

St. Joseph's Parish

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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 Héту



Today's readings challenge us to choose freely and to observe wisely the laws giving by a loving and caring God. God revealed these laws to the Chosen People through Moses and the prophets in the Old Testament, and through God's own Son, Jesus, in the New Testament. For the Israelites, the Torah was not just a set of laws but the instruction or teaching intended to promote the holiness and wholeness of each believer.

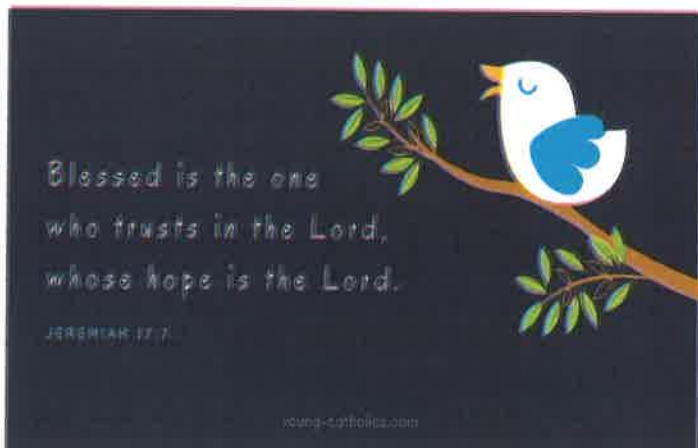
The first reading from the prophet Jeremiah reminds us: "*Cursed is the one who trust in mere mortals...Blessed is the one who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.*"

In Luke's selection from the Beatitudes, in today's Gospel, while challenging his disciples to live a life of justice and righteousness, which should exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus, as the new lawgiver, sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses, by providing new interpretation and meaning for the old laws.

We need to be true to God, to others and to ourselves. With trust, let us allow God's words of truth to penetrate our hearts and minds and form our consciences, making us men and women of integrity. Lord, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, make us men and women of integrity filled with hope.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Hope will never be silent." ~ Harvey Milk

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Did you know that when the cannibals ate a missionary—they got their first taste of religion? Did you also know that Atheism in a non-prophet organization?



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, February 18, 2025

7:00pm **Les Keefer**- Robin Rogers

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

8:30am **Jack Miller** – A Friend

Thursday, February 20, 2025

8:30am **Wally MacDonald** – Pat Ogborn

Friday, February 21, 2025

8:30am **Margot Hennessey** - Jeanette

Saturday, February 22, 2025

5:00pm **Peter VanderVoort** – Betty Boyd & Family
Mary Jo Marshall – Wayne & Joanne England

Sunday, February 23, 2025

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

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

Parish Offerings for February 8 & 9, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 2,897.00
Initial Offerings	\$ 40.00
Seminary Appeal	\$ 85.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 16, 2025

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. 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
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/



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Canadian Flag
officially adopted by
royal proclamation on
February 15, 1965**



Successful Anointing of the Sick Mass & Luncheon

On the World Day of the Sick (February 11) Fr. Robert and Fr. Ken graciously offered a Mass and anointed anyone from the Parish who requested it. Our thanks to the choir for their wonderful musical accompaniment; thank you to the ladies of the CWL for providing a wonderful lunch; and our thanks to all who attended.

Sacrament of the Sick

A reminder that the Sacrament of the Sick can be administered for many reasons – diagnosis of a serious ailment or disease such as diabetes, heart condition, cancer, etc. The sacrament can be requested if you are suffering from mental health issues or are having surgery. If you are uncertain, please speak to your Pastor. If possible, it is best not to wait until you or your family member are in the final stage of life just in case it isn't possible to reach a priest quickly. The Sacrament cannot be administered after death.

Wellington Pregnancy Care Centre Diaper Drive

February 9 to February 23

We will be participating in the Wellington Pregnancy Care Centre's Diaper Drive. Their goal is to collect much-needed diapers, wipes and other baby essentials to support families in our community who are facing financial hardship. We invite you to support this drive and support these families! Donations can be dropped off at a designated table in the Narthex.

