

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



Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare Sunday* (Rejoice Sunday). Anticipating Easter joy, today's readings invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and the confession of our sins and by celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God.

In the first reading, the Chosen People of God are portrayed as celebrating, for the first time in their own land, the feast of their freedom, by using wheat that had grown in the Promised Land.

In the second reading, St. Paul invites the Corinthian Christian community to rejoice because Jesus has reconciled them with God, the Father, by his suffering and death.

Today's Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his 'homecoming' as he rediscovers his father's forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the rejoicing of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honour, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community and God. At the same time, by presenting a self-righteous elder brother, the parable invites us to avoid self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother. Let us admit the truth that we are an assembly of sinful people, ready to receive God's forgiveness and to experience the personal and real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; who is a loving and forgiving God. In Holy Communion, we participate in the banquet of reconciliation, thus restoring our full relationship with God, the Father, and our fellow human beings.

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:
"Can't sleep? Don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd!"

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: While walking in front of his church, a priest heard a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Some young children had found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial was needed, they got a small box. Then one of the boys with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought the priest always said. "In the name of the Faaather and the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes."



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, April 1, 2025

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

7:00pm **Francis & Elizabeth Clerkin**

Sharon Snider – Diane & Joe Hanlon

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

8:30am **Helen Gearrity**

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

Thursday, April 3, 2025

8:30am **Thérese Héту – The Family**

Friday, April 4, 2025

8:30am **Special Intentions**

Saturday, April 5, 2025

5:00pm **Laurie Robichaud – Berta Costa**

Henryk Rebizak – Grazyna Waynarowicz

**Catherine Grominsky – Wayne & Joanne
England**

Sunday, April 6, 2025

9:00am **Maria Widziszewski - Her Family**

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

Parish Offerings for March 22 & 23 2025

Regular Collection	\$2,543.40
Building Fund	\$1,090.00

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 30, 2025

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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



Next Men's Cor Gathering

Please join us Saturday April 12th at 10:00am for our next men's Cor gathering. Deacon Trevor Klein will give a presentation on "Who Do You Say I Am? A deeper look into how to know God's love." This will include prayer, discussion and a coffee social. All men are welcome. Location: St Joseph's parish hall.



Feast Day - Our Lady of Good Counsel,

Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel, is honoured as the patroness of the Catholic Women's League. The Feast Day is April 26. On this day at the 5 pm mass, a mass for all our deceased CWL members and spiritual advisors will be offered.

Volunteer Screening - Help Needed

Each Parish in the Hamilton Diocese is required to have a Volunteer Screening Committee and ours is managed by Pamela Horricks. Pamela is currently in need assistance and is hoping someone would be willing to volunteer to help her. The Diocese has provided complete instructs on how checks are to be done, and Pamela will happily train you on how you will be assisting her. If you think you might be interested, please contact the Church Office by phone 519-843-2006 or email (stjosephfergus@hamiltondiocese.com).

Come Retreat With Loyola House!

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The Enneagram for Organizational Leaders - May 1 Day of Quiet (lunch provided) - May 9

Prayer of the Senses - May 9

Birds Weekend Retreat - May 9-11

Songs of Joy, Doubt & Hope

Weekend Retreat - May 9-11

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



Fr. Robert Is Asking for Volunteers for Holy Thursday

Fr. Robert is asking for volunteers to participate in the foot washing portion of the Holy Thursday Mass. If you would be willing to volunteer, please speak to Fr. Robert, call him at the office at 519-843-2006 or send him an email at rhetu@hamiltondiocese.com.

Easter Floral Tribute

This Easter, as a mark of respect for your late loved ones, you can choose to honour their memory through an Easter Floral Tribute. Over Easter, the name of your deceased loved ones will be placed on the Altar and remember at each Mass offered at St. Joseph Church. Enclosed you will find a form to order your Easter Floral Tribute and return envelope

Maryhill Park Fish Fry Fundraiser

Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre (58 St, Charles St. E.) GOOD FRIDAY, April 18th 12 noon to 7 p.m. Eat in or take out. NO RESERVATIONS. First come- first served. Fresh cut fries & gravy, with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 pc. - \$16; 2 pc. - \$19. Children 12 & under may buy a half price 1 pc for @ \$8.00 dining in house only! Hot Dogs also available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. Dessert is extra. CASH ONLY PLEASE! Call ahead take out orders ARE MOST WELCOME. For more information contact (519) 648-2939.

Upcoming Parish Events

April 1	Mary's Stations of the Cross 2pm
April 2	Stations of the Cross 7pm
April 5	Baptismal Prep Class 9am-11am
April 12	Men's Cor Meeting
April 13	CWL General Meeting - Noon
April 15	Mary's Stations of the Cross 2pm
April 16	Stations of the Cross 7pm
May 10	Men's Cor Meeting 10am-12am
May 10	Mother's Day Tea Info TBA



St. Joseph Parish's Easter Floral Tributes

In this Holy Season of Easter, as a mark of respect for your late loved ones, you can choose to honour their memory through an Easter Floral Tribute. Over Easter, the name of your deceased loved ones will be placed on the Altar and remembered at each Mass offered at St. Joseph Church.

Please complete the form below and return to the Church by April 16th.

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I/We _____ wish to dedicate an Easter

Floral Tribute for _____

and request that it be placed at the altar at St. Joseph's Church as a sign of remembrance and expression of our faith in Christ's promise of eternal life.

\$ _____

My Envelope # _____



St. Joseph Parish, Fergus
2025 Lent/Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Mary's Way of the Cross – Tuesdays at 2pm
Stations of the Cross – Wednesdays at 7pm

Extended Confession Times

Saturday, April 5th 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Saturday, April 12th 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Sunday, April 13 12:00pm – 12:30pm
Tuesday, April 15 7:00pm to 8:00pm
Wednesday, April 16 9:00am – 9:30am
and 7:30pm – 8:30pm

There will be no further opportunities
for confession until after Easter Sunday

Easter Week

Holy Thursday, April 17 Mass 7:00pm
Good Friday Liturgy, April 18 11:00am and 3:00pm
Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19 – 8:00pm
Easter Sunday, April 20 9:00am to 11:00am


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