

# 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



# A HAPPY AND BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY

## Mother's Love

Her love is like an island in life's ocean  
vast and wide.

A peaceful, quiet shelter from the wind,  
the rain, the tide.

'Tis bound on the North by Hope,  
by Patience on the West,  
By tender Counsel on the South  
and on the East by Rest.

Above it like a beacon light shine  
Faith, and Truth, and Prayer;  
And thro' the changing scenes of life  
I find a haven there.

(Author Unknown)

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "God could not be everywhere and therefore God made mothers." ~ Jewish Proverb

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** Two children, a four-year-old and a six-year-old, gave their mother a houseplant for Mother's Day. They had used their own money, and she was thrilled. The older child said with a sad face, "There was a bouquet at the flower shop that we wanted to give you, but it was too expensive. It had a ribbon on it that said, 'Rest in peace.'"



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## 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, May 13, 2025

7:00pm Eileen Long - Terrence Long  
Natalie Biafora – Anna Maria Gabriele  
Intentions of Fr. Peter Lackmanec

### Wednesday, May 14, 2025

8:30am Intentions of Dwight Gross  
10:30am Caressant Care Mass

### Thursday, May 15, 2025

8:30am Intentions of Terry Louvette – Robin  
Rogers

### Friday, May 16, 2025

8:30am Diane Marie De France  
9:15am St. Joseph School Mass – May Crowning  
Intentions of Students and Teachers as they  
prepare for Confirmation

### Saturday, May 17, 2025

5:00pm Betty-Jane Taylor – Martin Pichette  
Sharon Snider – Mary Epoch  
Karen Gillen – Gord & Barb VanderVoort

### Sunday, May 18, 2025

9:00am George Hibbs – Society of St. Vincent  
de Paul  
11:00am Intentions of the Parish

### Parish Offerings for May 3 & 4, 2025

Regular Collection	\$2,805.95
Initial Offering	\$ 80.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 5.00
Indigenous Reconciliation	\$ 545.00
Building Fund	\$ 380.00

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 11, 2025 – World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-798 or [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**"Lord show me how we can share the blessings you have given us."**

St. Vincent de Paul Society has a presence in St. Joseph and St. Mary Parishes. We are here to help people in need with groceries or to refer them to other agencies in our community.

If you are in need of some help or you know a family or single person who needs help please contact us at 226-383-9707. All interactions are completely confidential. We are here to support you.

For more information regarding the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in Fergus/Elora please call Jane at 519-787-1961.

**Mission Co-Op**

This year we will be visited by Sr. Mary de Porres Ilo of the sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary on the weekend of May 17 & 18, 2025. This is a missionary Institute founded in Nigeria in 1937 by an Irish missionary. The Founder, archbishop Charles Heerey was filled with compassion on the plight of women and children in Southern Nigeria in the 1930s who had no social status. The founder entrusted this charism of compassion to the indigenous Institute who today carryout this mission in different parts of the world with education, medical, social and pastoral care of the less privileged animated by the Humility of Our Blessed Mother, Mary, mother of Christ. Please welcome Sr. May de Porres Ilo and your support of



**Knight's Chicken Dinner**

**Tickets on Sale This Weekend**

Join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> or at the Church Office.

**Walk for Life**

Guelph & Area Right to Life will be hosting their annual Walk for Life on Saturday, May 24, 2025, with walks taking place in both Guelph and Fergus. This family-friendly event raises funds for pro-life outreach and offers a public witness to the value of every human life. Sponsor forms are available in the Narthex or online at

[www.guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life](http://www.guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life) or at the GARTL office (26 Norfolk St., Guelph). Register or donate online at [guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life](http://guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life) or call 519-836-6311.

**Parenting Tip Of The Month**

Loving guidance and care for our children is a foundational principle of our Catholic teachings on parenting. Teaching our children how to live as disciples of Jesus provides them with a firm faith foundation, but also the tools for success in life. So don't be afraid to set boundaries, have solid expectations and provide correction when necessary. God has trusted us with his precious children to raise and the hard work of childhood will become a loving adult relationship when we parent with firm love and respect of our children.

**Marriage Tip Of The Month #149**

Loving your partner is a choice you make every day and it provides you, your spouse and your children with a stable home to grow and feel safe in. We can choose to speak calmly, express our love, gratitude, hurts and desires to our spouse so they can know and understand us better. Your children are watching you, learning how to be a husband and wife and your marriage, in the Catholic tradition, is meant to be the visible sign of God's invisible love. Making the choice to love is a daily commitment, but so many will benefit, most importantly, you and your spouse. (Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**Upcoming Parish Events**

May 13	Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg
May 14	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
May 17&18	Mission Coop Weekend
May 19	Victoria Day – Office Closed
May 24	Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner
May 27	Knights General Meeting
May 28	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
May 31	Baptismal Prep Class 9am – 11am





## Jubilee Year of Hope May 2025

For Educators

## HEROES OF HOPE

**Heroes of Hope** is a monthly newsletter from the Diocese of Hamilton, shining a light on the extraordinary individuals and ministries who inspire hope and transform lives in our communities.

