

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 Héту



A big 'thank you' to all the parishioners who are actively involved in our various parish ministries, which impact the lives of many people. Special thanks to those parishioners who sacrificially and regularly make their financial contribution to our parish by tithing.

Who is a steward? A steward is somebody's manager. We are all stewards of God because, as Psalm 24 reminds us, God is the sole owner of everything we have: "*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.*" (Ps 24:1). St. Peter reminds us of our duty of stewardship: "*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*" (1 Peter 4:10). The New Testament refers to our stewardship to God eighty-seven times. St. Paul claims that he is the steward of Christ's Gospel. The good stewards never forget that God is the source of all they possess and that all their possessions are given to them in trust.

There are three areas of stewardship: time, talents and treasure. Accepting the Biblical model of returning 10% of the "*first fruits*" to the Lord, we attempt to utilize at least 10% of our 'time' for prayer, reflection, and works of mercy and ministry. Our 'talents' are to be used to glorify God by using them wherever they are needed, in our parish or in our community. Our 'treasure,' taken from our earnings, is offered as tithing for the maintenance of our parish buildings, for praise and worship, for outreach activities in the community, and for opportunities of evangelization. We are continuing to accept offering for our Mission Co-op appeal.

The early Christians offered thanks to God by helping others through the Church: "*They would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.*" (Acts 2:45). So, let us resolve as the new pastoral year begins to make pledges to give faithfully, lovingly and sacrificially, our time, talents and treasure (money) to our parish community and thus thank God for God's continued and abundant blessings.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict, God's job to judge and my job to love." ~ Billy Graham

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: At school they were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Johnny was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created from one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."



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 17, 2024

7:00pm **Bud Fauteux** – The O'Neil Family
Francis Clerkin – Michael & Julie Reidy & Family

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

8:30am **Margot Hennessey** – Jane Thatcher

Thursday, September 19, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Don Cassidy**

Friday, September 20, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Don Cassidy** – Marcie Fauteux

9:15am **St. Joseph School Mass**

Saturday, September 21, 2024

5:00pm **Rose McCulligh** – Peter & Carol Landoni
John Martin – Jean Martin & Family
Margot Hennessey – Marcie Fauteux
Ines Carrita & Family – Fatima Brownlie

Sunday, September 22, 2024

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

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

Parish Offerings for September 7 & 8, 2024

Regular Collection:	\$3,353.40
St. Mary & St. Joseph Cemetery Fund	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 70.00

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 15, 2024

"Who do people say that I am?" Who do you think Jesus is? The depth of our faith is rooted in our answer. Is God calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon? If you think you are being called 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**



September 14, 2024

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Parent Only Meeting October 17th

First Reconciliation and First Communion

It will soon be time for our young people to begin preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. To begin, parents are to attend a meeting to be held on October 17th at 7pm in the Church. In order to register your child for the sacraments you will need to attend this meeting. Watch for more information to come from St. Joseph School. Parents of home-schooled children should also plan to attend this meeting.

2024 St. Joseph Bazaar and Raffle

Our most important fundraiser, which is held annually, is the Bazaar. This year it is scheduled for November 2nd from 10 am to 2 pm. It takes many hands to make this a successful event. If you are willing to volunteer some of your time, please leave your name with one of the CWL members that are selling raffle tickets in the Narthex. We would appreciate any help we can get to sell these tickets, therefore please stop by the table and get some books to sell. Completed books can be dropped in the collection basket. Donations are greatly appreciated for the silent auction tables.

God's Design for Us: Who are we Called to Be and Who are we Capable of Being

All ladies are invited to share in a special CWL presentation provided by Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton, on **Sunday, Sept. 29th immediately following the 11 am Mass at St. Joseph Parish in Fergus.** This is a free event, but participating ladies are asked to bring their own lunch and the CWL will supply beverages and dessert. We are each created in love by God, with special gifts and talents. We carry God's image within us, but what does that look like in our lived experience? We are each unique and special, with our shared faith providing a foundation for living – for joy! For more information contact the CWL President Sue - sbeatty@gmail.com or Faith Chairperson Rose Anne - wrs.sander@gmail.com. Join us and enjoy the fellowship and learning!

Bible Study - Letter to the Ephesians

Do you often find it hard to understand the second reading during Sunday Mass? Or do you love Scripture and want to go even deeper? If so, please join Fr. Starczala at St. Mary's Church in Elora for a weekly study of the Letter to the Ephesians. Each session begins at 7:00 PM on Mondays, starting September 16 (but no session on Thanksgiving). No registration required. Bring a friend!

What's Coming Up at Michaels House:

Harvest Hustle!

We are excited to invite you to our **Harvest Hustle 5K Trail Run/Walk and 1/2 Mile Family Walk** in support of Michael House! This fun and family-friendly event will take place on **Saturday, September 28, 2024**, at the beautiful **Strom's Farm and Bakery** in Guelph, Ontario. Participants in the 5K will navigate through scenic paths, including parts of the corn maze, and receive a sponsored shirt, an ice cream treat from Unicorn Scoops, and a Strom's butter tart. Visit our [website](#) to learn more and sign up today!

Join Us for the Silveri Fall Fashion Show!

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of style, entertainment, and community support! On **September 29th, Silveri Jewellers & Michael House** present the **Silveri Fall Fashion Show**. Doors open at 1:00 PM for a special in-store shopping experience with 30% off. The fashion show kicks off at 2:00 PM and runs until 4:00 PM, featuring stunning collections from Millennium, IF, Dalia, and SJ. Enjoy raffle prizes, refreshments, and exclusive shopping opportunities. Tickets are \$55 per person, and all proceeds go to support the families of Michael House. Tickets for this event are available on our [website](#).

Upcoming Parish Events

September 24	Knights General Meeting and Installation of Officers
September 25	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 4pm
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
October 8	Knights of Columbus Exec. Meeting 7:30pm
October 9	Caressant Care Mass, 2pm
October 17	Parents Only Meeting for 1 st Reconciliation & 1 st Communion 7pm



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