

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 Hétu



A HAPPY AND BLESSED FATHER'S DAY

THANK YOU FATHER

The things you taught me I will always know.
How could I not? The roots have sunk so deep;
All lessons of the heart that I will keep
No matter who I am or where I go.
Kids learn from what their parents are, and so

You are my book of life, the thoughts I reap;
Only in your arms I quietly sleep;
Under my words your voice sings soft and slow.

From you I learned the rules of right and wrong
Against which I at times had to rebel,
Though with regret I carry with me still.
How blest I am to have been loved so well,
Even as I pushed against your will,
Relying on a father fair and strong.

By: John Blow

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Mean fathers, wasteful children." – French Proverb

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: One evening, while sitting around the dinner table, a little girl looked up and asked her father, "Daddy, you're the boss, right?" Her father was very pleased by this and replied, "Yes." Then the little girl added, "That's because mommy put you in charge, right?"



Happy Father's Day!



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 17, 2025

7:00pm **Richard Hétu** – Jacqueline Hétu

Bernie Sysma – John & Jean Paul

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

8:30am **Intentions of Bonnie Koechl** – Pamela Horricks

Thursday, June 19, 2025

8:30am **Intentions of Joanne Huber**

Friday, June 20, 2025

8:30am **Bridget Burd**

Saturday, June 21, 2025

5:00pm **Cristiano Azeredo** – The Azeredo Family
Richard Hétu – Joanne Huber
Jose Catarino and Gerling Brenes – the Brenes Family

Sunday, June 22, 2025

9:00am **Intentions of Theresa & Family**

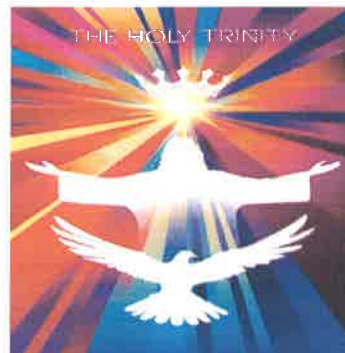
11:00am **The Intentions of St. Joseph Church**

Parish Offerings for June 7 & June 8, 2025

Regular Collection	\$3,242.55
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 25.00
IHMMC Sisters Mission-Coop	\$ 40.00
Cura Pastorum	\$ 1,085.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00

Trinity Sunday – June 15, 2025

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Listen to what Jesus says: "When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth." What is the 'truth' of your life? How can you best serve God? 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 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



CWL Highschool Scholarship

It was my privilege to present this year's Catholic Women's Leagues scholarship to Madelyn Armstrong who is graduating from grade 12, at the 11 am mass last Sunday. Madelyn is continuing her education in the fall by attending the University of Guelph. We wish her well in all her future endeavors.

Joanne Gregson,
St. Joseph CWL President

AFLO 2025 Conference

Loving the Neighbour Society Spurns Conference

Come out on Saturday, June 21st for a full-day event that will feature thoughtful presentations on life issues through the lenses of law, ethics, healthcare, and culture. Presentations include Stephen Woodward on the foundational role of truth and justice in law, Alexander Raikin on Canada's euthanasia regime, Dr. Laura Lewis on why abortion data matters, and Amanda Achtman on preventing euthanasia and encouraging hope.

When: Saturday, June 21, 2025

Where: Basilica of Our Lady, 28 Norfolk St, Guelph

Ticket Prices: Adult \$75 | Student \$45

Register at allianceforlifeontario.ca/2025-conference

Call 519-820-3399 or email aflo@mgl.ca for more information.

Canada Day Celebrations in Maryhill

You are invited to attend Canada Day celebrations in Maryhill. Did your children / you or your parents and / or grandparents or a staff member attend St. Boniface School in Maryhill? Although we were not able to have a school reunion, this Canada Day the Historical Society will be showcasing class pictures – school plaques – the many school fundraisers and much more. Enjoy reminiscing with friends, looking through old photos, and viewing the displays showcasing the history of our St. Boniface School. In case of rain the displays will be inside the Edward Halter Home.

The event starts at 11 a.m. with the singing of "Oh Canada" and the raising of the flag. A food booth will be available and some toe-tapping music to be enjoyed. In addition to the school memorabilia, there will be an outdoor antique display and the Edward Halter Home will be open with displays on 3 floors. The Edward Halter Home will now be open every Sunday from 12 noon till 3 p.m. until Sept. 21st

Visit to the Kenilworth Grotto

Just a reminder for those that have signed up or are still interested in going that this Saturday June 14th is the day to go to Kenilworth to visit the Grotto and to say the rosary, also visit the church that has gone through many renovations.

For those that would like to car pool, please meet at the St. Joseph's Church parking lot by 1 pm. Time to be in Kenilworth is 2 pm. Sandra Whyte will be leading this event.

Cor Gathering This Saturday

Please join us this **Saturday June 14th at 11:00am** for our next men's Cor gathering. Our special guest will be Mr. Donovan Trentin, who will share his experience as a seminarian. Mr. Trentin is currently serving St Mary's in Elora as his summer placement. This will include prayer, discussion and a coffee social. All men are welcome.

Location: St Joseph's parish hall.

Stories of the Boy Jesus

Children's Stories

BOOK LAUNCH

Join Laura Masciangelo Downham and Fr. Robert for the launch of the new book ***Stories of the Boy Jesus – Children's Stories***.

Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025

Time: After the 11:00 am Mass

RSVP: Call 226-706-3067 or
416-577-1744

Refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!



Upcoming Parish Events

June 14	CWL Trip to Kenilworth Grotto after
June 14	Men's COR Meeting 11am – 1pm
June 23	St. Joseph School Gr. 8 Graduation 6:30pm
June 24	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
June 24	Knights of Columbus General Meeting, 7:30pm
July 1	Canada Day – Office Closed Mass at 7:00pm
July 5	Baptismal Prep Class 11am



Jubilee Year of Hope
June 2025

*For Ministers to Refugees
and Migrants*

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

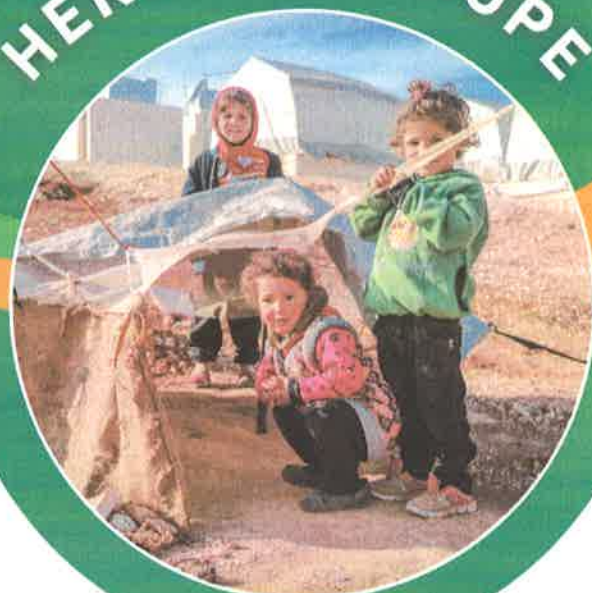
This month we pray for refugees and migrants and highlight the many people who give hope to those who accompany them, providing safe and secure places where they can live with dignity.

We never forget that when Jesus was still a baby, he, Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt to escape the horrors of King Herod. Our faith compels us to share with you (refugees) the blessings that we enjoy. We understand that Canada is a better place because you share the good things of your faith and your cultures with us. – *Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.*

The Office for Refugees

Through compassionate action, the Diocesan Office for Refugees coordinates sponsorship efforts, supporting parishes, religious communities and individuals in responding to the global refugee crisis. Working with the Government of Canada under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program, the Office provides practical hope to those forced to flee war, persecution, and instability.

Rooted in the Church's mission to welcome the stranger, the Office guides parish communities (constituent groups) to sponsor refugees under the Diocese's Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) status. The office staff supports co-sponsors, often family members of refugees already living in Canada, who assist them financially and emotionally. They accompany sponsors and newcomers through the entire process from application to arrival and integration, bringing together faith, compassion and community to extend a lifeline of hope.



The Role of SAH

As a Sponsorship Agreement Holder, the Diocese of Hamilton serves as a trusted partner with the Government of Canada to facilitate refugee sponsorship.

This includes:

- ensuring all sponsorship applications meet Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's (IRCC);
- training and approving constituent groups and co-sponsors;
- overseeing applications after submission and ensuring that newcomers receive appropriate support after arrival.

This model enables faith-based, community-driven responses where local parishes become instruments of welcome and transformation. **The relationship established between the Diocesan Office, parishioners and co-sponsors form a circle of care, offering not only a fresh start, but a warm welcome to refugees grounded in faith and compassion.**



"In Waterloo Region, there are many people who are so grateful to the Office of Refugees and St Michael Parish for transforming their lives. From the moment the local family's appeal for assistance is accepted the positive impact ripples through their lives. First there is hope – the refugees now see a way forward to lives free from war, persecution, and uncertainty. When the newcomers arrive, there is great joy at being reunited with their family members. They marvel at the opportunities for education, health care, and employment. Gradually they release the anxiety and stress of their previous life, their mental health improves, and they focus on their future for themselves and their children."

– Diane Jones, St. Michael Parish, Waterloo



A Ministry of Hope and Healing

In a world marked by displacement and despair, the Office for Refugees shines as a beacon of hope. It reminds us that every refugee is a person made in the image of God, longing for dignity and a place to call home.

During the past fourteen years, the Diocese has positively impacted the lives of over 725 individuals and families from Vietnam, Afghanistan, Syrian Iraq, Eritrea, Sudan, Myanmar (Burma), Democratic Republic of the Congo (DCR), and Somalia. The completion of the settlement process can often take between three and five years.

Click the link or use the QR code to read the stories of both struggle and success from refugees and their co-sponsoring family members in Canada.

hamiltondiocese.com/refugee-stories/



HEROES OF HOPE PRAYER FOR MINISTERS TO REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

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 welcome the stranger and provide safe haven for those who have been displaced from their countries of origin, assisting newcomers to our country, to now find housing and employment and enrich our culture with their own.

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.

"It was very difficult. Everything was new. Everything was hard. I didn't know anything before. Now, I'm speaking English. I'm leading a team. I'm helping others." – Awet

Awet's story is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. He feels fortunate and realizes how rare and precious this opportunity was. He says he feels lucky because there are so many still in these camps, still waiting, still hoping. Here is a reminder that the work of welcoming refugees is not charity, but it is justice, humanity and giving a renewed hope!



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