Opening The Holy Door: Spring Book Club

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, "**Opening the Holy Door.**" Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **March 18-April 8, 2025.** Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. Join us for this time of prayer and conversation, drawing into deeper fellowship during this Jubilee of Hope. Registration can be made here:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Knights of Columbus will once again be holding a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday (March 4th) at St. Joseph's Parish Hall from 5:00-6:30 PM. We will be serving Pancakes, Breakfast Sausage and Maple Syrup with Coffee Tea or Juice. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted for Michael House - A Safe Haven for Life - for young Mothers and their Children. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us as we launch our Lenten journey for this year.

Come Retreat With Loyola House!

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats:

- Growing a Merciful Heart One-Day Retreat - February 28
- Introduction to Discernment One-Day Retreat - March 3
- Pope Francis and the Way of the Heart Weekend Retreat - March 6-9
- Private Silent Retreats - March 6-9 & 28-30
- The First Spiritual Exercises Lenten Retreat - March 8 (followed by online gatherings on March 18, 23, & 30)
- Seeds of Rest & Renewal - A Retreat for Spiritual Directors - March 11-13
- Journey to Emmaus: To be a Pilgrim Weekend Retreat - March 14-16
- Knowing the Heart of Jesus Weekend Retreat - March 14-16
- Journeying with Grief - March 18-20

Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or call 519 824 1250 ext 266.

Upcoming Parish Events

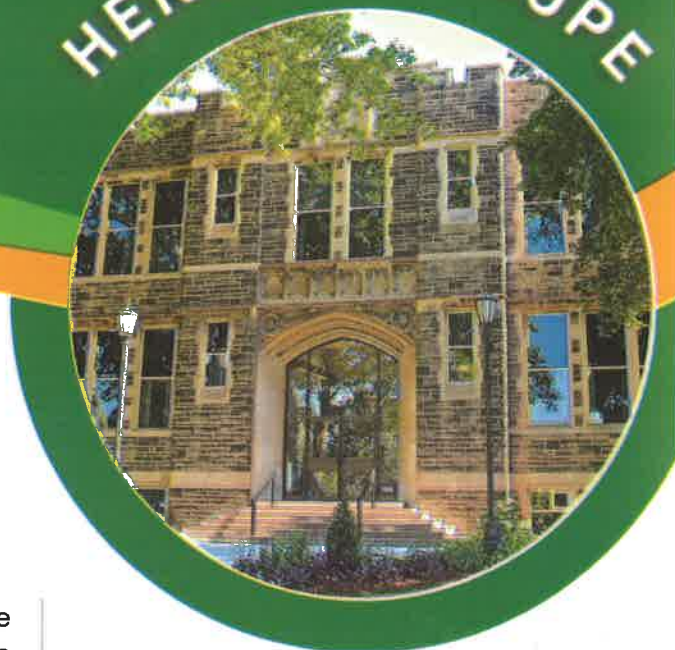
February 17	Family Day – Office Closed
February 25	Knights of Columbus General Meeting, 7:30pm
February 26	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 4pm, Marian Room
March 1	Baptismal Prep Class 9-11am
March 4	Pancake Supper 5-6:30pm
March 5	Ash Wednesday, 8:30am, 9:20am (School Mass) and 7:00pm



Jubilee Year of Hope
February 2025

Diocesan Ministries

HEROES OF HOPE



Heroes of Hope is a monthly newsletter from the Diocese of Hamilton, shining a light on the extraordinary individuals and ministries who inspire hope and transform lives in our communities.

#HEROESOFHOPE

Christian hope is rooted in Christ! Those who serve in the administrative and pastoral offices of the Diocese work closely with the bishop and pastors, as they strive together to respond to the material and spiritual needs of the people entrusted to their care. They provide wise counsel to the bishop and provide resources and training for pastors, parish ministers and volunteers who are on the front lines, bringing the hope-filled message of Christ to our parishes. These are some of the key diocesan ministries.

