

St. Joseph's Parish

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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



Corrie ten Boom was a woman who, during World War II, worked with the Dutch underground. Corrie, her sister Betsie, and their elderly father were all Christians. As a result, they felt that they should help all those who came to their door fleeing the Nazi terror. The trio started helping Jews and were soon running a virtual hotel for those who needed a place to hide. Sadly, the ten Booms were eventually discovered and imprisoned. The sisters were separated from their father and sent to Ravensbrück, the death camp, where they lived in horrendous conditions. In time, Mr. Ten Boom and Betsie died in the camps, but Corrie survived.

In one of her books, Corrie tells about the last time she saw her father. As she and her sister were being lead away, they passed a room where they saw her father seated, waiting to learn his own fate. "Father," Corrie cried out, "God be with you!" The old man responded, "And with you my daughters." The sisters were not merely expressing a wish or hope that God would be with their father, and he was not merely responding in kind. No. All three of them were being prophetic. No matter how terrible their immediate future, no matter whether they lived or died, they were confident that God would be with them. That is the prophetic confidence. (Corrie ten Boom, *The Hiding Place*, 130-131.)

Let us be inspired by Corrie, Betsie and their father and like the disciples in today's Gospel, "They left everything and followed Jesus." In the footsteps of the prophet Isaiah as see in our first reading today, the Lord said, "Whom shall I send?" May respond, "Here I am; send me!"

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "One kind word can warm three winter months." ~ Japanese Proverb

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: During Father's homily, a large plant fell over right behind the pulpit, crashing to the ground. Father acknowledged his reputation for long-windedness, smiled and said, "Well that is the first time I actually put a plant to sleep!"



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 11, 2025

11:00am Anointing of the Sick Mass -

7:00pm Intentions of John Brock- Robin Rogers

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

8:30am Alf Fischer – Fern & Marie Beaudry

10:30am Caressant Care Mass

Thursday, February 13, 2025

8:30am Don Miko – Dolores Schmidt

Friday, February 14, 2025

8:30am Jacob Cornelisse – Anne Cornelisse & Family

9:15am St. Joseph School Mass

Saturday, February 15, 2025

5:00pm George Frehner – The Eng Family

Winnie Lopes – Carol & Mario Lopes

Rosina DeLuca – Natasha & Anna Maria

Sunday, February 16 2025

9:00am Intentions of Nicholas and his Family

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

Parish Offerings for February 1 & 2, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 2,194.60
Initial Offerings	\$ 105.00
Seminary Appeal	\$ 1,540.00
Solemnity of Mary/New Year's Day	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 190.00

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9, 2025

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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



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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).

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.

Parenting Tip Of The Month

Family love is one of the most complex loves to navigate. Siblings often love each other but also know clearly all the buttons to push to make other members react negatively. Children challenge parents as they age, generally trying to define and discover whom they are as an individual, and sometimes personalities just clash. These are hard moments, so work to stay connected with good moments that bring you together. Nature walks, movie nights, game nights, and brunch following Mass on the weekend – any actions that will remind everyone that family is our greatest support. Putting in the effort to plan fun moments will have lifetime benefits to all members of the family!

Marriage Tip Of The Month

February is known as the month of love, but love needs to be part of our thinking 24/7! Love is an action word, so take some time to reflect on your contribution to your married relationship. Do you use kind words, compliment, apologize, when necessary, show love through action in what you do for your spouse, pray for your spouse daily and make the time to be together and share your day? These will all build love and keep it strong. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

FORMED

As you may know, St. Joseph Parish has had a subscription to FORMED for several years, and it has been renewed for 2025. This website offers all Catholic content – videos; movies, liturgy and more, and you have access to it at no charge at all! Lent is just around the corner, and the Augustine Institute wants to help you prepare for and experience your most fruitful Lent. They are offering two new video series – *How to Lent* and *Foretold*. Be sure to check them out, and everything else that FORMED has to offer.

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 marked 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.

Enhancing Self-Esteem

This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will be offered from March 24 - June 9 (no sessions April 21 & May 19) and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Upcoming Parish Events

February 9	CWL General Meeting - Noon
February 11	Anointing of the Sick Mass and Luncheon, 11am
February 17	Family Day – Office Closed
February 25	Knights of Columbus General Meeting, 7:30pm



GW OPTIMIST CLUB-FERGUS PRESENTS THE 9TH ANNUAL

**MARDI GRAS
TRIVIA NIGHT**

SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST

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