

# St. Joseph's Parish

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

**SECRETARY:** Mrs. Lori Cipparrone

**CUSTODIAN:** Mr. Richard Kocyla

**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



St. Augustine considered the Feast of the Ascension the crown of all Christian festivals. The Ascension, however, like the Cross, is somewhat paradoxical. Jesus is physically leaving us behind (which seems bad) to return to the Father (which is very good). Jesus no longer walks among us, yet as we heard last Sunday, he will not leave us orphaned. Jesus returns to the Father to send us another Advocate—the Holy Spirit.

The mission of Jesus would not be complete until he returned to the Father, where he is preparing a dwelling place for us. That ultimately is why Jesus became one of us in the first place, so that he could save us from our death of sin and invite us to share in his Resurrection and new life in heaven.

In the word of St. Teresa of Avila, "[Jesus] Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours, yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world, yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, and you are his body."

With the grace of the indwelling Spirit—let us be Jesus on earth and Temples of the Holy Spirit in our world. As the Apostles shared the Good News let us follow in their footsteps.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience." ~ French Proverb

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** Two cannibals are discussing recipes. One says, "You know, I just can't get a missionary tender. I've baked'em; I've roasted'em; I've stewed'em; and, I've barbecued'em. Nothing seems to work." The second asks, "They wouldn't happen to be the ones that have brown cloaks with a rope and are kinda bald on top?" "Why, yes they are!" "That is your problem. Those are friars!"

***This Sunday is Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast. Join fellow parishioners for good company & good food while raising money for good causes!***



## 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, June 3, 2025

7:00pm **Intentions of Richard Kocyla – Joanne Huber**

**Intentions of the Paul Family – Bernie & Gwen Sytsma**

**Intentions of Paul Flabbi – Joanne Huber**

### Wednesday, June 4, 2025

8:30am **Eddie O'Reilly**

### Thursday, June 5, 2025

8:30am **Michael Mooney – Robin Rogers**

### Friday, June 6, 2025

8:30am **Special Intentions**

### Saturday, June 7, 2025

5:00pm **Gino Tonin – Wayne & Joanne England**

**Mary Jo Matheson – Ed & Jennifer Gleeson**

**Richard Héту**

**Edward & Irene Mulcahy – The Family**

### Sunday, June 8, 2025

9:00am **Intentions of St. Joseph Parish**

11:00am **Sharon Snyder – St. Vincent de Paul**

### Parish Offerings for May 24 & 25, 2025

Regular Collection	\$1,946.20
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$1,395.00
IHMMC Sisters Mission-Coop	\$3,675.00
Indigenous Reconciliation	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00

### Ascension of the Lord - June 1, 2025

The Lord said, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and 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)



May 31 – June 6, 2025

The candles at the Shrine of St. Joseph burn for the **Intentions of Harry Cullen**

### **Important Reminder to All Parishioners Regarding Special Donation Envelopes**

A reminder that if you are making a donation to the Church or another charity through St. Joseph's Church, please be sure to write in your envelope number (if possible) and/or write your name on the envelope. If the office receives an envelope without at least one of these types of identifiers, you will not receive credit for the donation on your income tax receipt. We have received several envelopes for the IHMMC Sisters who were recently here, and there were a significant number of envelopes with no identifiers on them.

### **Canadian Food for Children Needs**

When Doctor Simone (Canadian Food for Children) was in Africa, he went to the leprosy hospital. He asked the lepers to make a wish list as they are too poor to see a doctor and cannot afford medicine. This is their wish list: RICE, VEGETABLE OIL, HONEY, JAM AND MARMALADE, LAUNDRY SOAP, CANNED MEAT AND CANNED FISH, IODIZED SALT, SUGAR, HAND SOAP, LINEN SHEETS, PILLOW CASES, BLANKETS, KITCHEN UTENSILS, TOOTHBRUSHES AND TOOTHPASTE. Please consider helping the poorest of poor in any way that you are able to. Thanks so much for your donations!

### **What's Wrong with MAiD?**

The concept of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), whether familiar or new, is a growing part of healthcare that deserves deeper attention—especially from the faith community.

On **Wednesday, June 4 at 7:00 PM**, come out for an evening of insight and discussion at the **Basilica of Our Lady of the Immaculate Church Hall (28 Norfolk St, Guelph, ON)**.

CMDA Canada's Executive Director, Larry Worthen, will explore how MAiD policies could impact loved ones, local healthcare, and the broader system. The talk will include Christian perspectives, historical context, and personal testimonials, highlighting the need for dignity-affirming alternatives in Canada. This event is hosted by Alliance for Life Ontario.

For more information and to RSVP, visit [cmdacanada.org/event/whats-wrong-with-maid-guelph](http://cmdacanada.org/event/whats-wrong-with-maid-guelph)

### **Upcoming CWL Events**

On June 8th, the CWL from both Fergus and Elora will be having a brunch potluck to wrap up their events until the fall, following the 11 am mass. The exception is the planned outing to the Grotto in Kenilworth on June 14th where we will be saying the rosary and we are invited to see the church as their renovations have now been completed. Sign up sheet will be left on the table in the Sacristy.

### **Parenting Tip Of The Month**

Summer is a time to unwind, relax, rejuvenate and enjoy the outdoors. Take the time to engage more often and more fully as a family. Do chores together, cook together, play games, do a puzzle, or hike together. Quality and quantity time spent with our children matters! This is the Jubilee Year of Hope, so do something to engage in and honour the year, perhaps by visiting one or more of our Diocesan Pilgrim Churches. You can find more ideas to celebrate the year on our website at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com). And whether you are having a staycation or vacation, remember that Mass and prayer as a family are important!

### **Marriage Tip Of The Month**

Though we may love our spouse, there will be moments when we may disagree or struggle to be loving. These are moments when we must remind ourselves of our commitment to each other and the importance of working things out, instead of ignoring them and moving on. When troubles arise, it is important for each person to commit to taking time to discuss the issue when both people are calm, so your brain is at its maximum capacity to be rational. Research says that starting the conversation gently (no accusing, judging, or sarcasm) and taking responsibility for some part of the problem is the best way to work the situation out and move forward with love that is even stronger. (Family Ministry Office)

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

May 31	Baptismal Prep Class 9am – 11am
June 8	Fergus & Elora CWL Potluck Luncheon after 11am Mass
June 10	Knights of Columbus Exec. 7:30pm
June 11	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
June 14	CWL Trip to Kenilworth Grotto
June 14	Men's COR Meeting 11am – 1pm
June 24	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
June 24	Knights of Columbus General Meeting, 7:30pm



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