

# 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 Hétu



There is a story about a man who was shipwrecked on an island for 10 years. During that time, he kept sane by creating an entire town, including a house, a grocery store (with empty shelves of course), a movie theatre (with no movies), and a church at each end of his Main Street, out of palm branches.

When he was finally rescued, he was asked why he made two churches. Pointing to one he said, "That's where I went, even though I sat alone, to remind myself that I am part of a Body of Christ that extends around the world. That church was my spiritual home, my bedrock, my hope and my salvation." Pointing to the other one, he said, "That's the church I wouldn't be caught dead in."

A sad commentary!

We are members of one body and of one flock with one Shepherd. When the day of judgement comes, I do not think that we will be asked, "Are you a Catholic?" More likely, we will be asked the same question Jesus asked his disciples in today's Gospel. *"But who do you say that I am?"* In the example of St. Peter and St. Paul and in unity, as part of the one Body of Christ, may we boldly and confidently respond as Peter did in today's Gospel, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God." ~ Advice From An Old Farmer

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** A man gets on an airplane and sees a nun praying fervently beside him. "Are you afraid of flying?" he asks, "Flying, no. Crashing, yes."



Saint Peter and Saint Paul



## 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, July 1, 2025

7:00pm **Vincenzo & Marianna Pietropaolo** –  
Damiano Pietropaolo  
**Marietta Maniezzo** – Cinita Emidio  
**John Farrugia** – Terry & Eileen Long

#### Wednesday, July 2, 2025

8:30am **Rita Hughes** – Avila Taverner

#### Thursday, July 3, 2025

8:30am **Ann Jaques** – Don & Barbara Cassidy

#### Friday, July 4, 2025

8:30am **Special Intentions**

#### Saturday, July 5, 2025

5:00pm **Denis Anaka**  
**William Sabton** – Brent & Mary Brooks  
**Intentions of Lori Cipparrone**

#### Sunday, July 6, 2025

9:00am **The Intentions of St. Joseph Church**  
11:00am **Mary Jo Marshall** – Ed & Jennifer  
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#### Tuesday, July 8, 2025

7:00pm **Julian Kiley** – Pat Ogborn  
**Berney Sytsma** – Bob & Molly Myers  
**Intentions of Avila Taverner** – The Family

#### Wednesday, July 9, 2025

8:30am **Jean-Marie & Thérèse Hétu** – The Family

#### Thursday, July 10, 2025

8:30am **Berney Sytsma**

#### Friday, July 11, 2025

8:30am **Intentions of Nancy O'Connor**

#### Saturday, July 12, 2025

5:00pm **Thomas Getchell** – The McGrattons  
**Berney Sytsma** – Don & Barbara Cassidy  
**Frank O'Connor** – Sheehy Family  
**Les Dyce** – Gord & Barb Vandervoort

#### Sunday, July 13, 2025

9:00am **The Intentions of St. Joseph Church**  
11:00am **Rennie Purdy** – Grace Robinson

#### Parish Offerings for June 28 & June 29, 2025

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| Regular Collection  | \$1,900.00 |
| Cura Pastorum       | \$ 70.00   |
| Building Fund       | \$ 120.00  |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$1,145.00 |



### **Habitat for Humanity News**

We have some exciting news at Habitat for Humanity Guelph Wellington, and you're invited to participate in one or many meaningful ways that help build stronger communities. With Garafraxa Village in Fergus well on its way to completion, and Speedvale Commons in Guelph on the verge of groundbreaking, there are many ways that your support will make a tangible difference for local families. A build day? A sponsorship? A donation? Spreading the word about us? Any little bit helps! There are so many ways to get involved and support affordable housing in our community. Whether you're swinging a hammer, helping youth gain hands-on experience, or contributing financially, you're helping build a better future, and we thank you for your support! Please reach out for more information on any of the above-mentioned programs. Visit [www.habitatgw.ca](http://www.habitatgw.ca)

### **Experience a Retreat at Loyola House –**

Take a break from the busyness of everyday life and enter a space of quiet reflection. Spend meaningful time reconnecting with God, nature, and community. Explore our upcoming retreats:

**Private Silent Retreat** - July 4-7, 2025 - If you seeking are some slow solitude and quiet spaciousness, Loyola House opens its doors to those who want to take time away from their busy lives. Private silent retreats offers a room, meals, 640 beautiful acres of tranquility.

**Walking with a Wounded World: The Gift of Ignatius Loyola** - July 28-30, 2025 - Explore the gift of the Spiritual Exercises has to offer for us in the 21st century, especially for helping us know how to be with a fragile world, accompanying the wounded.

**Laudato Si: Ten Years Still Waiting** - September 23-28, 2025 - Responding to ten years of largely unmet urgency in Laudato Si', this retreat aims to awaken deeper ecological conversion in light of Pope Francis' call to care for our common home.

Register at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) or call 519-824-1250 ext. 266 or at [registration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:registration@ignatiusguelph.ca)

### **Sacred Heart Bazaar**

Sacred Heart Parish will be having our annual Bazaar on Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5, running both nights from 6 to 11pm. Lots of food, games, prizes, and the rides are all FREE. No admission charge. Everybody is welcome!

### **Towels For The Shelters!**

The St. Vincent de Paul have received an urgent request from the family shelters in Guelph for towels. While the immediate benefits of towel donations are evident in improved hygiene, the impact goes beyond the physical realm. Imagine wrapping yourself in a warm towel after a refreshing shower-- a simple pleasure that brings a sense of normalcy and comfort. This small luxury can be transformative for shelter individuals, offering respite from their daily challenges. Towel donations, in essence, provide more than just a practical solution, they offer a touch of humanity and compassion to those who need it most. The Shelters in the city of Guelph house approximately 130 persons daily. Many of these are families living temporarily at the 1 Waterloo Ave location, and at the Hwy 6 family shelter. In addition, there are two other emergency shelters: 23 Gordon St. and 128 Norfolk St. Please consider donating gently used bath towels, hand towels, and face cloths to be used by our friends living in the various shelters in town. Your donation may be left in the vestibule of the church in the bin marked "Towels."

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

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| June 30      | Church Office Closed for Vacation   |
| July 1       | Canada Day – Office Closed<br>Mass at 7:00pm  |
| July 5       | Baptismal Prep Class 11am   |
| July 8       | Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg<br>7:30pm   |
| July 24      | Elora Festival Singers Performance<br>at 7:30pm. Contact Elora Festival<br>Box Office for tickets |
| August 2     | Baptism Prep Class 9am  |
| August 12    | Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg<br>7:30pm   |
| August 18-22 | No Weekday Masses – Fr. Robert<br>attending Priest Retreat  |

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July 12 & 13, 2025***



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