Consultative Advisory Committees

The bishop is supported by an **Episcopal Board** (a group of principal advisors) and the **Presbyteral Council** (representative priests) and a body of priest **Consultors**. A finance council, and committees for buildings and properties, cemeteries, the priest personnel board and safeguarding committee, also provide valuable counsel to assist the bishop in the governance of the diocese.

Administrative Offices

The **Finance and Insurance Offices** bring hope by promoting financial transparency, accountability and sustainability to parishes. Through strategic financial planning and risk management support, these offices ensure that parishes have the protection and resources necessary to thrive.

The **Human Resource Office** is dedicated to fostering a supportive work environment where all employees feel valued and empowered. This office supports diocesan and parish employees, offering guidance and resources to ensure they can carry out their duties effectively.

Works of Charity

The **Stewardship and Development Office** provides to pastors and lay leaders advice regarding best practices for stewardship and fundraising for current and future needs. The office provides resources to foster generosity which makes possible the worship of God in our parishes, supports the vital work of evangelization, and provides hope to the poor and marginalized.

Diocesan Charities oversees the charitable support to parishes, ministries and social service agencies both in the diocese and beyond. Funds received support Catholic dioceses and parishes in need, and a variety of apostolic works which promote human dignity and authentic human flourishing.

The **Mission Co-operative Program** coordinates the annual efforts of each parish to support our brothers and sisters in developing countries. Funds raised provide food, clean water, clothing, medical care, shelter and opportunities for education, as well as ongoing formation for missionaries and catechists.



Pastoral Offices

The **Office of Evangelization and Catechesis** supports the faith formation of adults and children in cooperation with parishes, our Catholic schools and catechists in the diocese. This office provides ministers in our parishes and schools to be bearers of hope through training, program materials and resources to form missionary disciples for the Church in the world.

The **Family Ministry Office** supports individuals, couples and families to grow strong, healthy and happy as they navigate the challenges of daily life, rooted in their Christian faith. A wide variety of resources and programs are made available to parishes and individuals in support of marriage and family life.

The **Office of Youth Ministry** strives to serve parish ministers, volunteers and high school chaplaincies in their ministry, so that they have the resources and formation needed to invite young people to encounter Christ and have an authentic relationship with him. The work of this office includes the formation of youth leaders in our parishes and schools.

The **Office of Refugees** is dedicated to bringing hope to those who have been forcibly displaced and are suffering in countries of asylum, desperately in need of safety and a new beginning. Working with Catholic stakeholders and parishes, and with the help of dedicated volunteers and family members, the office helps refugees to make a new home in our country.

The **Office of Justice and Peace** works collaboratively with other churches and religious groups to foster Indigenous Reconciliation and address the many social challenges related to homelessness, just wages, care for migrant workers, and the safeguarding of the environment, our common home.

The **Liturgy Office** coordinates all our diocesan liturgical celebrations, enabling us to keep our hope in Christ alive each time we gather for the liturgy. The office provides ongoing formation for all liturgical ministers, so that through their ministry they may be ministers of hope.

The **Communications Office** strives to share the good news of how our diocese and parishes nourish faith, foster hope and are engaged in works of charity. The office maintains our diocesan website, the use of social media, and the creation of promotional materials.



The **Bishop Farrell Library and Archives** is responsible for maintaining the record of long history as a diocese for future generations. More recently, the office has made *The Saint John's Bible* available to parishes, schools and other institutions, so that they might draw inspiration from the beautifully illustrated Word of God, the source of our hope, during this Jubilee year and always.



HEROES OF HOPE PRAYER FOR DIOCESAN MINISTRIES

Lord God, by the
grace of our baptism,
you have given us new life in Christ
and called us to serve
as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving
for those who have
responded to your call
to use their gifts in
the service of our Diocese,
working in union with our Bishop,
providing counsel to our Pastors
and to support their ministry
as coworkers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Through their varied ministries,
may they support the pastors of our Church,
and through their work in our Diocese
touch the hearts of all in our community
who long for the hope,
born of our Christian faith,
that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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