

# St. Joseph's Parish

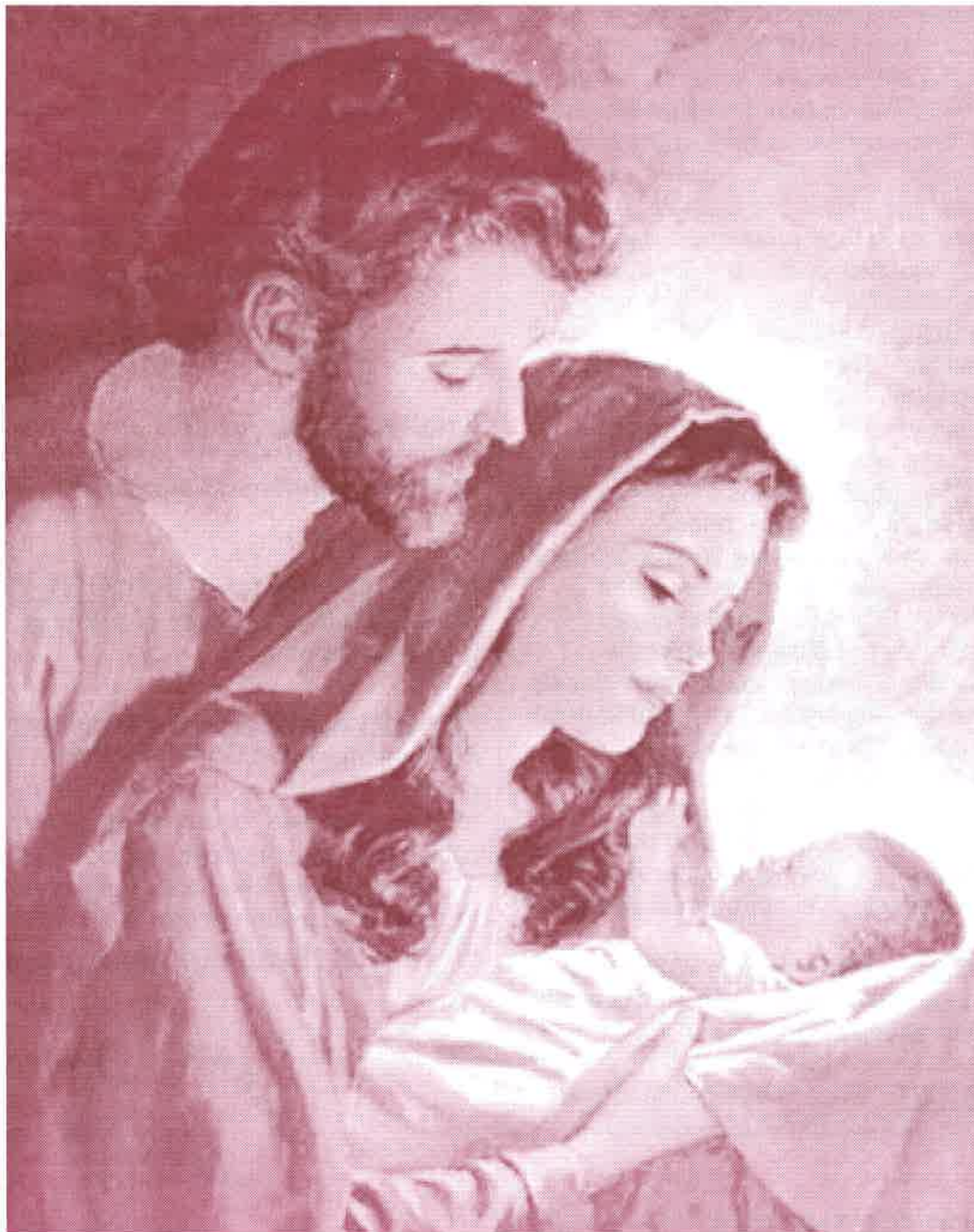
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## Feast of the Holy Family

## From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Robert Héту



Jubilee 2025 began on Christmas Eve, with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican immediately before Pope Francis celebrated midnight Mass. Holy Doors will also be opened at Rome's three other major basilicas: St. John Lateran on December 29, St. Mary Major on January 1, and St. Paul's Outside the Walls on January 5.

