

St. Joseph's Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

SECRETARY: Mrs. Lori Cipparrone

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 Hétu



A young father was widowed and left with his six-year-old daughter. He had a hard time working through his own grief, but admitted that the hardest part was trying to comfort and explain the death of his wife to his daughter. Even with all he knew, he was left at a loss.

One day as he and his little girl were standing on a busy street corner waiting for the light to change a very large truck suddenly sped by the corner. As it came close to them, the truck blocked out the sun and frightened his daughter.

The father picked her up to comfort her, and in a moment of revelation the wisdom of God broke through and he was able to explain death to his daughter. "When you saw the truck pass, it scared you right. Let me ask you this, would you rather have been struck by the truck, or the shadow of the truck?" "The shadow, of course," his daughter replied.

He explained to her, "When your mother died, she was only hit by the shadow of death because Jesus was hit by the truck, his death on the cross." By God's grace, we have only to experience the 'shadow of death'.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "It is a tragic mix-up when the United States Government spends \$500,000 for every enemy soldier killed, and only \$53 annually on the victims of poverty." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. (Martin died in 1968. We can just imagine the expense imbalance today-some fifty-seven years later.)

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Fr. Bill was giving his 427th children's homily. "Now kids," says Fr. Bill, "What's green, lives in the pond, sits on a lily pad, and hops?" The children looked at each other with vacant eyes as silence ruled that magical time. "Surely, someone has an idea?" Finally, little Susie stood up and said, "Well, it sounds like a frog, but it must be Jesus!" (F.R.O.G.—Forever Rely On God)



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 28, 2025

7:00pm Intentions of Richard Kocyla – Brigitte Quinke

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

8:30am Mary Vandanelson – The Goodwin Family

Thursday, January 30, 2025

8:30am Tony Ogborn – Pat Ogborn

Friday, January 31, 2025

8:30am Ina Fraher – Brigid Reilly

Saturday, February 1, 2025

5:00pm Peter VanderVoort – Mac & Gail Brown

Fr. Richard Hurdle – A Friend

Gordon Taverner – The Cipparrone Family

Sunday, February 2, 2025

9:00am Nicholas Law & Intentions of his Family

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

Parish Offerings for January 19, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 1,867.85
Initial Offerings	\$ 280.85
Solemnity of Mary/New Year's Day	\$ 35.00
Building Fund	\$ 75.00

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 26, 2025

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Sunday of the Word of God:

"I hope in your Word" (Psalm 119:74)

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton.

At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how **#TheBibleSpeaks** in our hearts and within our communities of faith. This year, within the context of the Jubilee, we celebrate the Sacred Scriptures as a great source of hope for all the faithful.

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2025. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/> for more information.

Interested in starting an Educational Fund for your children to fund post-secondary opportunities?

If your answer is yes but you believe that you cannot afford it the Canada Learning Bond is for you. If your net income is \$53,359.00 or less and you have children born since 2004, you can qualify for free government money to set up a fund for your child(ren). For more details, email: socialjusticeclbguelp@gmail.com or call Jane Thatcher at 519-787-1961 and she can explain the details and assist you with your application.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

In honour of World Day of the Sick, an Anointing of the Sick Mass will be held here on February 11th at 11am. Following Mass, we will gather for lunch. Registration forms will be available in the Narthex and are required to attend. We would encourage anyone who has been diagnosed with a serious illness or injury to attend (you do not need to be in imminent danger of death).

Do you have a few spare hours a month and a desire to help others in your Community?

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 519-787-1961 or Marie 226-383-4195 for information or to answer any questions you may have. St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

Young Adults Night

Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations on Saturday, February 1st. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, February 1st at the St. Michael's Church** (80 University by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE



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Guelp Catholic Moms Group



Wednesday, February 5, 2025.
4:30pm – 6:00pm

Bible Viewing and Versal Craft

Kids are Always Welcome!

St. John the Baptist Parish
45 Victoria Road North

RSVP st.johnbaptistmq@catholicmomsgroup.com



DIocese of Hamilton

Upcoming Parish Events

January 28	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
January 29	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
February 1	Baptismal Prep. Class 9-11am
February 2	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
February 8	Men's Cor Meeting 10am – 12pm
February 11	Anointing of the Sick Mass and Luncheon



**Mass at
St. Joseph's Parish, Fergus
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 11:00 am**

REGISTRATION FORM

Who can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick?

Any member of the faithful can receive this sacrament as soon as he or she begins to be in danger of death because of sickness or old age. They do not need to be in imminent danger of dying. It is appropriate to be anointed before a medical procedure. The faithful who receive this sacrament can receive it several times if their illness becomes worse or another serious sickness afflicts them. The celebration of this sacrament should, if possible, be preceded by individual confession on the part of the sick person.

Person being anointed: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Do you have any special needs (e.g. Use a wheelchair or walk with walker/
cane?)

of other people attending with you (approx.): _____

Will you be joining us for lunch afterwards? Yes No

**Please complete and forward to the Church Office
or drop in the Collection Basket.**

Thank you.

JANUARY 28, 2025

Shine a Light

Shining a light on the
negative impact of
abortion in Canada

Join us in prayer and witness on January 28, 2025,
at 7:00 PM in front of Guelph City Hall for our
annual Shine a Light event.

Stand together in remembrance of the over
4,000,000 lives lost to abortion in Canada.

All are welcome—please dress warmly as we
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