

St. Joseph's Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

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CUSTODIAN:

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 Héту



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is not only an ancient feast, which ends the Christmas Season; it also should have a profound theological meaning for all Christians. It has implications for our lives and our mission.

Last week on the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord, as I mentioned in my homily, in the Western Church, we remembered the 'manifestation' of Jesus to the Gentiles. We reflected on the "wise men from the East" who followed the light of the star to the fullness of divinity, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Yet, from antiquity, the Church has pointed to the 'epiphany in the water' this 'manifestation' in the river Jordan, at the baptism of Jesus, as the event wherein the full plan of God for the Church and the entirety of creation itself is made manifest.

The Baptism of Jesus, this great 'Theophany,' therefore, speaks to the very meaning and mystery of the vocation of the Church and of every Christian. We are called to be immersed in God and to bring the world along. As we renew our baptismal promises, and plunge anew into the fount of living water, let us begin here and now to live our lives, immersed in God, so we can be a light for others in the darkness of our world.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "You must not be sad; it is good to laugh a little." ~ St. André Bessette (Brother André)

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: A family, with three young children, is in church. As was customary, the family sat in the front row so that the children could properly witness and participate in the Mass. During this particular Mass, the pastor was celebrating a baptism. The five-year-old daughter was taken by this, observing that the priest was saying something and pouring water over the infant's head. With a quizzical look on her face, the little girl turned to her father and asked, "Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby?"



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, January 14, 2025

7:00pm **Intentions of Brigid Reilly** – Brigitte Quinke
Broniseaw Michnik – Bozena Molody

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

8:30am **Alf Fisher** – Fern & Marie Beaudry

Thursday, January 16, 2025

8:30am **Intentions of Donna Visser** – Pam Horricks

Friday, January 17, 2025

8:30am **Nicholas Law**

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

Saturday, January 18, 2025

5:00pm **Intentions of Fr. Robert Héту** – Lena & Tom Nudds

Peter VanderVoort – Colette Brodie

Sunday, January 19, 2025

9:00am **Intentions of the McKinnon Family** – John and Jean Paul

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

Parish Offerings for December 28 & 29, 2024

Regular Collection	\$ 1,816.50
Christmas Offerings	\$ 445.00
Initial Offerings	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,010.50

Parish Offerings for Dec. 31/24 & Jan. 1/25

Regular Collection	\$ 175.00
Initial Offering	\$ 460.00
Solemnity of Mary/New Year's Day	\$ 1,750.00
Christmas Floral Tributes	\$ 10.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 45.00

Parish Offerings for January 4 & 5, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 2,300.00
Initial Offering	\$ 200.00
Solemnity of Mary/New Year's Day	\$ 270.00
Seminary of Mary/New Years	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 85.00

Baptism of the Lord - January 12, 2025

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Last Reminder of Confirmation Meeting

Confirmation Candidates and their Parents are asked to attend a meeting in the Church at 7:00pm on January 16. At the meeting 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.

“True worship is to work for justice and care for the poor and oppressed” Isaiah 58:5-7

A Note From St. Vincent de Paul

We would like to thank you for your very generous donations to the St. Vincent de Paul, helping those in need in our community. The need is growing due to increasing costs of living. This year for the first time we were asked to help several unhoused folks living in distress in our immediate area.

The Conference has helped those in need in the following ways. We purchased 25 coats/snowsuits for children of the families we helped this past year. St. Andrews Presbyterian Church knitting group gave us 25 hats to give with the coats.

We gave \$300.00 in gift cards from Walmart, Freshco and Giant Tiger for those without homes. We also donated \$500.00 to the Grove Hub for food and drinks. This year we met with our clients at the church and gave out 45, \$100.00 food vouchers for Christmas. We purchase \$250 -300 of diapers and sanitary products monthly for Food Bank clients. We have New to You gift certificates to help clients in need of clothing and household articles.

Walmart Corporate Office has given us \$1000.00 for our charitable works.

Please consider joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Joseph and St. Mary parishes. Our members are in decline due to age and health. It is a rewarding parish ministry of a few hours a month and we encourage you to consider helping your community in need. Please call Jane 519-787-1962 or Marie 226-383-4195 for information or to answer any questions you may have. St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

Support For Your Marriage

Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 7-9, 2025. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org.



Reel Justice Film Festival

Join us January 23, 2025, 7:00 – 9:00 PM for *She Rises Up*, a revealing look at the power of women’s economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are working to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. **Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers.** In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at:** <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

Upcoming Parish Events

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
February 2	Knights of Columbus Breakfast

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