

St. Joseph's Parish

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CUSTODIAN:

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.
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



Believe it or not November begins next Friday. On Friday, we celebrate the solemnity of all saints and on Saturday the commemoration of all the faithful departed (all souls).

By our baptism and confirmation, we are all called to be saints. This should be our life ambition. So, on Friday we remember with love and affection all those who have gone before us and are with the Most Blessed Trinity and our Blessed Mother in heaven. Let us never forget all the unsung heroes of the faith—all those who have inspired us and today are praying for us from their special place in heaven.

All Souls' Day purposely follows All Saints' Day in order to shift our attention from those in heaven to those in purgatory. The doctrine of purgatory that many who have died are still in a place of purification and our call to pray for the dead to help them, is part of our earliest Catholic tradition. While the Solemnity of All Saints is a day to remember the glories of heaven and those who are in heaven, All Souls' Day reminds us of our obligations to live holy lives and that there may be a time of purification for the souls of those destined for heaven.

Upon death, we Catholics believe that there are souls that have not yet been cleansed of sins. Praying for the souls of our loved ones helps to remove the stain of sin, and allow the souls after a time of purgation to enter heaven. Through prayer and good works, living members of the Church may help their departed family and friends. Let us celebrate the saints and never forget to pray for our departed loved ones.

Please note there will be an additional Mass on Friday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m. for All Saints' Day and an additional Mass on Saturday, November 2nd at 8:30 a.m. for All Souls' Day.

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: In 18th century England, they started running out of places to bury people. Consequently, people would dig up coffins and take the bones to a 'bone-house' and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So, the clergy decreed that they should tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the 'graveyard shift') to listen for the bell. Thus, someone could be 'saved by the bell' and it could be considered a 'dead ringer'.



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 29, 2024

7:00pm Intentions of Terri Wellstead
Tony Reilly and Sonny Clerkin

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

8:30am Patrick Murphy - A Friend
Nancy Haid – Ralph Haid

Thursday, October 31, 2024

8:30am Intentions of Julie Kron

Friday, November 1, 2024 ALL SAINTS' DAY

8:30am Deceased Family Members of Damiano
Pietropaolo – Damiano Pietropaolo

7:00pm Thérèse Héту – The Héту Family

Saturday, November 2, 2024 ALL SOULS' DAY

8:30am Intentions of Joanne Huber

5:00pm Brad Landoni – Work Colleagues

Intentions of Eddie Polkowski - Mac & Gail
Brown

Intentions of Terri Wellstead – Mac & Gail
Brown

Sunday, November 3, 2024, 2024

9:00am Margaret Shaw – Jim & Peggy Sheehy

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

Parish Offerings for October 19 & 20, 2024

Regular Collection	\$ 2,132.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
St. Mary & St. Joseph Cemetery Fund	\$ 45.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 520.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 25.00

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 27, 2024

The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltndiocese.com

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy." ~ Inuit Legend

Thank You

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the Parish for all the bottle donations on our October 19th bottle drive. I would also like to thank our volunteers, Rob Klein, Jack Benallick, Pat Ellis and Michael Clark - great work Brothers!
Jim Keracher, Grand Knight.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE –
MEMBERSHIP FEE DUE OCT. 27
NEW MEMBERS NEEDED!**

Have you been thinking about joining the CWL? If you would like more information about our activities and levels of participation, please visit the CWL Table at the Annual St. Joseph's Parish Bazaar on Saturday, November 2nd between 10am and 2pm. We would be happy to meet you and share information with you! You will also receive a \$10 gift certificate for Shoetopia for visiting our table! (while they last) Returning members who pay their dues by Nov. 2 will also receive the Shoetopia gift certificate! See you at the bazaar!



You Are Welcome

Save The Date: Sunday November 17

Maryhill Historical Society Annual General Meeting
Sunday November 17, 2024, Maryhill Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E – Maryhill), at 2pm
Speaker: Warren Stauch of the Waterloo Historical Society will relate his tales of 'Hidden Gems of Waterloo County'

There will be a business meeting for the election of the new Board of Directors; the presentation of financials for 2024 and an explanation and vote regarding the new bylaws.

Free REFRESHMENT TABLE

All members and non-members are welcome to attend. N.B. Only members will be able to vote.

We will have some of our published books for sale

Save A Date:

**Fresh Christmas Table Centerpiece
Friday, December 20, 2024 – At 2:00 Pm**

To register please contact via email Patrycja at pwiecek@hotmail.com, cost of workshop is \$50, everything will be provided. Please join us at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo in the parish hall. Space is limited. Must be registered to attend.

