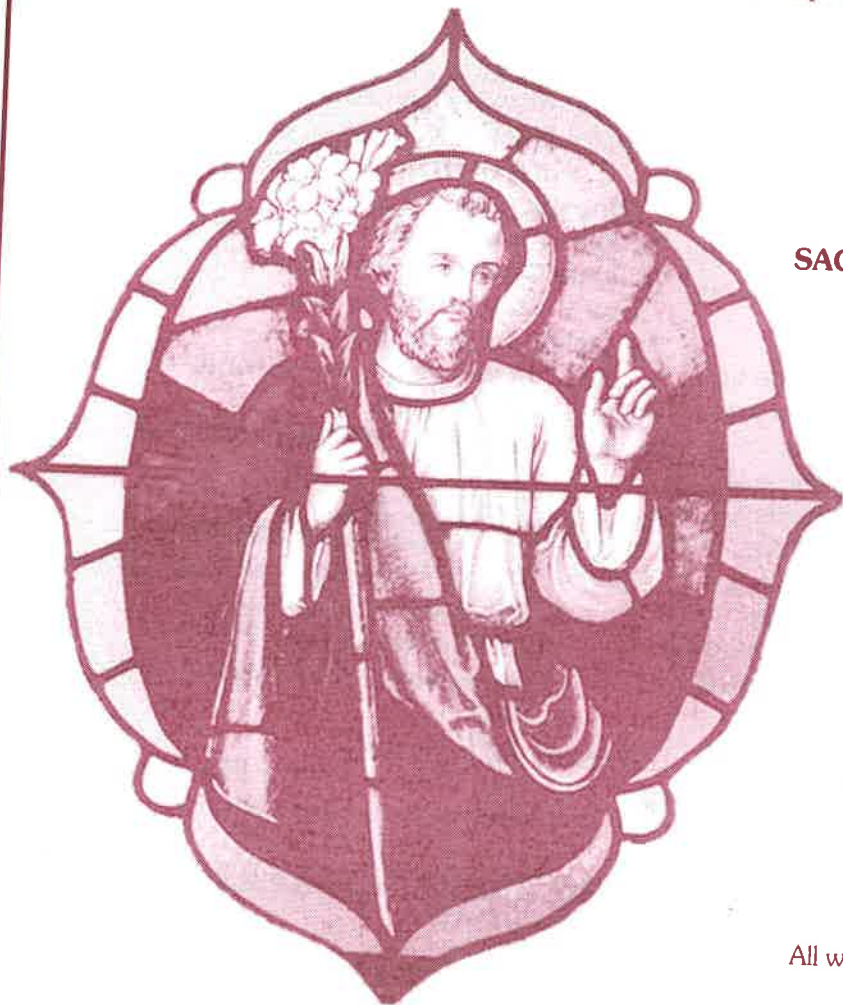


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PASTOR: Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

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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



Today's Gospel passage, or parts of it, is often used at funeral liturgies. Jesus reminds Martha that her "*brother will rise again.*" And Martha, despite her personal loss and pain, still acknowledges, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus goes on to remind her that, "*I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*"

As our Lenten journey draws to a close, the Lord asks us the same question he asked Martha, "*Do you believe this?*" What will our answer be? And how will/does our life reflect that answer? Lent is a time to re-evaluate our '*raison d'être*' and our life's ambition. Like Martha may we proclaim from the depth of our being, "*Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.*" By God's grace, may we be instruments of peace, love and reconciliation within our families, our parish community and beyond.

In this *Jubilee Year of Hope*, may we be God's instruments filled with hope. With hope and gratitude, let us boldly 'lift high the Cross.'

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Marquee Saying for Lent:
"Forbidden fruit creates many jams."

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human being because even though it is a very large mammal its throat was very small. The girl stated, "Jonah was swallowed by a whale." Irritated the teacher repeated that a whale could not swallow a person; it was physically impossible. The girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah." The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl smiled in reply, "Then you ask him!"



