

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



A priest was asked to visit a young woman in the hospital. He did not know her, but he was told that she had not lived a very moral life, and that she was dying. She was now quite concerned about God's judgement, and she asked the priest if God was against her. He answered, "No, God is for you but against your sins. God loves you and has a special place for you if you will have it so." She died a few days later, but in her last hours, she had told the nurse to thank the priest, and to tell him that she had joyfully made her peace with God.

God both cares for us and judges us, however, unlike human judges; God also provides mercy and grace. No matter whether we deserve light or harsh judgement, the Father sent Jesus—the Son, to tell us about forgiveness so that if we accept it, we have nothing to fear in the final judgement. The gift of joy in heaven is ours for the taking.

Yes, as the priest said, "God is for us but against our sins." In this graced-filled Season of Advent, we are reminded of God's great mercy and grace. As we attempt to come closer to our God, let us take comfort in the promise of the gift of heavenly joy. May our prayer this third week of Advent be, "Lord, fill us with joy." Let the great Adventure continue.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "To have joy one must share it." ~ Lord Byron

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: A mother was teaching her four-year-old the *Our Father*. For several evenings the little girl repeated it after her mother. Finally, she told her mom she was ready to pray it alone. She carefully enunciated each word right up to the end. The girl prayed, "Lead us not into temptation and deliver us some e-mail. Amen."



Bambinelli Sunday



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 17, 2024

6:00 – 6:45pm **Additional Confession Time**

7:00pm **Intentions of Aubrey Schmidt – Tove Schmidt**

Intentions Paolo Gianfriddo – Tove Schmidt

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

8:30am **Stafford Sheehy – Jim and Peggy Sheehy**

9:00-10:00am **Additional Confession Time**

Thursday, December 19, 2024

8:30am **Aubrey Schmidt – Dolores Schmidt**

9:00 – 10:00am **Additional Confession Time**

Friday, December 20, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Jack Clerkin**

9:15am **St. Joseph School Advent Paraliturg**

Saturday, December 21, 2024

3:30-4:30 **Extended Confession Time**

5:00pm **Maria Forte – Mary Waterman**

Intentions of Pat Clerkin

Jim Holland – Mac & Gail Brown

Sunday, December 22, 2024

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

11:00am **Peter Rooyakker–Diane Rooyakker & Family**
Additional Confession Time Noon – 1:00pm

Parish Offerings for December 8, 2024

Regular Collection

\$ 2,069.50

Christmas Floral Tributes

\$ 45.00



Third Sunday of Advent - December 15, 2024

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

**Join Us this Coming Tuesday for
The 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 Christmas 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



What is Christmas Without Carols?

Our Choir invites you to join them on Christmas Eve at 11:30pm for some Christmas Carolling just prior to Midnight Mass. A wonderful way to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Everyone is welcome.

**A "LONGEST NIGHT" CHRISTMAS SERVICE
Thursday December 19 @ 7pm**

Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre

For many of us, Christmas can be a painful time of the year. It may be a first Christmas without a loved one or it may be that Christmas has been difficult for a long time. Join Rev. Monika Wiesner and Jesuit Fr. Dirk Dunfee for an evening of prayer, connection and comfort as we welcome you to Loyola House's first-ever Longest Night of the Year Christmas Service. For more information see ignatiusquelph.ca/event/longest-night-2024/

**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary
Mass – Save The Date!**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in January at hamiltondiocese.com.

Parenting Tip of The Month

December is an exciting month for children and families with the coming of Christmas. December is also the month we prepare for Christmas during Advent! Advent, by definition, means we are preparing for something important, which is the coming of Jesus Christ. Celebrating with an Advent wreath allows us to light a candle each week, offering a chance to discuss, on four occasions, what Christ's coming to the world means to all of us. The candles (hope, faith, joy and peace) open up the opportunity to remind our children what each candle represents and, of course, the real meaning of the season. Santa comes one night per year, but Jesus is with us always and is a true gift in our lives. This Advent, remember to make Christ the reason for the season.

Marriage Tip of The Month

December can be a stressful month with all the preparation and planning that goes on before Christmas. This stress can cause us to lash out in ways we often would not, especially towards our spouses. This year make a conscious decision to break the cycle. Get out your calendars and plan some quiet couple time: a shared coffee, a walk in your neighborhood, watching a shared movie, or a dinner out. At least once a week make the gift of the season time with each other because its impact will last much longer than any other material gift you might give.
(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Upcoming Parish Events

December 14	Men Cor Gathering, sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Marian Room 10am
December 14 & 15	Bambinelli Sunday. Bring your Baby Jesus figure from your nativity scene to any Mass to be blessed
December 14 & 15	Handmade Religious Items from the Holy Land for sale after each Mass
December 17	Extra Confessions 6-645pm
December 17	Critical Mass Extravaganza 7:30pm
December 18	Extra Confessions 9-10am
December 18	St. Joseph School Concert 1:00pm and 7:00pm
December 19	Extra Confessions 9-10am
December 20	St. Joseph School Paraliturgy for Advent 9:15am
December 21	Extra Confessions 3:30-4:00pm
December 22	Extra Confessions Noon – 1:00pm

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