

St. Joseph's Parish

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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.
Fri 9:00 a.m. - noon

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 normally celebrated on the 1st Sunday of the month at 1:00pm (max. four families). They are also normally celebrated on the third Saturday of the month at the 5pm mass and/or the third Sunday at the 11am Mass (one family per Mass only). Baptisms are not done during Lent. Parents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep class. For more information, please contact Fr. Robert to set up a meeting.

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



Long ago, a Hebrew farmer was working so hard on Friday afternoon that he did not notice that the sun was setting, and the Sabbath was beginning. When at last he looked up from his work, he realized that he could not make it home in time for Sabbath. Nor could he continue to walk to his house after the Sabbath had begun because the trip would require more steps than were allowed for observant Jews. So, he made the decision to spend the Sabbath in his field. What worried him the most was not his lack of food or shelter, but the lack of proper prayers. For he was an uneducated man who trusted in the rabbi to lead him in the prayers that he somehow could not remember unless he was with the congregation in the synagogue.

After the Sabbath when he returned home, he ran into his rabbi. The rabbi said that he had missed the farmer at Sabbath service and the farmer apologized and told him what had happened. "I hope you were able to say the prayers anyway," said the rabbi, a bit irritably. "I hope you were able to bless God our Maker and praise God's work, the proper occupation for the Sabbath. Next time you should be more careful." "Well," the farmer said, "I couldn't remember the words and the order in which to say them. So, I recited the alphabet over and over and trusted God to shape the letters into prayers and praise." The rabbi, humbled by the faith and trust of this humble farmer, blessed him and told him that he had indeed done well. Prayer is powerful and the Spirit helps us when we cannot find the words. "For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." (Luke 12:12)

Today is *World Mission Sunday (Weekend)*. As Jan Bentham in the missal today reminds us: "As we gather today to celebrate Jesus and receive him in the Eucharist, may we be mindful of the glory of being the servant, not the served." Let us be faithful to our baptismal call to be missionaries at home and/or abroad.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "The Virgin Mary most perfectly embodies the obedience of faith." ~ Catechism of the Catholic Church – 1480

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Today's Short Reading from Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth." Then God made the earth round and God laughed and laughed and laughed!



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 faith family.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

7:00pm **Intentions of Mario Lopes** – Knights of Columbus

Bob Landoni – Mary Waterman

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

8:30am **Beth Morris** – Jim & Peggy Sheehy

Thursday, October 24, 2024

8:30am **Tony Ogborn** – Pat Ogborn

Friday, October 25, 2024

8:30am **Mary O'Connor**

Saturday, October 26, 2024

5:00pm **Intentions of Margaret Goetz** – Jim & Peggy Sheehy

Brad Landoni – Mary Epoch

Bud Fauteux – Paul & Cathy Goetz

Sunday, October 27, 2024

9:00am **Special Intentions**

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

Parish Offerings for October 12 & 13, 2024

Regular Collection	\$ 2,262.90
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
St. Mary & St. Joseph Cemetery Fund	\$ 175.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 25.00

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 20, 2024

Jesus' life was the best 'job description': sympathy; mercy; service; compassion; and total giving. Life is rewarding when one lives for others. Do you want to serve or be served? If you are willing to serve as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988** email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



Thank You

For those of us who attended the Thanksgiving get together after the 11am Mass, it was nice to socialise with old and new Parishioners. Great event Father!

St. Joseph's Parish Bazaar

Saturday, November 2, 2024 (10am - 2pm)

- **SILENT AUCTION AND TOONIE TABLE**
DONATIONS: Thank-you to all parishioners who have already helped with selling raffle tickets and have donated items to the silent auction and toonie table. Donations of new items or gift cards would be greatly appreciated by **October 28** so that they can be prepared and organized for the auction and toonie table.
- **BAKED GOODS DONATIONS:** Boxes will be provided for donations of baked goods in the narthex this weekend. Please list ingredients. Drop off baked goods at the Parish Hall on Friday, November 1st between 10am-12pm and 9am-10am on Saturday, November 2nd.
- **BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS** to our bazaar on November 2, 2024 between 10am and 2pm. There will be vendors and a cafe with refreshments and treats available for purchase. Help to make our annual parish bazaar a great success!

Come Meet with St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Joseph/St. Mary Parishes is an active parish ministry working to support those in need in Centre Wellington. Please consider coming to our meetings to see if this ministry is one that would be meaningful to you. Our meetings are the last Wednesday of the month at 4 PM in the Marian Room. For more info please contact Jane at 519-787-1961.

A TASTE OF DIVERSITY – Local bounty on your plate!

November 13 - Service 5pm, Dinner 6pm

Tickets - \$100/dinner

Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre

Enjoy the warmth of great food and better community this November...sign up for the *Taste of Diversity* dinner today! Register online at <https://ignatiusguelph.ca/event/taste-of-diversity-dinner-2024-11-13/> or by calling 519-824-1250 ext 241.

All Saints Day Children's Party

Save the date! On Sunday, November 3, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate will be hosting an All Saints' Day party for the children of the Deanery between 1:30 and 4:30 PM (drop-in). The event is geared for children aged 4-10, but all children are welcome!

Admission is \$2.00/child. Children are encouraged to dress as their favourite saint and to come with a couple sharable facts about their saint!

To RSVP, email Elise (ecreidy@protonmail.com) by Monday, Oct 28. Please include:

1. Family surname
2. Number of children
3. Ages of children

It's going to be a fantastic afternoon filled with fun, faith-based activities! We hope to see you all there!

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2025 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Young Adults Night –

Saturday, November 2nd – Guelph

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, November 2nd at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Upcoming Parish Events

October 20	Groves Youth Wellness Hub Presentation, noon, Parish Hall
October 22	Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm
October 30	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 4pm
October 30	Office Closed for Diocesan Workshop
November 2	All Souls' Day Mass 8:30am
November 2	St. Joseph Bazaar 10am-2pm



Children, you're invited to an

All Saints Day Party!

Date: Sunday, November 3
(drop-in)

Time: 1:30 – 4:30pm

Location: Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, parish hall

RSVP details: Please email Elise (ecreidy@protonmail.com) by Monday, October 28th and include your surname and the number of children attending.

Other details:

- Activities range from saint-themed bowling to Adoration to guided tours of the Basilica, highlighting the images of the saints. Activities are designed to encourage fun-filled learning about the Saints.
- Activities are ideal for children aged 4-10; however, all children are welcome.
- Children are encouraged to dress as Saints for the party.
- There is a \$2.00 admission/child.

We look forward to having you as guests
at our Heavenly party!

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