

St. Joseph's Parish

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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



St. Francis de Sales is one of the most revered saints in France. A bishop planned to write a biography of de Sales, so he wanted to know what de Sales was really like. As the story is told, when he visited de Sales, the bishop drilled a hole in the wall so he could spy on his conduct, to see if he could find the secret to his holy life. What he learned was almost nothing, yet it was also everything. The bishop discovered that de Sales was the same in private as in public. He slipped out of bed quietly early in the morning, being careful not to awaken his servant. He prayed, answered correspondence, and took care of his ordinary tasks in the same gracious manner that followed when he was in public.

How about us? Are we the same in private as we are in public? Let us pray to be like St. Francis de Sales and have clean hands and honourable conduct, both in private and in public.

A great deal is happening today and the next few days to come. This weekend is *World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees*. September 30th is *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation* in Canada. Perhaps we can all wear an orange shirt on Monday! October is the Hamilton Diocesan Vocation Month. Next weekend is Pro Life Sunday. I invite everyone to join me on Sunday, October 6th at 4:00 p.m. at Hwy 6. (Tower Street and Belsyde Avenue) for **Life Chain**. Let us quietly witness and pray for the most vulnerable.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude." ~ Denis Waitley

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: An elder priest remarks, "These days I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something and then I wonder what I'm here after?"

"SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS."

(Psalm 100)

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, October 1, 2024

7:00pm **Deceased Parents of Michael & Julie Reidy**
– The Reidy Family

Special Intentions

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

8:30am **Jack Miller** – Fr. Robert Héту

Thursday, October 3, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Bob Towers** - A Friend

Friday, October 4, 2024

8:30am **Autumn Rogers** – Fern & Marie Beaudry

Saturday, October 5, 2024

5:00pm **Bryan Ross** – Mary Epoch
Francis Clerkin – Mac & Gail Brown
Margot Hennessey – St. Vincent de Paul
Agnes Givens – Leo Givens

Sunday, October 6, 2024

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

11:00am **Intentions of the participants of the
Canadian Life Chain**

Parish Offerings for September 21 & 22, 2024

Regular Collection	\$1680.55
Building Fund	\$1051.52

October 6th – Life Chain Sunday

Join thousands across Canada to make a public, prayerful, and peaceful stand for life. Guelph & Area Right to Life will be hosting Life Chain in the following locations:

Guelph, 1-2 pm–Stone Road at Edinburgh Road South

Rockwood, 2-3 pm–Main Street between Alma Street and Cobblestone Place at Waterside Park

Fergus, 4-5 pm–Hwy 6–Tower Street at Belsyde Avenue

Elora, 4:30-5:30 pm–Colborne Street at Geddes Street (MacDonald Square)

Plan to join us at a location nearest to you! Once you arrive you will be provided a Life Chain sign to hold during the hour as stand praying quietly.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 29, 2024

Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel that God is calling you with the gift 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



Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive

St. Joseph's / St. Mary Knights of Columbus council #15333 are having a Bottle Drive on Saturday October 19 from 10:00am - 2:00pm located at St. Joseph's in Fergus, all proceeds go to our community fundraising efforts for Fergus and Elora communities.

Diocesan Vocations Month - October 2024

Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday we will have an intercession for vocations and before the end of Mass we will pray together a prayer for vocations. You are also encouraged to pray for vocations throughout the month. Moreover, if you know someone who you think should consider a particular vocation, such as marriage, priesthood or consecrated virginity lived in the world, be sure to tell that person. Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us! For more information about vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>.

Pray For Vocations

O Mary, who raised your Divine Son with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, intercede for all young people, especially those clouded by doubt about their vocations. May the light of grace pierce their hearts so they may answer your Son's call, especially those whom He is inviting to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Amen

(Vianney Vocations)

St. Joseph's Parish Bazaar

2024 Silent Auction – on Nov. 2 (10am-2pm)

Every year, donations that we receive from parishioners are what help to make the event a great success! We are so grateful for all the support we have received in the past! Parishioners are once again asked to consider donating a new item or a gift certificate that can be auctioned off at this year's Parish Bazaar. Please drop your donations off at the Church office. Thank-you for your kindness and support.

Presentation - October 20th

The Grove Youth Wellness Hubs

All Parishioners are invited to a presentation by The Grove Youth Wellness Hubs on Sunday, October 20 at 12:00pm in the Parish Hall. Learn about the Groves' mission and the resources they have available to youth in our community. The Hubs are safe spaces where youth from 12 to 25 and their families can drop-in to access local support and mental health services. Bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided.

World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees



The WDMR is an occasion to express concern for vulnerable people on the move and to pray for them as they face challenges. It aims to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. WDMR is observed on the last Sunday of September each year. On this day, people pray for hope, justice, and fraternity in the context of migration.

Forward Together in Christ

The Diocese has published a booklet detailing the outcome of these discussions, and seven main areas requiring attention. A limited quantity of booklets is available in the Narthex. It is also available on the diocesan website.

Upcoming Parish Events

September 29	CWL Meeting, 12:00pm with Guest Speaker Teresa Hartnett
October 2	CWL Executive Meeting, 7pm
October 5	Baptismal Preparation Class 9-11am
October 6	Knights of Columbus Breakfast Life Chain 4pm (Belsyde & Tower)
October 8	Knights of Columbus Exec. Meeting 7:30pm
October 9	Caressant Care Mass, 10:30am
October 17	Parents Only Meeting for 1 st Reconciliation & 1 st Communion 7pm
October 19	Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive

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