

St. Joseph's Parish

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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 Hétu



The paradox of our time in history is that we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less. We have bigger houses, but smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; more medicine, but less wellness. We read too little, but watch too much tv, and we are on social media too much, but pray too little. Sadly, we have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. These are the times of tall men, and short character, deep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; fancier houses, but more broken homes. We have learned how to make a living, but not a life; we have added years to life, not life to years; we are cleaning up the air, but polluting the soul.

Today's scripture readings invite us to surrender our lives to God with a humble and generous heart by serving others lovingly and sacrificially. The first reading and the Gospel today present poor widows who sacrificially gave their whole lives and means of livelihood to God, foreshadowing the supreme sacrifice Jesus would offer by giving His life for others. In the first reading, taken from the First Book of Kings, a poor widow who has barely enough food for herself and her son, welcomes the prophet Elijah as a man of God, offers all her food to him and receives her reward from God in the form of a continuing daily supply of food.

In the Gospel, Jesus contrasts the external signs of honour sought by the scribes with the humble, sacrificial offering of a poor widow and declares that she has found true honour in God's eyes. The poor widows in both the first reading and the Gospel give away all that they possess for the glory of God. The sacrificial self-giving of the widows in the first reading and the Gospel reflects God's love in giving His only Son for us, and the love of Jesus in sacrificing Himself on the cross. So, the second reading tells us how Jesus, as the High Priest of the New Testament, surrendered His life to God His Father totally and unconditionally as a sacrificial offering for our sins – a sacrifice far beyond the sacrifices made by the poor widows.

We must see with the eyes and heart of Jesus. We often judge people by what they possess. We give weight to their position in society, to their educational qualifications, or to their celebrity status. Yet, Jesus measures us in a totally different way—on the basis of our inner motives and the intentions hidden behind our actions. Jesus evaluates us on the basis of the ...



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, November 12, 2024

7:00pm **Deceased members of the Sheehy & Goetz Family – Jim & Peggy Sheehy
Tony Reilly & Sonny Clerkin**

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

8:30am **Phillip Hartnell – The Hétu Family**

10:30am **Caressant Care Mass**

Thursday, November 14, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Tové Schmidt – Dolores Schmidt**

Friday, November 15, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Alana Finoro & Family**

Saturday, November 16

5:00pm **Mary Doyle – Paul & Cathy Goetz**

Francis Clerkin – Jean Martin

Alf Fischer – St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League

Sunday, November 17, 2024

9:00am **Brad Landoni – Jean Martin**

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

Parish Offerings for October 26 & 27, 2024

Regular Collection	\$ 1,545.55
Building Fund	\$ 70.00
Initial Offering	\$ 60.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 50.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 50.00

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 10, 2024

How are you contributing to the treasury? God knows what gift we give to Him in love. Let us then be faithful to whatever vocation God calls us to live. Does Jesus want you to give your life to the Church? If you think that God is calling you serve Him as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com .

...sacrifices we make for others and on the degree, we surrender to God's will. By sharing our riches of time, talent, and treasure, let us overcome the tragic paradox of our time. Let us give all, like the widows, and especially Jesus, for the glory of God.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Remember when you forgive, you heal, and when you let go, you grow." ~ Author Unknown

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: What is the difference between in-laws and out-laws? Out-laws are wanted! (Source ~ Pope Francis)

St. Joseph's Parish Catholic Women's League

Our sincere appreciation to all the people that came out for our Annual Bazaar on November 2nd and all those that volunteered. Without the support of parishioners and generous businesses, the silent auction could not have been such a success. For those that did some baking for the bake table, sell raffle tickets in advance, thanks. This year's lucky winners of the raffle are as follows; 1st prize of \$1000 is Carol Landoni, 2nd prize of \$500 went to Elaine Taylor, 3rd prize of \$250 went to Carol Bridle, 4th prize of \$150 went to Michelle Cuddie and the 5th prize of \$100 went to Scott Giddy. Complete breakdown will be made available at our next CWL meeting and we will be determining where some of the profit will be donated to. From the raffle there will be \$775 donated to each Groves Memorial Hospital and St. Joseph's Parish Building Fund. On behalf of the Executive of the CWL, THANK YOU!!!

Next CWL Gathering: Sunday, November 24 at 12:00 in the Parish Hall

All ladies are invited for complimentary soup and a sandwich. We will share results from the bazaar and discuss donations that will be made with the funds raised. We will also discuss the end of our CWL executive members' term and next steps going forward. We will make Christmas Cards for seniors who are in retirement homes, long term care or in their own homes. Please join us!

All Ladies are invited to the Catholic Women's League Christmas Dinner

for St. Joseph, Fergus and St. Mary, Elora which will be on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at St. Joseph's Parish. 5:00 Mass followed by a catered turkey dinner at 6:30pm **\$30 per person** - See posters in the narthex for more details. Tickets will be available after Masses until November 24 or until they are sold out.



**Join the Knights of Columbus
For breakfast this Sunday, Nov. 10 after each Mass**

**Prepare: An Advent Reflection
With Cardinal Thomas Collins**

Please join us at **St. Mary Immaculate Church, Elora** for an afternoon of preparation and reflection including prayer, music, reflection and a talk by special guest, Thomas Cardinal Collins. Mark your calendars now for the First Sunday of Advent, **December 1st at 2:00 p.m.** Free will offering. Sponsored by: St. Mary's CWL and Knights of Columbus St. Mary and St. Joseph.

Thank You from the Carabiners

The Deanery's All Saints Day party was a huge success, and the Prize Table was one of the highlights. Thank you to all those who donated new and used religious items for the children. It was a delight to watch them select an item from the table and walk away with their treasure. Your donations have found new homes with these children! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

**Reminder: Classes On Initiation into the Faith
For Children in Gr. 3 (8yrs+)**

Fr. Robert will be offering the necessary classes (12-15 classes) for children 8yrs and older in need of the appropriate instruction to be properly initiated into the faith (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation). Classes will begin **Wednesday, November 13th** at the Church from **3:30pm to 5:00pm**. If you would like to enroll your child in this class please speak to Fr. Robert or call the Church office at 519-843-2006 asap.

Upcoming Parish Events

November 12	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting, 7:30pm
November 13	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
November 13	First Child Initiation into the Faith class 3:30pm to 5:00pm
November 24	CWL General Meeting, 12pm
November 26	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
November 30	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
December 1	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
December 3	CWL Christmas Dinner (Fergus & Elora). Mass at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm Tickets are \$30 each.
December 7	First Confession 11am to 12pm
December 11	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am

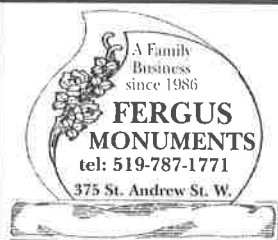
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