Parenting Tip Of The Month

Children are born helpless, so instinctively know how to cry to have their needs met. As they grow older, parents have to help them learn not to use crying as a way to get what they want, especially when what they want may not be essential! Gently helping them learn that “no” is an option for parents, makes the times you can say yes much more exciting. It also helps them understand that they cannot always have their way or what they want at any given moment. This makes their life, and yours, much calmer and happier. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Marriage Tip Of The Month

Marriage in the Catholic Church has love as its foundation, but it also comes with the responsibility of an essential vocation. Married couples are meant to be the visible sign of the invisible love of God. It is good to take time now and then to ask yourselves how your marriage is fulfilling this role. Do you spend time together connecting and continuing to learn about each other, do you show mercy to your spouse by not expecting perfection, do you work together to build your marriage up, instead of letting issues slip by and cause discontent? When we live our marriages with love and an eye to its vocation, our relationships are stronger and happier! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Act II (Separated & Divorced Support Group) Waterloo

3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30pm at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo - Our Act II monthly informal support group will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. With the support of others you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Join us when you can. Visit the website (www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced), or contact the Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca for more information.

Upcoming Parish Events

October 30	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 4pm
October 30	Office Closed for Diocesan Workshop
November 1	All Saints Day Mass 7:00pm
November 2	All Souls' Day Mass 8:30am
November 2	Baptismal Prep Class 9-11am
November 2	St. Joseph Bazaar 10am-2pm

St. Joseph's Parish Bazaar - Saturday, November 2, 2024
(10am - 2pm)

- Proceeds from this year's bazaar would help us to make donations to help purchase a vital signs monitor for the ambulatory unit at Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus as well as to community charities such as The Grove Youth Wellness Hub and to St. Joseph's Parish.
- **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. 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. Raffle tickets for cash prizes will be available! A cafe with refreshments and baked goods such as cookies, scones, cinnamon buns etc. will be available for purchase.

The SILENT AUCTION is a great time to find deals on Christmas presents! Here are a few of the items that we have received so far:

- \$50 gift certificate to Drimmie Florist in Elora
- 4 tickets to the Hockey Hall of Fame (expiry Dec 31, 2025) \$100 value
- 2 passes to 14 Niagara Parks Commission attractions and sites (valued at \$459.00) no expiry date
- A voucher for 2 complimentary seats to the "Brooks and Bowskill" show on Sat. Nov. 30 at 8pm
- \$25 gift certificate to The Keg Steakhouse
- 4 tickets to the Kitchener Rangers vs. London Knights hockey game at Kitchener Memorial Auditorium Nov. 19 at 7pm (valued at \$92)
- 2 tickets to a 2024 and 2025 Drayton Entertainment production
- A \$200 gift certificate to Ron Wilkin Jewellers, Fergus
- A pedicure and manicure gift certificate at Professional Nails, Fergus
- A \$200 gift certificate to Pedi N Nails, Fergus
- 10 Public Swim Tickets to admit a family to the Centre Wellington Sportsplex Pool (value \$100.75)

- \$150 gift certificates to Zehrs, Fergus
- 5 gift certificates for a small burrito at barBurrito, Fergus
- A gift card for a free oil change (\$42.50 value) at True Auto Care
- \$25 gift card to Wendys, Fergus
- A signed Blue Jays baseball (value \$90)
- \$50 gift card for Giant Tiger, Fergus
- 4 tickets to see the ELora Community Theatre production of "The Grinch the Panto" at the Fergus Theatre (value \$100) Dates to choose from - Dec. 13,14,20,21 at 7pm or Dec 14,15,21,21 at 2pm
- A 20lb propane tank including propane (value \$87) from Blinkhorn's Corner Variety, Fergus
- Gift Certificates for Pizza at New Orleans Pizza, Fergus
- \$100 Gift Certificate to the Friendly Society Restaurant in Elora
- Gift Certificates to the Magic Pebble Book Store in Elora
- \$25 gift certificate to Cafe Creperie restaurant in Elora
- \$60 gift certificate to Gerrie's Farm Market in Elora
- \$25 gift certificate to Joe's Butcher Shop in Fergus
- 2 - \$25 Gift certificates to Sensational You in Fergus
- \$100 gift certificate to the Fergus Restore
- Harveys/Swiss chalet gift certificates
- \$25 gift card for Wendy's Restaurant in Fergus
- 3 Vouchers for a complimentary physical exam and nail trim at South Tower Animal Hospital (\$73 value - each voucher)
- A Family Admission Pass to Region of Waterloo Museums
- A Sip and Pour Candle Making Class for 11 people at The Scented Market in Fergus (value \$499)
- I Love Chocolate Gift Basket (\$60 value)
- Plant from Little Tree Nursery (\$70 value)
- Gift basket from Shopper's Drug Mart, Fergus
- \$25 gift card to A&W, Fergus
- A blood pressure monitor from Remedy Rx, Fergus (\$65 value)
- A voucher for 2 Gold Level tickets to a 2025 Hamilton Tiger Cats Home Game at Tim Hortons Field, Hamilton (\$180 value)
- 3 Ufill water cards from Watermaker, Fergus (value \$81)

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

We are very grateful to parishioners and the businesses in Fergus, Elora and the surrounding area for their generous donations to help make our annual silent auction a great success! Parishioners may drop off donations at the Church office.

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