

# 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



Today, I share with you my poem that was previously published in an issue of *The Bread Of Life* magazine (no longer in print) entitled: ***I Would Like...*** It is also in my book *An Easter People* available at the religious goods table or by speaking with me.

I would like...

To be the words of a melody  
A joyful song full of harmony  
Perhaps a bold strong wind  
Or soft subtle breeze  
To calm your many fears  
And all your great worries

I would like...

To be a fire and burn your chains  
Cleanse you with life-giving water  
And ease your pains  
My special Friend I want you to meet  
If you befriend Him  
He'll make your life aglow

I would like...

To be a messenger of His love  
And share with you  
His tranquil and lasting peace  
He called me by name  
If you listen to your heart  
He will do the same

I would like ...

Your life to no longer be aimless  
He's faithful compass  
As sturdy as a rock  
A map for our journey  
Yes, my friend's sweet name  
Is none other than Jesus

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Give us faith to claim as our only glory the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." ~ Divine Office—Evening Prayer

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'



## 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 24, 2024

7:00pm Intentions of Sarah Falconi – The O'Neil Family  
Intentions of Deacon Trevor & Family – St. Mary & St. Joseph Knights of Columbus  
Intentions of Paul Cotter – St. Mary & St. Joseph Knights of Columbus

#### Wednesday, September 25, 2024

8:30am Intentions of Don Cassidy – Fern & Marie Beaudry

#### Thursday, September 26, 2024

8:30am Margot Hennessey – Mac & Gail Brown

#### Friday, September 27, 2024

8:30am Vince Merry – Yvonne & Leighton Spradbrow  
9:15am St. Joseph School Mass

#### Saturday, September 28, 2024

5:00pm Bud Fauteux – Fern & Marie Beaudry  
Special Intentions – Patrick & Carolynne O'Neil  
Jack Miller – Jane Thatcher  
Bryan Ross – Lee & Margaret Thorne

#### Sunday, September 29, 2024

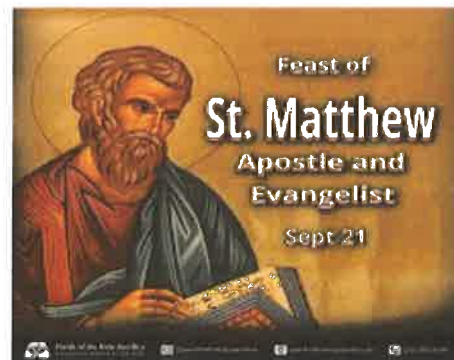
9:00am Georgina Gillen – Jim Gillan & Family  
11:00am Intentions of the Parish

### Parish Offerings for September 14 & 15, 2024

Regular Collection:	\$2,058.30
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,295.00

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 22, 2024

"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.  
email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



## We're Hiring

We will be seeking to fill the position of custodian for our Parish. The job will be posted on the Diocese of Hamilton website soon under "Quick Links – Job Opportunities". If you or anyone you know are interested in learning more, please visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or contact Gagan Gill, Coordinator, Human Resources for the Diocese at 905-528-7988 ext. 2229. We thank all candidates for their interest. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



## Forward Together in Christ

In an effort to help the Bishop of Hamilton discern the best way to move the Diocese forward, he initiated **Forward Together In Christ** to gather clergy, chancery staff, deacons and lay people to gather to discuss three questions: 1) What needs to be "rebooted" in the Diocese? 2) Where would you like to see the Diocese of Hamilton in 3-5 years: and 3) How can you help us move **Forward Together in Christ** to get from where we are to where we would like to be?

The Diocese has published a booklet detailing the outcome of these discussions, and seven main areas requiring attention. A *limited quantity* of these booklets are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a copy. Once you have reviewed it, consider returning it to the Church so someone else can read it too!

## **REMINDER – NEXT SUNDAY!**

### **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. 29<sup>th</sup> 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. For more information contact the CWL President Sue - [sbeatty@gmail.com](mailto:sbeatty@gmail.com) or Faith Chairperson Rose Anne - [wrs.sander@gmail.com](mailto:wrs.sander@gmail.com). Join us and enjoy the fellowship and learning!

## Defending Our Pro-Life Voice

Guelph and Area Right to Life invites you to an enlightening and empowering event on **September 26, 2024, at 7:00 PM at River of Life International Fellowship (please enter through Howitt Street entrance).** This evening will feature **Blaise Alleyne**, a distinguished pro-life advocate, who will share his expertise on how to effectively articulate and defend the pro-life message in today's complex and often contentious public sphere.

Blaise Alleyne is known for his compelling and thoughtful approach to pro-life advocacy. His insights will provide attendees with the tools and confidence needed to engage in meaningful conversations about the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death. This event is designed to equip both new and experienced advocates with strategies to promote the pro-life perspective in various public settings.

The event aims to:

- **Educate:** Gain a deeper understanding of the pro-life position & the arguments that support it.
- **Empower:** Learn practical techniques for effectively communicating the pro-life message.
- **Inspire:** Connect with like-minded individuals and be inspired by Blaise Alleyne's passion and dedication.

Whether you are a seasoned pro-life advocate or someone who is new to the movement, this event promises to offer valuable insights and foster a supportive community. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact us at [info@guelfhforlife.com](mailto:info@guelfhforlife.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion 7pm
October 19	Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive

# St. Joseph's Parish Catholic Women's League News

September 2024

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

You can contact St. Joseph's CWL President at [sbeatty14@gmail.com](mailto:sbeatty14@gmail.com)

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## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY WEBINAR

Members are invited to the Our Lady of the Rosary Webinar, a time of prayer and reflection ushering in World Rosary Day on October 7th in preparation for the event of grace of Jubilee 2025 with:

- Shari Guinta, National President
- Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, National Spiritual Advisor
- Rolande Chernichan, National Chairperson of Faith

Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. CDT.