#HEROESOFHOPE

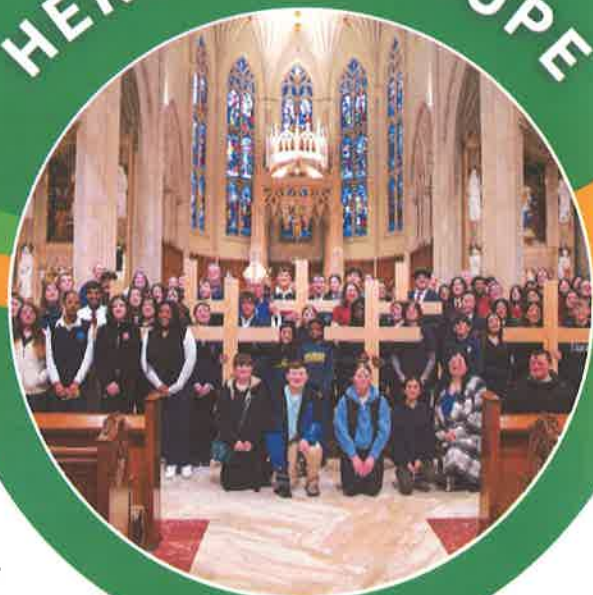
Rooted in the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, **Catholic education in the Diocese of Hamilton proclaims the good news of God's enduring love to staff, students, and their families.** Our Catholic schools foster environments where faith and learning grow together, nurturing the development of the whole person. In partnership with families, parishes, and the broader community, our Catholic schools continue the Church's mission of forming compassionate, faith-filled individuals who strive to serve others and live out the Gospel message. This ministry of Catholic education remains a vital expression of hope for future generations.



### Catholic Educators

Catholic educators are dedicated to promoting Catholic values and fostering their students' spiritual growth. Through a well-developed pedagogy, they address students' academic, spiritual, and moral learning needs. They enhance programs by offering outreach opportunities for students to engage with the community and contribute to social justice projects. It is common to see high school students assisting with local food kitchens and food/clothing drives for the marginalized.

The relationship between learning and believing is fundamental in Catholic Schools. Catholic educators take on the responsibility of not only teaching essential skills and knowledge but also teaching Catholic virtue through careful attention to the Catholic Graduate Expectations of Ontario.



### Catholic Trustees

In the province of Ontario, the Catholic education system is governed by locally elected officials called Catholic School Trustees. Our trustees hold an important role in Catholic Education, overseeing policies and procedures that guide the school boards in their operation. Catholic School Trustees are servant leaders, dedicated to representing the wider Catholic community in faith.

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In a school community of nearly 2,000 students, we know that hope is built when each person feels welcomed, valued, and supported.

By building a culture of compassion and justice, we are showing the next generation that hope is not just a feeling — it is something we create together, through faith, courage, and love.

- Deb and Ella, Assumption College School, Brantford.

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## Chaplaincy



In the Diocese of Hamilton, we are blessed with Chaplaincy Leaders in our Catholic High Schools, alternative learning centres, and some elementary schools as well.

Chaplains play a vital role in fostering the spiritual growth of students and staff. They assist in deepening the understanding and practice of faith, provide emotional and spiritual support, offer guidance during difficult times, and work to create a nurturing environment.

Chaplains help build community within the school by promoting values such as compassion, respect, and service. They often collaborate with teachers to integrate faith-based perspectives into the curriculum, enriching the educational experience. Faith experiences are not limited to the classroom; chaplains provide enriching retreats and opportunities to engage with the community, supporting social justice and Catholic social teachings.



I love my Catholic school because it's so diverse and beautiful. We have students from all different walks of life, but we come together out of love for Jesus. - *Ayomide, Grade 6*

Catholic education gives me the opportunity to open my heart to God and to others. - *Jolene, Grade 6*

## Administration and Support Staff

Support staff in our schools play a vital role in fostering a holistic environment for students. They provide specialized support for learning disabilities, mental health issues, and other challenges. Trained to offer assistance, support staff ensure all students have access to the resources they need to thrive. Additionally, they contribute to school operations through administrative duties and enhance the sense of community in our Catholic schools. It is not uncommon to see custodial staff helping students when they need a caring adult.



**Did you know?**  
**Each year in the month of May**  
**we celebrate *Catholic Education***  
**Week in Ontario. Learn more**  
**about our Catholic Schools in**  
**the Diocese here:**  
**[www.hamiltondiocesecew.com](http://www.hamiltondiocesecew.com)**



## HEROES OF HOPE PRAYER FOR EDUCATORS

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call to serve in our many education communities. We praise you for the witness of their faith and the gifts of wisdom and knowledge they generously share with their students, inspiring them to be missionary disciples, who love and care for one another and for our common home.

Through their varied ministries, may they touch the hearts of all in our community who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



As a Catholic educator I am fortunate to work within a Catholic school in which I can celebrate and teach the faith every day. The privilege to work alongside other Catholic educators to witness the faith allows our young people to feel and experience the love of Christ.

As pilgrims of hope we are on a journey to help each other encounter the Lord, and what better way to do this, but than as a Catholic School community growing in holiness.

- *Rachel, Educator HCDSB*







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