

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

One day three persons were talking about various modern translations of the Bible. One said, "I like the 'Good News' version. It is easier to read than all the older versions." The second person said, "I prefer the 'New Revised Standard Version.' This translation has modernized the language without sacrificing reverence." The third person replied, "I know an even better translation. I like my mother's translation best. She translates the Bible into life. And it is the most convincing translation I have ever seen. She was a loving person who always took the needs of others seriously. That is what Jesus did when he was on earth."

The Gospel clearly speaks of the life and ministry of Jesus in terms of his care and concern for the lowly, the needy and the lonely. It is Jesus who touches lepers! It is Jesus who embraces the children! It is Jesus who loves the sinners who are rejected by the self-righteous. It is Jesus who dies for the least among us!

We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual deafness and muteness. We may find it hard to speak to God in prayer and harder still to hear God speaking to us through the Bible and through the Church. Hence, let us imitate the deaf man from today's Gospel by seeking out Jesus, following him away from the crowd, and spending more of our time in coming to know Jesus intimately as we study Sacred Scripture and experience Jesus directly in personal and communal prayer. Let us rediscover Jesus and allow him to become our best friend!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "It's hard to hear God's voice when we've already decided what we want God to say."
~ (Author Unknown)

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Jim went to his Audiologist and got the latest, greatest, newest advanced technology hearing aids. The audiologist set up a follow up appointment for two weeks. Two weeks later Jim came back, and the audiologist asked, "How do you like the new hearing aids?" Jim responded, "They are fantastic, light years ahead of my last pair. I can hear every word, even in noisy situations!" The audiologist said, "I'll bet your family is happy too." Jim said, "I haven't told them yet, but I've changed my will 3 times."



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 10, 2024

7:00pm Intentions of Sarah Falconi-The O'Neil Family
Leander Bender – A Friend
Margaret Van Eyke – The Reidy Family

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

8:30am Gladys Curley – Avila Taverner

Thursday, September 12, 2024

8:30am Intentions of Julie Kron – Mac & Gail Brown

Friday, September 13, 2024

8:30am Dean Duffield and the Intentions of Michael Duffield – Margaret Duffield

Saturday, September 14, 2024

5:00pm John Martin – Mac & Gail Brown
Eddy Kaluzny – Avila Taverner
Bud Fauteux – Berney & Gwen Sytsma
Ines Carrita – Berta Costa

Sunday, September 15, 2024

9:00am Intentions of the Parish
11:00am Intentions of the Parish

Parish Offerings for August 31 & September 1, 2024

Regular Collection:	\$1,650.45
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 160.00

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 8, 2024

Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest, religious or deacon. If you feel you have such a vocation, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**



Knights of Columbus Breakfast Returns

Breakfast will be served after each Mass on Sunday, September 8th. Great time for fellowship and to enjoy a tasty, inexpensive meal!

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!

Come Retreat With Loyola House!

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats:

- **NEW! Dining with Ignatius: The Saint's guidance for mindful eating - September 12**
- **Prayer Bead Pilgrimage - September 21**
- **NEW! Martha & Mary: Action & Contemplation - September 23**
- **From Field to Feast: One-day Food Retreat - September 25**
- **NEW! Living with Soul in the Second Half of Life – Oct. 31-Nov. 3 + Jan. 23-26**

Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusquelfh.ca or by calling 519 824 1250 ext. 266.

Maryhill Historical Society

Heritage Day Fundraiser & Luncheon

Maryhill invites you to join them on September 22nd from 12pm to 4pm for their Heritage Day Fundraiser, which is their major fundraiser and vital to the Society's survival. The day's events are as follows: Mass at the Church at 11am; Lunch follows at the Community Centre; Silent Auctions and Presentations; and Roadside Tour of Crosses erected by the first ancestors. Ticket costs are Adults \$15pp, Children aged 6 – 10 years \$7ea and Aged 5 and under are free. Advance ticket sales only. Call Diane (519-648-2432), Linda (519-242-9595) or Tom (519-824-4074) to purchase tickets, or to make a donation to the Society.



The Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to **Sister Mary Cecilia** as she joins us at each Mass this weekend to tell us about the Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu. Their mission is to witness to the love of Jesus Christ to the poor and vulnerable members of society through Catholic education, health, pastoral and social services in hard-to-reach areas. Their mission stations are located in Uganda, Italy, Germany and the USA. Envelopes for donations will be available at the Church – please make any cheques payable to St. Joseph Parish and we will forward to the Sisters. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Fr. Robert

Annual Red Mass

The "Red Mass" is the name given to the Eucharistic celebration during which the guidance of the Holy Spirit is invoked for divine wisdom for all those who plead, interpret and apply the law for the welfare of the people. The Mass takes its name from the red vestments worn by the clergy at a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, and the red robes traditionally worn by the judges. You are welcome to attend this year's Red Mass in Hamilton Diocese, which will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at St. Augustine Parish, Dundas, at 9:30 am on **Wednesday, September 11.** The Mass will be followed by a brunch, with guest speaker Mr. Sam Mercanti, the author of "*Risen From the Shop Floor: Lessons from an Entrepreneur*". For more information, or to register for the Brunch, e-mail Sam Garcia at sgarcea@confentegarcea.com.

Upcoming Parish Events

September 8	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
September 10	Knights Executive Meeting, 7:30pm
September 24	Knights General Meeting and Installation of Officers
September 25	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 4pm
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



JOIN ST. JOSEPH'S CWL FOR AN AFTERNOON PRESENTATION!



GOD'S DESIGN FOR US: WHO ARE WE CALLED TO BE AND WHO ARE WE CAPABLE OF BEING?

PRESENTER: MRS. TERESA HARTNETT, M.R.E.
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRY, DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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