Register for the webinar at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4997692007285059414>

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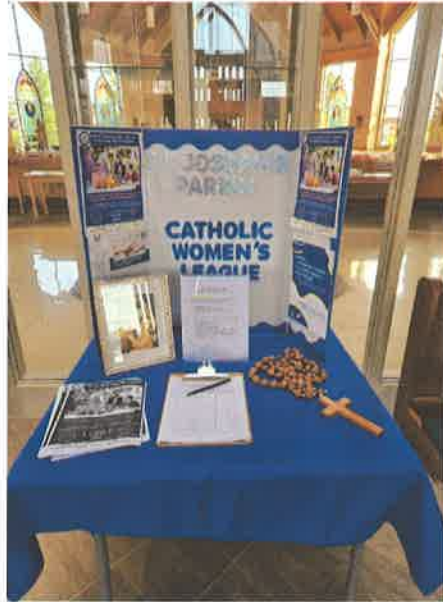
Planning for the St. Joseph's Parish Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 2nd is underway!

**Volunteers are needed** to help make this a successful event!

Examples of roles that volunteers may fill are:

- Selling raffle tickets after Masses
- Helping to sell coffee and snacks at the bazaar
- Setting up the bazaar on Friday, November 1st at 10am
- Cleaning up the bazaar on Saturday, November 2 at 2pm
- Providing baked items to sell
- Baking table sales
- Religious article sales table
- Donating new items to the silent auction or asking businesses for donations that can be auctioned off
- Organizing silent auction items for pick up at the end of the bazaar

Please sign up for an area you're interested in, on the CWL table in the narthex



On the CWL table in the narthex you will find information about an upcoming presentation by Teresa Hartnett on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 12:00 in the Parish Hall. Teresa is the Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton. She will be speaking to us about "God's Design for Us: Who are We Called to Be and Who are We Capable of Being". Each person is 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? During this presentation we will look at who we are, how we came to be and the purpose of our lives. We are each unique and special, with our shared faith providing a foundation for living - for joy. This is a free event. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided. **All ladies are welcome!**

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**2024 Bazaar Raffle Tickets** - are now available after Masses. Please pick some up to sell.

- First Prize - \$1000
- Second Prize - \$500
- Third Prize - \$350
- Fourth Prize - \$150

**Upcoming Events:**


Sunday, September 29 at 12:00 - Teresa Hartnett Presentation  
Sunday, October 20 at 12:00 - Guest speaker from The Grove Youth Wellness Hub  
Saturday, November 2 -10am-2pm - Parish Bazaar  
Sunday, November 17 - 12:00 General Meeting  
Tuesday, December 3 - CWL Christmas Celebration with St. Mary's CWL, Elora at St. Joseph's Parish

You will find the CWL Membership Envelope in your envelope box on October 27, 2024.

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH  
FERGUS, ON  
OCT 27 2024

“CWL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP”  
DUES \$ \_\_\_\_\_ “for 2025”



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**The 2025 CWL Annual Membership dues of \$40.00 are due October 27th , 2024.** If using cheques, please make them payable to St. Joseph Catholic Women's League. All ladies, either new or renewing, who pay their CWL 2025 Annual Membership dues on or before Saturday November 2nd will receive a \$10 gift certificate redeemable at Shoetopia Stores in Fergus and Mount Forest. When you redeem your certificate, 10% of your total purchase will be given to St. Joseph's Parish Building Fund. Please visit our CWL table in the Narthex to pick up your \$10 gift certificate any time during St. Joseph's Parish Bazaar. If you do not have an envelope box, please use any envelope and write your information on it.

## WE REMEMBER



### **Theresa (Terry) Smydo**

Passed away peacefully with family by her side at Hospice Wellington on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at the age of 82.

Beloved wife of Edward Smydo for over 63 years. Loving mother of Wayne and Stephanie Smydo, Trish and Greg Harrison, Kelli and Ben Baumber, and Trevor (deceased) and Ang Smydo. Proud Nana of Lindsay (Mark), Steven, Kerriann (Patrick), Scott (Rebecca), Stacey, Sonja (Jon), Mark (Courtney), Brianna (Spencer), Allison (Lucas), Cassandra (Jake), Mackenzie (Rebecca), Tiffany (Chris), Natasha and Lucas. Great-grandmother of Gabriella, Declan, Paisley, Avery, Milo, Noah, Lincoln and Thea. Dear sister of Carol (late John) Rogler, Betty (Don) Giles, Sharon

(Gerald) Monahan, Roger (late Robert Genier) Dowdall, Shawna (Rick) Williams and the late Marie (Frank) Quinn, Joan (Larry) MacDonald, Leo (Elaine) Dowdall, Jim (Linda) Dowdall and John Dowdall. Dear sister-in-law of Joanne Dowdall, Helen Mooney (late Gord) and the late Stan (Sheila) Smydo and Mary Matusinec (Stan).

Terry was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who loved to travel, dance and spend time with her family. She was highly respected as the Supervisor of Payroll for Wellington Catholic District School Board.

(Taken from Henry Walsler Funeral Home Website)

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Olena is a CWL member who moved to Fergus 2 years ago from Ukraine. Some of our members have supported her sewing business and have been very happy with the results. She also teaches sewing lessons. See information provided below.



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