

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



The Acts of the Apostles, in our first reading today, reminds us that: *"God exalted [Jesus] at his right hand ...that he might give repentance...and forgiveness of sins."* With forgiveness comes hope and inner peace.

Anne FitzPatrick writes of coming home one night after a pleasant outing with her husband and friends to find that their house had been broken into and robbed. The house had been ransacked and many of the things taken had not only monetary value, but sentimental value as well. Anne was at first shocked, then angry and finally frightened. Her inner spring of security had been poisoned. For weeks, the break-in was never far from any of Anne's conversations. She became suspicious of anyone she did not recognize and had trouble sleeping. She had become shackled to bad memories.

One evening, several weeks after the robbery, the theft was again the topic of family conversation. Anne's teenage son, Bill, said, "We should stop dwelling on what happened to us. We lost only things, but [the thieves] lost a lot more. They are out of God's grace by breaking God's law." Bill went on to suggest that they should pray for the intruders.

Slowly, Anne began to understand the Godly wisdom her 17-year-old son had spoken. She later said that as she was able to forgive the thieves, her own sense of inner peace returned. Jesus died on the cross for all sinners. Let us learn to forgive one another, even unknown offenders. Let us with renewed hope confidently claim our Easter victory.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams." ~ Pope St. John XXIII

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Tommy kept telling his first-grade teacher about the new baby that was expected at his house. One day, mom allowed him to feel the movements of the unborn child. He was obviously impressed, but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event. The teacher finally asked, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?" Tommy burst into tears and confessed. "I think Mommy ate it!"



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 6, 2025

7:00pm **Intentions of Ken Gillen** – Ted & Marlene
Buczek

Intentions of John & Jean Paul - Mac & Gail
Brown

Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

8:30am **Chuck Cooper** – Dolores Schmidt

Thursday, May 8, 2025

8:30am **Karen Gillen**

Friday, May 9, 2025

8:30am **David Gross**

Saturday, May 10, 2025

5:00pm **Deceased members of the McGratton &
Getchell Families** – Larry & Catherine
McGratton

Sharon Snider – Mary Epoch

Intentions of Fr. Robert – The Family

Karen Gillen – Grace Robinson

Mary Doyle – St. Joseph Choir

Sunday, May 11, 2025

9:00am **Karen Gillen** – Jim Gillen

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

Parish Offerings for April 26 & 27, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 2,428.50
Easter Offering	\$ 375.00
Easter Floral Tribute	\$ 85.00
Needs of the Church in Holy Land	\$ 45.00
Building Fund	\$ 850.00

Third Sunday of Easter – May 4, 2025

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus?
Could it be as an ordained or 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



Join Us to Pray For World Peace

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.

Michael House's 20th Baby Bottle Campaign

Its that time again! The Baby Bottle Campaign officially kicks off from Mother's Day to Father's Day on June 15, 2025. The bottles have arrived a bit early, but you can pick one up this weekend in the Narthex and begin filling it with change, bills or a cheque. Your gifts are used to help pregnant and parenting young women in our community by providing shelter, support and a future full of promise.

LAST CHANCE!!

to Get Your Tickets for the Mother-Daughter Tea

This weekend is your last chance to get tickets for this popular event. The Mother-Daughter Tea is taking place on Saturday, May 10th at 1pm. Cost for adults is \$10 each and for children 12 and under \$5 each. We hope to see you there. Tickets are available after each Mass.

Knight's Chicken Dinner Tickets on Sale This Weekend

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 or at the Church Office.

Volunteer Screening Assistant Needed

We are still in search for someone to join our Volunteer Screening Committee. It is not a labour-intensive position, and full training will be provided. If you might be interested, please contact the Church office at 519-843-2006. Thank you.



Next Men's Cor Gathering

Don't forget to join fellow male parishioners next weekend on May 10th at 10am. Deacon Paul Mulligan will give a presentation on "The Liturgy of the Hours", followed by prayer, discussion and coffee social



PALLIATIVE CARE

Palliative Care Week – May 4 to 10

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls all Catholics to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We are especially passionate about palliative care, and we encourage everyone to pray for the dignity and respect of lives from conception to natural death. Below please find a prayer for the needs of the sick:

Prayer for the Needs of the Sick

God of all goodness,

Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them.

When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties.

When they are afraid, give them strength and courage.

When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care. When they are confused, provide reassurance and direction.

When they are in pain, ease their suffering. When they despair, give them hope. May they experience your healing presence in the comfort of a caregiver's calm gaze and tender touch.

We ask this in your holy name.

Amen

Upcoming Parish Events

May 3	Baptismal Prep Class 9am-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 1:00pm
May 13	Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg
May 14	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
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
June 7	Baptismal Prep Class 9am – 11am

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