A jubilee year, also known as a "holy year," is a special year in the life of the church currently celebrated every 25 years. The most recent ordinary jubilee was in 2000, with Pope Francis calling for an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2015-2016. Jubilee years have been held on regular intervals in the Catholic church since 1300, but they trace their roots to the Jewish tradition of marking a jubilee year every 50 years.

The theme of the Holy Year is "Pilgrims of Hope." The Papal Bull issued May 9, which introduced the Jubilee Year is titled "Spes Non Confundit," or "Hope does not disappoint," drawn from Romans 5:5. "Everyone knows what it is to hope," Pope Francis wrote. "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring."

"For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope." Pope Francis also hopes the year draws Catholics toward patience, which he described in "Spes Non Confundit" as a "virtue closely linked to hope," yet can feel elusive in "our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now."

Drawing on their Jewish roots, jubilee years emphasize the sacrament of reconciliation and restoring relationships with God. They also provide an opportunity for a special jubilee indulgence, which can remove the residual effects of sin through the grace of Christ.

Let this new Holy Year—Jubilee 2025 be for all of us a time of reconciliation, restoration, and grace. Let the hope filled celebrations begin.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness." ~ Bishop Desmond Tutu

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** Church sign: In the dark? Follow the Son!



*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.

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024**

5:pm Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

10:00am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Thursday, January 2, 2025**

No Mass

**Friday, January 3, 2025**

8:30am Intentions of the Barb Abela

**Saturday, January 4, 2025**

5:00pm Souls in Purgatory and All those in Mourning

In Thanksgiving – Cecilia Piller-Bersch

Joe D. Darnell – Joanne Huber

Intentions of the Beradine Family – Joanne Huber

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

9:00am Benito Vittorio Soligo

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

**Parish Offerings for December 21, 22, 24 & 25, 2024**

Not available at the time of printing. Please see future bulletins.

**Feast of the Holy Family - December 29, 2024**

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. 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@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)





**Thank you!**

Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed their talents to make Christmas at St. Joseph Parish so wonderful! Choir Members, Lectors, Eucharistic Members, Ushers, Sacristans, decorators and cleaning staff all played a party in our celebrations (if we've missed anyone, please accept our apologies). Thank you also to the CWL and Knights of Columbus for their constant support of our parish We are indeed blessed!

**Attention Parents of First Communion Candidates**

If you are wanting your child to receive the Sacrament of First Communion in the new year, and have not yet picked up a registration form, please contact Fr. Robert asap to arrange to meet. A reminder to all parents that registrations forms must be returned to the Church by March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation News**

Confirmation Candidates and their Parents are asked to attend a meeting in the Church at 7:00pm on January 16. At that time you will be given important information such as dates of Confirmation, deadlines to register, etc. Please mark this important date on your new 2025 calendar as it is very important to attend.

**Catholic Women's League Gathering**

The next CWL General Meeting will be on Sunday, January 12 at 12:00 noon. All ladies are welcome!

**Message of his Holiness Pope Francis for World Day of Peace**

The Holy See has released a Message for LVIII World Day of Peace, January 1, 2025 ***"Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace."*** If you are interested in reading this. A copy has been posted on our website – stjosephfergus.org

**Jubilee Of Hope, 2025**

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website:

[www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee Year. In Cathedrals around the world and in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the Holy Year will be inaugurated on December 28-29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. The year will be officially launched in each Parish in the Diocese on this same day. The Jubilee Year of Hope will conclude on January 6, 2026.

"In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope." Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*.

**Upcoming Parish Events**

January 5	Knights of Columbus Breakfast – After 9 and 11am Masses
January 8	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
January 11	Knights of Columbus Men's Cor Meeting 10am – 12pm All men welcome
January 12	CWL Meeting, Noon
January 14	Knights of Columbus Exec. Meeting
January 16	Confirmation Candidate and Parent Meeting – Confirmation 7pm
January 17	St. Joseph School Mass 9:15am
January 28	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
January 29	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm



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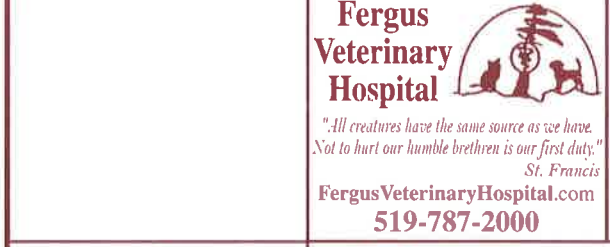
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