

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 Héту



Jesus is Risen!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. On April 30, 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter, Pope Saint John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina. Saint Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, invites us by the witness of her life to keep our faith and hope fixed on God, the Father, rich in mercy, who saved us by the precious blood of his Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned her three basic tasks: 1. To pray for soul, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible mercy. 2. To tell the world about God's generous mercy. And 3. To start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy. That day, Pope Saint John Paul II said: "The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks and never ceases to speak of God the Father, who is faithful to his eternal love for [us]...Believing in this love means believing in mercy [and hope]." Let us confidently and boldly 'lift high the cross' and treasure with hope God's Divine Mercy.

Let me end by sharing my latest poem inspired by an Easter card.

The Hope Of Easter

Our hearts need hope to flourish
like flowers need the dew
When Christ arose on Easter morning
our hope was born anew
In this Easter Season
in this Jubilee Year of Hope
May God bless you with joy
and continued hope

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "The graces of mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is trust." ~ St. Faustina

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Paddy was visiting New York City over the Easter weekend. He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy corner. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, "Okay, pedestrians." Then he'd allow the traffic to pass. Paddy remained on the curb. After the cop had shouted, "Pedestrians!" for the tenth time, he went over to him and said, "Me Son isn't it about time ye let the Catholics cross too?"



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 29, 2025

7:00pm **Mohit Choudhury** – Davida Cohen
Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

8:30am **Sharon Snider** – Mac & Gail Brown

Thursday, May 1, 2025

8:30am **Kevin Kramer** – Mac & Gail Brown

7:00pm **Memorial Mass for Pope Francis**

Friday, May 2, 2025

8:30am **Intentions of Fr. Don Sanvido**

Saturday, May 3, 2025

5:00pm **Stasia Brohman** – Joanne Brohman

Sharon Snider – Joanne England

David Marchesan – Lisa & Bob, Barb & Gord

Peter VanderVoort – Jim Gillen

Sunday, May 4, 2025

9:00am **Intentions of Harry Cullen** – Jane Thatcher

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

Parish Offerings for April 18, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 539.95
Share Lent	\$ 40.00
Needs of the Church in Holy Land	\$ 2,770.00
Easter Offerings	\$ 25.00

Parish Offerings for April 19 & 20, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 2,724.80
Share Lent	\$ 200.00
Needs of the Church in Holy Land	\$ 210.00
Easter Offerings	\$ 6,137.50
Building Fund	\$ 670.00

Second Sunday of Easter - April 27, 2025

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



The Death of Pope Francis

With faith and belief in the resurrection let us keep Pope Francis in our prayers, that he may share in the rewards of a good life.

Memorial Mass

Please join Fr. Robert and fellow parishioners for a Memorial Mass for Pope Francis on Thursday, May 1st at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

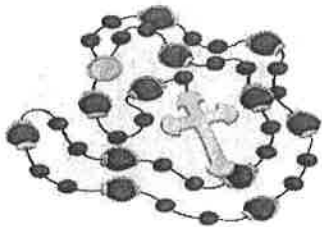
Next Men's Cor Gathering

Please join us **Saturday May 10th** at 10:00am for our next men's Cor gathering. Deacon Paul Mulligan will give a presentation on "The Liturgy of the Hours" including instructions for praying the hours. This will include prayer, discussion and a coffee social. All men are welcome. Location: St Joseph's parish hall.



Knight's Chicken Dinner

Join the Knights of Columbus on **Saturday May 24th** after the 5:00 mass for a delicious Chicken BBQ, in the St Joseph's parish hall. Come and join in community with our family of parishioners. Eat in or take out. Cost is \$20 for a half chicken dinner or \$15 for a quarter chicken dinner. This includes BBQ chicken, vegetable, coleslaw, baked potato and dessert. Ticket sales begin after each mass starting May 3rd.



Prayers Are Powerful

Our Lady of Fatima on May 13, 1917, requested that the rosary be prayed everyday for World Peace. During the month of May, one half hour prior to the weekend masses, you are invited to join fellow parishioners to pray the rosary for World Peace. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

Thank You From the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those that came out to the Good Friday soup social at St Joseph's parish. Thanks to your generosity we are able to assist St Martin of Tours parish in Drayton. There was \$577 raised which will go directly to help with their recent roof damage after the ice storm. The Knights would also like to thank Brian Bielby and Fr. Robert for making the soup, the St Joseph's CWL for serving at this event, and a special thank you to Paul and Joyce Cotter for helping with the clean-up.

Mother's Day Tea

On **May 10th** starting at 1pm, the CWL is hosting the annual Mother & Daughter or Friend Tea in the Hall. All ladies are of the parish are invited as well as the ladies from St. Mary's Elora. Cost is \$10 for Adult and children 12 and under are \$5. Tickets available after Mass in the Narthex. The last day to purchase is May 4th. Hope to see you there.

About The Spirituality Of Childhood

Holy Rosary Parish in Guelph is hosting the first of a two-part Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level One Formation Course **July 7-12, 2025**. This retreat-like experience immerses the adult in scripture, liturgy, theology, prayer, the needs and capacities of children, and making materials the child works with to internalize the Christian message. Catechists formed in this method usually go on to work with 3-6-year-olds in a parish or school, or are involved in ministries such as RCIA, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and preparation for the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. For more information: [www.cgsac.ca /Courses/Level One](http://www.cgsac.ca/Courses/LevelOne) or contact the course registrar: therese.wright8591@gmail.com.

Upcoming Parish Events

April 30	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
May 1	Memorial Mass for Pope Francis 7pm
May 3	Baptismal Prep Class 9am to 11am
May 3	Knights Bottle Drive 10am – 2pm
May 4	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
May 10	Men's Cor Meeting 10am-12am
May 10	Mother's Day Tea Info 1pm
May 14	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
May 24	Knights Chicken Dinner
May 28	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
June 7	Baptismal Prep Class 9am – 11am



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