

St. Joseph's Parish

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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



Once again, this weekend we celebrate **Respect For Life Sunday**. Let us take time to reflect on the awesome gift of life. By God's grace and our parents' 'yes', we were born. Unfortunately, in today's 'culture of death' this most sacred gift from our loving God is threatened on a daily basis. Sadly, legalized assisted suicide is growing exponentially in Canada.

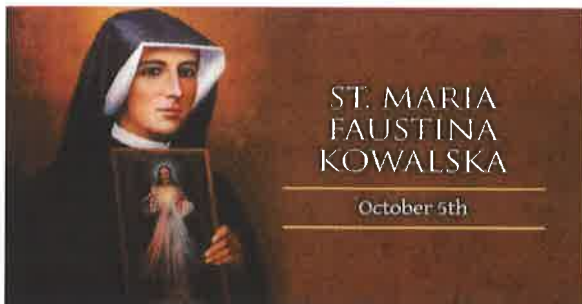
Let us make a conscious effort to promote a greater respect for life from fertilization to natural death. In this light, let us begin by cherishing one another as precious gifts from God and thanking God for the gift of family and friends.

As part of this ongoing challenge, I invite each of you to consider becoming active members of **Guelph and Area Right to Life**. Please contact them for more information to learn how you can share your gifts at www.guelphforlife.com or by calling 519-836-6311 or visiting their office at 26 Norfolk Street, Guelph. Let our voices be heard, as St. Thomas More reminds us, "Silence means consent."

Also, on this ProLife Sunday. I invite everyone to please join me and other parishioners for at 4:00 p.m. at Hwy 6. (Tower Street and Belsyde Avenue) for **Life Chain**. In Elora, **Life Chain** is at 4:30 p.m. at Colborne Street at Geddes Street (MacDonald Square). Once we arrive, we will be provided with a **Life Chain** sign to hold during this hour of quite witness and prayer. Let us quietly witness and pray for the most vulnerable in our society.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "The cemetery of victims of human cruelty in our century is extended to include yet another cemetery, that of the unborn." ~ St. John Paul II

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: A woman called the local parish and asked to speak to the Head Hog of the Trough. The secretary said, "I'm sorry, but we don't refer to our pastor as a hog." The lady responded, "I was calling to give your church \$10,000.00." The secretary then said, "Well hold the phone; I think I see that fat pig coming down the hall right now!"



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, October 8, 2024

7:00pm Intentions of Jeff Mitchell – Tove Schmidt

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

8:30am Jack Isabey - Fern & Marie Beaudry

10:30am Caessant Care Mass

Thursday, October 10, 2024

8:30am Gerri Anaka

Friday, October 11, 2024

8:30am Helen Sheehy – Jim & Peggy Sheehy

Saturday, October 12, 2024

5:00pm Intentions of Margot Hennessey – Marie Beaudry

Carole Gorman – Aubrey Schmidt

Josef Krekel and Kate Campbell – Elisabeth Krekel

Mike Dignard – Bev Dignard & Family

Sunday, October 13, 2024

9:00 In Thanksgiving – The Sabino Family

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

Parish Offerings for September 28 & 29, 2024

Regular Collection	\$4,212.85
Building Fund	\$ 345.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$1,540.55

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 6, 2024

Matrimony - a beautiful vocation so misused today.
Celibacy - a beautiful gift so misunderstood today.
Whether we do God's work in pairs or as a single person in ministry or in a community, we do God's work because He calls us. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Join Knights of Columbus and fellow parishioners for breakfast this Sunday, October 6 after each Mass.





Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive

St. Joseph's / St. Mary Knights of Columbus council #15333 are having a Bottle Drive on Saturday October 19 from 10:00am - 2:00pm located at St. Joseph's in Fergus, all proceeds go to our community fundraising efforts for Fergus and Elora communities.

Ministers Of Communion To The Sick

Extraordinary ministers of Communion bring the Eucharist to the faithful who are ill and deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the parish community. This workshop covers the ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the sick. **Thursday, October 24, 2024, St. Raphael Parish, Burlington, ON, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/02/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-2/>



Canadian Food for Children

We have received the most recent newsletter from Canadian Food For Children. They are in dire need for assistance. Currently, they are requesting donations of canned meat and fish, rice, flour, vegetable oil, peanut butter and soap as well as monetary donations. Please consider donating any of these items. Thanks so much for your ongoing support to help the severely disadvantaged.

When Life Changes

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese is offering our six-week grief program from **November 6th to December 11th, 2024**. The program runs from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

Are You Interested In Becoming Catholic?

We have had a few inquiries from people that are interested in becoming Catholic. If we get enough interest, we would like to organise a RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Starting in late October or early November, we would have weekly or biweekly sessions to study the Catholic faith and discern whether you are being called by God to become Catholic. Normally, Catholics would be baptised or received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Even if you have already spoken to Fr. Robert, please call the office to leave your name and your phone number and/or e-mail or talk to Fr. Robert again ASAP. Time is of the essence!

Any confirmed Catholics interested in helping with the RCIA process, please also call the office to leave your name and your phone number and/or e-mail or talk to Fr. Robert ASAP.

Donations Needed

Frassati's Carabiners, the deanery's young adults group, is hosting an All Saints Day party for children of the deanery on Sunday, November 3 at the Basilica of Our Lady, and we are in need of your assistance. Children will be participating in a number of games and events, and we would like to reward them with some meaningful prizes. **Do you have any religious items that you could donate for our prize table?** Perhaps you have some extra prayer cards or medallions. You may even have an extra rosary, a small prayer book, a crucifix, a statue, a votive candle, a child's book of saints, a child's religious DVD, some religious stickers etc. We are interested in it all! If you are able to make a contribution, please ensure that it is in good condition and then drop it off in the narthex in the box labelled Donations: All Saints Day Party. If you have any questions, please contact Elise at ecreidy@protonmail.com. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Upcoming Parish Events

October 6	Knights of Columbus Breakfast Life Chain 4pm (Belsyde & Tower)
October 8	Knights of Columbus Exec. Meeting 7:30pm
October 9	Caressant Care Mass, 10:30am
October 17	Parents Only Meeting for 1 st Reconciliation & 1 st Communion 7pm
October 19	Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive, 10am – 2 pm
October 20	Groves Youth Wellness Hub Presentation, noon, Parish Hall

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