

# 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



Believe it or not, Lent begins this coming Wednesday! What is our attitude toward Lent? Do we enter it begrudgingly or wholeheartedly? This year we will focus on the paradox of the cross. It is evil and it is good. It is evil because of what it is—the most humiliating form of capital punishment of its day. It is good because of what it accomplished for us—Salvation.

In today's world, everybody wants to win the lottery. I boldly declare that we have already won the greatest and biggest lottery possible. We have won the prize of eternal life through the victory of the cross of Jesus. However, like any monetary lottery, if we might have the winning ticket but do not claim the prize we will not reap the reward. The cross of Jesus is like that unclaimed lottery ticket; unless we boldly claim our prize the ticket is just a useless piece of paper. Likewise, unless we boldly claim our prize the cross is just a useless piece of timber.

It is only once we honour the cross that it can have an effect in our lives. May this coming season of Lent, remind us to rally daily before the cross of Jesus, so that we can enjoy our eternal Easter prize of Salvation. It is free—Jesus already paid the price. Boldly and with confidence, let us *'lift high the cross.'*

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Marquee Saying for Lent:**  
"The wages of sin is death. Repent before payday."

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** Just as the graveside service had ended, there was a tremendous burst of thunder accompanied by a distant lightning bolt and more rumbling thunder. The little old widower looked at the priest and calmly declared, "Well, she's there."



### 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, March 4, 2025

7:00pm **Marianna & Vincenzo Pietropaolo** –  
Damiano Pietropaolo  
**Henryk Rebizak** – Grazyna Woynarowicz

#### Wednesday, March 5, 2025

8:30am Ash Wednesday Mass  
9:20am St. Joseph School Ash Wednesday Mass  
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

#### Thursday, March 6, 2025

8:30am **Douglas Robinson** – Jane Thatcher

#### Friday, March 7, 2025

8:30am **Special Intentions**

#### Saturday, March 8, 2025

5:00pm **Joaquin & Umberta Madeiros** – Berta Costa  
**Hilda Pavetich** – Barb & Gord VanderVoort

#### Sunday, March 9, 2025

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**  
11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

#### Parish Offerings for February 23 & 23, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 2,508.05
Seminary Appeal	\$ 70.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,275.00

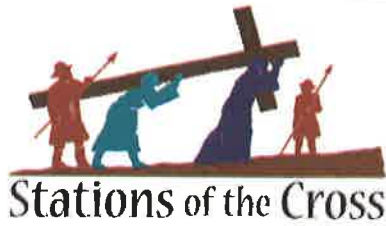
#### 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – March 2, 2025

"In the Lord your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. 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)



Please keep Pope Francis in your  
Prayers as recovers from his illnesses



**Stations of the Cross**

As part of your Lenten preparation, you are invited to join fellow parishioners for Stations of the Cross each Wednesday evening during Lent, March 12<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm

**Praying the Stations With Mary, The Mother of Jesus**

Tuesday afternoons in Lent, starting March 11 at 2 pm, you are invited to join the Catholic Women's League in praying the Stations of the Cross, using the booklet Praying the Stations with Mary the Mother of Jesus by Richard Furey. Please join us in offering this beautiful Lenten observance of our Lord's Passion.



**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.

**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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

**When Life Changes**

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese is offering our six-week grief program from **April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. The program runs from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton to register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

**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.

**Next Men's Cor Gathering**

Please join us Saturday March 8th at 10:00am for our next men's Cor gathering. Fr Hayden Starczala will give a presentation on "Atonement". This will include prayer, discussion and a coffee social. All men are welcome. Location: St Joseph's parish hall.

**Upcoming Parish Events**

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 8	Men's Cor Gathering, 10am
March 9	Knights Charity Breakfast
March 11	Knights Executive Meeting 7:30pm
March 12	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
March 19	Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph, followed by Stations of the Cross

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