

# 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



Being merciful can be costly as seen in this story shared by a father with respect to his two daughters. His older girl is a teenager, a good kid, but she sometimes fails to act kindly toward her sister. Some time ago, this older daughter who we will call Tiffany talked her parents into loaning her a sizable chunk of money to purchase some item that she really wanted. She had borrowed money from her parents before and always paid it back, so her parents agreed to the make the loan.

Now her sister, we will call Sara, had a few dollars saved and decided to go to the store with her sister. As it turned out, the item Tiffany wanted was on sale that day, and so she did not have to spend all the money she borrowed to get it. Sara also found something she wanted, but she was 75 cents short of the price. She asked her sister to loan it to her. Tiffany, however, was unwilling, insisting that her sister was not a good loan risk. As a result, Sara was not able to make her purchase.

When they got home, Sara, of course, told her parents about her sister's stinginess, and the father had a talk with his eldest daughter about her unmerciful attitude. Tiffany argued that Sara had not repaid some previous loans, thus leaving Tiffany short when it came to later financial wants for herself. You see, Tiffany understood that being merciful can cost us but sadly she was not willing to pay.

Fortunately, Jesus paid the ultimate price and freely died on the Cross for us. Jesus did not count the cost of being merciful. In this *Jubilee Year of Hope*, let us truly be instruments of hope. With hope and gratitude, let us boldly 'lift high the Cross.'

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Marquee Saying for Lent:**

"Satan subtracts and divides, however, Jesus adds and multiplies."

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** A boy walked up to his pastor after Mass and handed him a five-dollar bill. The priest said to give it to the poor. "That is why I gave it to you, Father, because my dad says, 'You're the poorest preacher we ever had.'" Ouch!!!



### **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 25, 2025**

2:00pm **Mary's Way of the Cross with CWL**

7:00pm **Alf Fischer – The O'Neil Family**

#### **Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

8:30am **Jean-Marie Héту**

7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**

#### **Thursday, March 27, 2025**

8:30am **Souls in Purgatory**

#### **Friday, March 28, 2025**

8:30am **Intentions of Myles Gearrity**

#### **Saturday, March 29, 2025**

5:00pm **Intentions of Pat Clerkin**

**Ines Gerales – Berta Costa**

**Sharyn Snider – The Paul Family**

**Anita Marie Cecilia Mulhall – The Goetz Family**

#### **Sunday, March 30, 2025**

9:00am **Bob Landoni – Grace Robinson**

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

#### **Parish Offerings for March 15 & 16, 2025**

Regular Collection \$ 2,291.30

Building Fund \$ 1,330.00

#### **Third Sunday of Lent - March 23, 2025**

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood 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)



### Wellington Deanery Jubilee Mass

You are all very welcome to join His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger, in celebrating a Mass for the Jubilee Year for the faithful of Wellington Deanery on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, **Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00pm** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. The Jubilee Indulgence will be granted, under the usual conditions, to the faithful who participate in this Mass. You may also have your Jubilee Booklet stamped if you wish. May Our Blessed Lady, Our Life, Our Sweetness and Our Hope, guide us through this Jubilee of Hope and draw us close to Her Son.

### 40 Days for Life

#### Prayer & Worship Night – March 29

Join Guelph and Area Right to Life for a 40 Days for Life Prayer & Worship Night on **Saturday, March 29 at 7:00 PM** at **River of Life International Fellowship (40 Margaret St, Guelph, ON)**. We are honored to welcome **Ramona Trevino, former Planned Parenthood manager**, as our guest speaker. This event is **free!** All are welcome—come pray with us! For more information, visit <https://www.guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life>.

### Mass of Chrism

All are welcome to attend the Diocesan Mass of Chrism during which His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will bless the Oils for the Sick and Catechumens. He will also consecrate Sacred Chrism. The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on **Monday, April 14 at 2:00pm**. Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. The Cathedral Basilica will open at 12:30pm. The celebration will be livestreamed with links on the Diocesan website and the Cathedral Basilica's website.

### Vocations Recognition Dinner 2025

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Liuna Station in Hamilton to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons, and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. To order tickets or for information, send an email to [serrahamilton1965@gmail.com](mailto:serrahamilton1965@gmail.com). You can pay for your ticket through e-transfer using the same email or you can also pay by credit card using the following link: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>. This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

### Photo Directories are Here

Have you heard? The photo directories have arrived. If you had photographs taken by Universal Portrait Studios, you are entitled to a free copy of the directory. Please stop by the office to get your copy.

### 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 23rd To May 28th, 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.

### The Door Youth Centre is Hiring a Youth Worker

The Door Youth Centre is looking to hire a Youth Worker here in Fergus. If you or anyone you know are interested in learning more, please visit the following website for details: **Youth Worker Job Posting for The Door, Centre Wellington**. [highlandsyfc.applytojobs.ca/youth+ministry/33915](http://highlandsyfc.applytojobs.ca/youth+ministry/33915)

### Truth About Sex Conference

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#### **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate**

**Friday, April 4, 2025 7:15pm – 9:30pm**

**Saturday, April 5, 2025 9:30am – 4:30pm**

**Registration – In person Free Online - \$20**

**Lunch provided. Child care Provided.**

**Free will offering accepted.**

**To register and for more info, visit:**

**[allianceforlifeontario.ca/parent-conference/](http://allianceforlifeontario.ca/parent-conference/)**

Hosted by Alliance for Life and Peace Education Services.

### Upcoming Parish Events

March 25	Stations of the Cross with Mary 2pm
March 25	Knights of Columbus General Meeting after evening Mass
March 26	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
March 26	Stations of the Cross 7pm
April 5	Baptismal Prep Class 9am-11am
April 13	CWL General Meeting - Noon
May 10	Men's Cor Meeting 10am-12am
May 10	Mother's Day Tea Info TBA

# Say yes to Fun!

Join the the Wellington Pregnancy Care Centre for our  
1st

## GAMES NIGHT! Fundraiser

Saturday, March 29th 7pm-10pm  
@ Grand River Community Church  
7438 Wellington Rd 18, Elora

**\$25/person (age 14-99+)**  
includes entry, dessert & beverage

### Bring a friend!

Special pricing for anyone who has never  
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