIG.
Zonal Coordinator-USA Mission

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