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 8, 2025

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

7:00pm **Henryk Rebizak** – Bozena Holody

Karen Gillen – Colette Brodie

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

8:30am **Karen Gillen** – Pat Ogborn

10:30am **Caressant Care Mass**

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

Thursday, April 10, 2025

8:30am **Intentions of Gord Krentz** – Dolores Schmidt

Friday, April 11, 2025

8:30am **Intentions of Marlene McSheffrey** – Pat Ogborn

Saturday, April 12, 2025

3:30-4:30pm **Extended Confessions**

5:00pm **Sheila Turnnidge** – Michael Turnnidge

Ben Rider – Betty Boyd

Alf Fischer – Elaine Taylor

Intentions of Jim Hughes – Pat and Donna Kelly

Sunday, April 13, 2025

9:00am **Ben Rider** – The Fry Family

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

Parish Offerings for April 5 & 6, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 1,816.00
Seminary	\$ 20.00
Share Lent	\$ 40.00
Easter Floral Tribute	\$ 30.00
Building Fund	\$ 185.00

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 6, 2025

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? 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



Breakfast is served!!

Join the Knights of Columbus
**after the 9am and 11am
masses this weekend** for their
Charity Breakfast. See you
there!

Note from Fr. Robert

Due to medical appointments and testing, Fr. Robert will be completely unavailable on Monday April 7th and during the daytime hours on April 8th. Thank you for your understanding

Share Lent

Did you know that today is a very special day for international solidarity and social justice? This fifth Sunday of Lent is "Solidarity Sunday," a day chosen by the bishops of Canada to nourish the mission of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Your donations help empower communities in the Global South with social, economic and ecological resilience. Fairer, stronger and greener communities make countries less vulnerable to indebtedness. This Lent, as we reflect on the life and ministry of Jesus to the most vulnerable people, let's give generously to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

Volunteer Gardeners Needed

Spring is trying to arrive, and once that finally happens the Church grounds will need some TLC. Last year this work was expertly done by some dedicated parishioners and we are hoping to find some parishioners willing to help out this year. If you are interested, whether you helped last year or are a first-time volunteer, we would welcome your help. Feel free to call the Church office at 519-843-2006 or email us at stjosephfergus@hamiltondiocese.com.

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 instructions 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).

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Register Now!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Register at Upcoming Events at hamiltondiocese.com.

Parenting Tip Of The Month

What we choose to allow into our children's lives will have lifetime implications for how those things will function in their lives as adults. What media (of all types) do we allow them to engage with? What after school and weekend activities do we allow them to take part in and how much do we support their efforts? Is getting into the outdoors important to your family? Do we engage as a family in the faith by attending Mass, praying at meals and before bed, saying the Rosary and other prayers? What we bring into the lives of our children will be impacted as much by our engagement as theirs. Think about what you believe will matter to their physical, mental and spiritual health in the future and then bring those into your child's life. What we choose for them can help them choose well when they are making their own decisions

Marriage Tip Of The Month

Life is busy, sometimes so busy that we forget to make time every day to connect with our spouse. Demands on our time can make it seem impossible, but it is necessary to help love thrive. We must make a choice to put our couple relationship into our agendas. Spend time at the beginning or end of each day to touch base on what is going on in our lives, pray together each day, book date nights (at home and/or out of the home), enjoy a coffee together, take a walk, just the two of you. Relationships of any kind need both quality and quantity time; make sure you have both to keep your marriage strong.)

Upcoming Parish Events

April 5	Baptismal Prep Class 9am-11am
April 5	Extended Confessions 3:30-4:30pm
April 6	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
April 12	Men's Cor Meeting, 10:00am
April 12	Extended Confessions 3:30-4:30pm
April 13	Confessions 12:00-12:30pm
April 13	CWL General Meeting - Noon
April 15	Mary's Stations of the Cross 2pm
April 15	Confessions 7:30-8:00pm
April 16	Confessions 9:00-9:30am, 7:30-8:30pm
April 16	Stations of the Cross 7pm
April 26	Feast Day – Our Lady of Good Counsel
May 4	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
May 10	Men's Cor Meeting 10am-12am
May 10	Mother's Day Tea Info TBA

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