

# 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 Héту



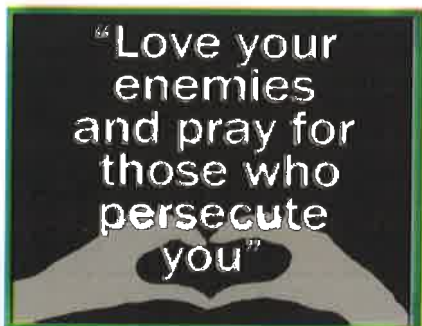
One day a truck driver stopped at a restaurant for dinner and ordered a steak. However, before he could eat it, in walked a motorcycle gang, with dirty leather jackets and long, unkempt hair. They took the man's steak, cut it into six pieces, and ate it. The driver said nothing. He simply paid the bill and walked out. One of the gang members said, "That man couldn't talk. He didn't say a word." Another one said, "He couldn't fight, either; he didn't lift a hand." A waiter added, "I would say that he couldn't drive either. On his way out of the parking lot, he ran over six motorcycles crushing all of them." Something in us loves that story, because we like retaliation. Yet, in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus prescribes forgiving love as the Christian trump card.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that we must "love our enemies." What does that mean? Does it mean we must feel affection for them? No, it means that we must treat them as well as we treat people we like. We must be kind and respectful to them. We must not treat them badly. We must put their needs before ours.

Proverbs says, "A soft answer turns away wrath." (15:1) Yes, it is difficult for bullies to continue to be mean and disrespectful, if we do not let them get us angry. It takes the fun away from them. So, the advice of Jesus is not only the better way to handle the situation from God's end, but also from our end. May we be "merciful and gracious!" (Psalm 103)

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its trouble, it empties today of its strength."  
~ Emily Brontë

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** a little boy became restless during the homily at Sunday Mass. "Mom," he whispered, "if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"



## 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 25, 2025

7:00pm **George & Doreen Frehner** – The Eng Family  
Intentions of Dolores Schmidt

### Wednesday, February 26, 2025

8:30am **Jim Gibbons** – Mary Epoch

### Thursday, February 27, 2025

8:30am **Intentions of Lavina Lobsinger** – Dolores Schmidt

### Friday, February 28, 2025

8:30am **David & Ann Scragg** – Fern & Marie Beaudry

### Saturday, March 1, 2025

5:00pm **Wayne Zinger** – Berta, Nathan, & Trevor Costa

**Mary Jo Marshall** – Jim & Peggy Sheehy

### Sunday, March 2, 2025

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

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

### Parish Offerings for February 15 & 16, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 1,156.90
Seminary Appeal	\$ 20.00

### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 2025

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. 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)

### **Reminder: Deadlines for Sacrament Registration Forms**

Parents whose children are preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion are reminded the deadline for returning your registration form is March 9<sup>th</sup>. Registration deadline for Confirmation is April 28<sup>th</sup>.



## 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.

### Forty Hours Devotion This Lent

As part of the ongoing Eucharistic revival in Wellington Deanery you are encouraged to participate in the Forty Hours Devotion this Lent. This year's Devotion, which is rather like a Parish Mission with a special focus on the Eucharist, will be preached by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate from March 10-13, 2025. There will be Mass at 7:00pm each evening, and forty hours of semi-continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout these days (hence the name "Forty Hours Devotion"). The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration at the Basilica from 7:30am until 10:00pm on March 11 and 12, and from 7:30am until 6:30pm on March 13. There will be a reception in the Basilica Parish Hall following the evening Mass on March 13. The complete schedule for the Forty Hours Devotion is on the website of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate.

### **Calling All Moms!**

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#### **Ash Wednesday Mass to Follow**

Kindly RSVP by March 3rd

[st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com)

#### **St. John the Baptist**

45 Victoria Rd. North, Guelph

**Reminder for**

### 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/>

### Liturgical Ministers Of Hope

During Lent this year, the Liturgy Office invites all Liturgical Ministers to gather for a Lenten retreat on the theme of Liturgical Ministers of Hope. Saturday, March 22, 2025, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, March 29, 2025, St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, April 5, 2025, Annunciation of our Lord Parish, Hamilton, ON, 10:00 to 12:30 p.m.



### A Prayer as we Approach Lent

*Heavenly Father, as we approach the season of Lent, we humbly come before you, asking for your grace to truly enter into this time of reflection and renewal. Guide us to examine our hearts, confess our sins, and turn away from all that separates us from you. May we embrace the opportunity to deepen our relationship with you through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, and emerge from this Lenten journey with a renewed spirit, ready to live fully in your love. Amen".*

### Upcoming Parish Events

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
March 12	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am


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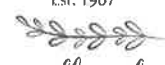
  
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