

St. Joseph's Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

SECRETARY: Mrs. Lori Cipparrone

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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



Summer has finally arrived. The month of July traditionally marks the heart of our Canadian summer and brings with it not only a change in the weather, but also a change in the way we experience the beauty of the world around us.

The summer season gives us many opportunities to rediscover in new and revitalizing ways the gift and beauty of God's creation. Whether in the country or just passing your neighbours' gardens or a public park, summer reminds us of, as Sr. Gemma Simmonds, C.J. writes, "the insane generosity of God." Let us get lost in this great wonder.

As John Lubbock once wrote: "Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

Let us remember that summer is a time to rest and relax with family and friends. However, summer is not a time to rest from God or church. I always tell the school children that summer is not a holiday from God (only from school.) Also, please remember that we still have bills to pay, so if you are not attending our parish in next several weeks or months, we still need your prayers and financial support. Have a blessed and safe summer!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "One who plants a tree loves others besides oneself." ~ English Proverb

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, the kids are playing and the lawn mower is broken.



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 15, 2025

7:00pm **Berney Sytsma** – Marcie Fauteux
Richard Héту – Jacqueline Héту

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

8:30am **Berney Sytsma** – Mary Epoch

Thursday, July 17, 2025

8:30am **John McCaul**

Friday, July 18, 2025

8:30am **Oscar Pimiskern**

Saturday, July 19, 2025

5:00pm **Berney Sytsma** – Mac & Gail Brown
Gordon Taverner – Cipparrone Family
Alex Mazzucco – Fran LeBlanc & Family
Intentions Jim Gillen – Knights of
Columbus

Sunday, July 20, 2025

9:00am **The Intentions of St. Joseph Church**

11:00am **Richard Héту** – Grace Robinson

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

7:00pm **Elizabeth & Giuseppe Lorenzo** –
Damiano Pietropaolo

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

8:30am **Jack Miller** – A Friend

Thursday, July 24, 2025

8:30am **Berney Sytsma** – Robin Rogers

Friday, July 25, 2025

8:30am **Berney Sytsma** – Elaine Taylor

Saturday, July 26, 2025

5:00pm **Berney Sytsma** – Fern & Marie Beaudry
Liz Cergoli – Mac & Gail Brown
Jack Miller – Joanne Huber
Intentions of Hunter Cole – Pat Ogborn

Sunday, July 27, 2025

9:00am **The Intentions of St. Joseph Church**

11:00am **Conrade Bakish** – Grace Robinson

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- July 13, 2025

It's a simple concept: love God with your whole being and put that love into practice. How is God calling you to love? Have you considered the way of loving called 'priesthood', 'diaconate' or 'religious life'? If God is calling you call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Offerings for June 28 & June 29, 2025

Regular Collection \$2,207.00
Building Fund \$1,200.00

Parish Offerings for July 5 & 6, 2025

Regular Collection \$2,148.75
Solemnity of Mary \$ 40.00

Job Well Done

The final total for the collection for this year's Mission Co-op program on behalf of The Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Nigeria is finally in. As a parish, we have donated **\$8,776.50**. The Sisters will be very grateful for your generous support of their important work.

Singles Encounter Weekend

Young, **single** adults between the ages of 19 to 35 years are invited to join others for a live-in retreat at the St. Ignatius Retreat Centre in Deemerton on Friday July 25 through to Sunday, July 27. The weekend coordinators are Angelo and Stephanie Quintano of St. Joseph Guelph and Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations for the Diocese will be the priest facilitator. The cost is \$180 which covers lodging, meals and materials (*financial support is available for those who require it*). To register, please use the QR code on the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex or call Angelo & Stephanie Quintano at 519-400-8822.

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 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."

Milk Bags

We will be pausing our collection of empty milk bags during the summer months. We will review the program in the fall and will keep you updated.

Parenting Tip Of The Month

Our children learn from their parents and family, more than from any other source. They are watching more than listening, so be aware of your own actions so you can influence them positively. They also judge themselves according to how we treat them: love, respect and dignity should be at the base of all we say and do with them. So, spend time with them, have fun together and see how healthy and strong they will become! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Marriage Tip Of The Month

Summer is often a little less hectic, so a perfect time to have a cold drink or coffee on a deck or patio and talk with your spouse. Discuss past happy memories, future goals, what things you love and where you are challenged. Time spent together is always good for a relationship and helps us connect in deeper ways. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage Day

The Office of Youth Ministry is excited to welcome young people in grades 7-12 to join us for a Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage Day on August 3rd, 2025 hosted at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The pilgrimage day will run from 1:00pm – 7:00 pm. Those interested in attending are encouraged to register with a parish group! For more information and to register please visit:

<https://bit.ly/youthpilgrimage2025>

Upcoming Parish Events

July 24	Elora Festival Singers Performance at 7:30pm. Contact Elora Festival Box Office for tickets
August 2	Baptism Prep Class 9am
August 13	Caressant Care Mass 10:30pm
August 18-22	No Weekday Masses – Fr. Robert attending Priest Retreat

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