

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



We heard in today's gospel of a man who came to Jesus and asked, "good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus reminded him of his obligation to follow the commandments to which he answered, "teacher, I have kept all of these since my youth." Lovingly, Jesus challenged him saying, "you lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven; then come follow me." As we all know the man was shocked and went away sad for, he had many possessions.

Are we married to our wealth and possessions? What would our response be if Jesus challenged us as he did the young man in today's Gospel? On this Thanksgiving Weekend, let us truly take time to count our blessings and be thankful. Let us also re-evaluate our priorities.

A friendly reminder, that if you are in the area on Thanksgiving Day, we will be celebrating Mass at 11:00 a.m. A non-perishable food collection and monetary collection will be taken up for our local food bank (for the next couple of weeks). Mass will be followed by light refreshments and a time of Fellowship. Come join us as a family and say 'hello' to a parishioner you have not yet met or 'how is it going?' to old friends. With grateful hearts let us joyfully share our many blessings with our less fortunate brothers and sisters found right here in our own community.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of [Jesus] and His mother." ~ Pope St. John Paul

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL "After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. It kept it up until a hunter came along and shot it. The moral of the story: When full of bull, keep your mouth shut." (Will Rogers)



October 12-18, 2024

The candles at the **Shrine of St. Joseph** burn for the **repose of the souls of Josef Krekel & Katie Campbell**



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

Monday, October 14, 2024 *Happy Thanksgiving*

11:00am **Joseph Degnuto**

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

7:00pm **Intentions of Mac & Gail Brown** – John & Jean Paul

Bob Landoni – Grace Robinson

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Denise Wallin** - Fern & Marie Beaudry

Thursday, October 17, 2024

8:30am **Nicole Benallick** – Don & Barbara Cassidy

Friday, October 18, 2024

8:30am **Tony Nunes** – His Parents

9:15am **St. Joseph School Thanksgiving Mass**

Saturday, October 19, 2024

5:00pm **Carole Gorman** – Tove Schmidt

John Martin

Brad Landoni – Peter & Carol Landoni

Intentions of Leonard Slaney – Dolores Schmidt

Sunday, October 20, 2024

9:00am **Bob Landoni** – Laurie Landoni

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

Parish Offerings for October 5 & 6, 2024

Regular Collection \$ 1,826.55

Building Fund \$ 20.00

Needs of the Canadian Church \$ 70.00

St. Mary & St. Joseph Cemetery Fund \$ 1,375.00

September Automatic Donations:

Regular Donation \$ 7,201.66

Building Fund \$ 2,561.00

Mission Appeal for Little Sisters of Mary \$12,475.00
Immaculate of Gulu – Total Collection

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 13, 2024

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. "You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me." Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

IMPORTANT REMINDER
Parent Only Meeting for
First Reconciliation & First
Communion, Next Week
Thursday, October 17th
7:00pm at St. Joseph Church
Attendance is essential.

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.

Now Hiring

Interested in applying for job of Caretaker at St. Joseph Parish? Just a reminder that the deadline to apply is Tuesday, October 15, 2024. To learn more or to apply, visit hamiltondiocese.com.

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! Living with Soul in the Second Half of Life - October 31-November 3 + January 23-26**
- **NEW! The Treasure Within Us All One-Day Retreat - November 20**
- **NEW! The Examen of Consciousness One-Day Retreat - November 21**
- **NEW! Eating for Tomorrow: the Ecology & Politics of Food Weekend Retreat - November 22-24**
- **NEW! The Creative Path: A One-Day Art Retreat - November 23**
- **Advent 2024 Weekend Retreat - November 29-December 1**
- **Advent Taizé - December 6-8**
- **Enneagram Workshop - December 7**

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



Join Fr. Robert for a
Thanksgiving Mass on
Monday October 14th at 11am
Light Refreshments offered after Mass

2024-2025 Sunday Missals

The new Sunday Missal is now available in the Narthex at a cost of \$6.00 each. We begin use of the new missal on December 1st, the first Sunday of Advent, so please be sure to pick up your copy before then.

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.

Upcoming Parish Events

October 14	Thanksgiving Day Mass 11am
October 14	Church Office Closed
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
October 30	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 4pm
October 30	Office Closed for Diocesan Workshop



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

October 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



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. The rosary is a Christ-centered meditation which prayerfully remembers the major events in Christ's life from his conception (annunciation) through to his death and resurrection. It's not about praying it perfectly but about showing up with our hearts open. Even just one decade can be a small, quiet moment of grace in our week. Each Hail Mary is like a step closer to the heart of Jesus through the gentle guidance of His mother, Mary. The rosary allows us to meditate on the life of Christ, to bring our worries and hopes to Him and to receive peace in return. It's a powerful way to invite Mary's intercession in God's grace into our daily life.

Everyone is welcome to attend this special presentation by The Grove Youth Wellness Hub on Sunday, October 20th at noon! Bring your lunch. Beverages will be provided.



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 on the weekend of **October 19/20**. 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. Items available in the silent auction are awesome and include:
 - A Sip and Pour Candle Making Class for 11 People at the Scented Market in Fergus
 - Various Gift Cards to Restaurants in Fergus and Elora
 - Drayton Festival Theatre tickets
 - Hockey Hall of Fame tickets
 - A signed baseball from the Toronto Blue Jays
 - Ken Seiling Waterloo Museum tickets
 - Niagara Parks - a collection of passes to sites and attractions
 - Tickets to a show at the River Run Centre in Guelph
- There will be a Cafe with refreshments and treats available for purchase.

St. Joseph's Parish Annual Bazaar

Saturday November 2, 2024
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

CAFE 

Baking, Toonie Table, Religious Articles,
Silent Auction, Local Vendors,
and much, much more!

RAFFLE DRAW - \$1,000 - 1st Prize

760 St. David Street North, Fergus

Catholic Women's League Christmas Dinner

WHAT: Catered Turkey Dinner

\$30 per person

The meal includes: apple or tomato juice, salad, turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, two kinds of vegetables, roll, dessert, tea/coffee

WHERE: St. Joseph's Parish Hall

WHEN: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 (5:00 Mass followed by dinner at 6:30) Tickets will be on sale beginning at the Bazaar on Nov. 2nd and after Masses after that.

WHO: All Ladies from St. Joseph, Fergus and St. Mary, Elora

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

CWL MEMBERSHIP - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



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.



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