

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

On this first weekend of Advent, the traditional theme is **hope**. So, I will share with you my latest Advent poem.

O Happy Advent

Advent is a grace filled opportunity
to take time to reflect with **hope**
On the Second Coming of Jesus
and on our preparedness for the end times

In Advent, we also prepare with joy
for the celebration of the birthday of Jesus
And what Christmas peace and love really means
to us as Catholics and Christians

Happy Adventure!
November 22, 2024
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May our prayer this first week of Advent be,
"Lord, fill us with **hope**." Let the great **Adventure** begin!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite **hope**." ~ [Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: "As the usher arrived for Mass the pastor sternly said, "Charlie, I've been told that you went to a hockey game last Sunday instead of coming to Mass. What do you have to say for yourself?" "That's a lie," Charlie barked back, "and I have the fish at home to prove it!"



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, December 3, 2024

5:00pm **Jim Holland** – Friends of Christ Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

8:30am **Ralph Haid** – Mary Epoch

Thursday, December 5, 2024

8:30am **Sonia Cosentino** – Michelle Falco & the
Larose Family

Friday, December 6, 2024

8:30am **Jim Holland**

9:15am St. Joseph School Paraliturg for Advent
Brad Landoni – St. Joseph School Staff and
Students

Saturday, December 7, 2024

5:00pm **Intentions of Wally & Rose Ann Sander**
Brad Landoni – Mary Waterman
Annie Kozaluk – Marilyn Ross & Family

Sunday, December 1, 2024

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

11:00am **Stasia Brohman** – Joanne Brohman

Parish Offerings for November 23 & 24, 2024

Regular Collection	\$ 3,512.85
Christmas Floral Tributes	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,226.00

First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2024

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email vocations@hamiltndocese.com
hamiltndocese.com/vocations/

Join Knights of Columbus
This Sunday for their Charity Breakfast
This weekend after the 9am and 11am
Masses!

Critical Mass Experience

Join Critical Mass for a one-of-a-kind Christmas show! Experience an interactive, multi-media extravaganza that's sure to fill you with holiday cheer. From festive tunes to dazzling visuals, this show will be the perfect way to kick off your holiday season! Showtime: 7:30 PM December 17th at St. Joseph in Fergus. Tickets: Only \$10. A portion of the proceeds will support the parish and the incredible work of www.Chalice.ca

Handcrafted Olive Wood Items from the Holy Land

Bethlehem's Christian community relies on selling handcrafted olive wood religious artifacts to visiting pilgrims, forming its primary income. Declining tourism has hit them hard in recent years, leading some Christians to leave The Holy Land, posing a threat to key sites like the Church of The Nativity.

Mark your calendars for December, 14th & 15th. We are hosting a sale featuring beautiful artifacts. Your purchase will not only enrich your collection but also contribute to strengthening the Christian presence in The Holy Land.

Calling all Christian Men!

Do you find yourself in need of more faith-based structure and find yourself searching for a deeper relationship with Christ? You are invited to join us for our next **men's** Cor gathering, Saturday December 14th at 10:00am in the St. Joseph's Fergus Marian meeting room. Fr Robert Héту will lead us in a presentation on Advent, including prayer, fellowship, and coffee social. Cor is a simple concept that brings men together to refocus on Christ through shared time of prayer and formation. Cor may be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, but you do not have to be a Knight to attend.

Upcoming Parish Events

December 1	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
December 3	CWL Christmas Dinner (Fergus & Elora). Mass at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm
December 7	First Confession 11am to 12pm
December 11	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
December 14	Knights of Columbus Cor Gathering 10am, Marian Room
December 14 & 15	Handmade Religious Items for sale after each Mass
December 17	Critical Mass Extravaganza 7:30pm

Heartache to Healing – Grief Support Group - Coping with Christmas

Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved one.

Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead.

Date: Wednesday, December 4th 2024
Time: 7 – 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)
Location: St. Michael Parish (Parish Centre – basement) – 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo, ON

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic District School Board

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 6, 2025!

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children;

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2025, to attend Year 1 Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2025, to attend Year 2 Kindergarten

To register we ask that you visit

https://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/registration/kindergarten_registration and complete the online student pre-registration form. Once you have completed this form you will receive a follow-up email to complete the registration process. We ask that you have the following documents available;

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Parent Or Child's Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Tax Support for Families New to the System (i.e., Most Recent Tax Bill)
- Proof of Address (Government Document, Mortgage or Rental Agreement, Hydro Bill, Credit Card Statement)
- Immigration Documentation (If Applicable)
- Custody Documents (If Applicable)

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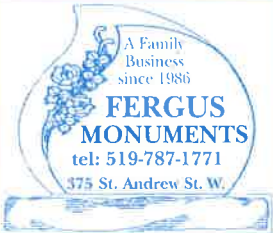
- Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Year 1 Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Year 2 Kindergarten.

If you have questions, please contact your local Catholic school.

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