

# St. Joseph's Parish

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**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



The writer C.S. Lewis was once asked to speak to a company of the Royal Air Force about Christianity. At the end of the lecture, a tough old officer stood up and said, "I've got no use for all that stuff. But mind you, I'm a religious man, too. I know there's a God. I've felt him out alone in the desert at night. That's why I don't believe all your neat little dogmas and formulas about him. To anyone who's met the real thing, they all seem so petty and pedantic and unreal."

Lewis agreed that a vital, personal experience makes a mere discussion about God seem pale indeed, but he argued that doctrines are maps that can help direct us to God. (From the chapter "Making and Begetting" in Lewis' *Mere Christianity*.)

Actually, both Lewis and the old officer were right. The officer was speaking of the experience of being confronted by the Rock who is God, and Lewis was speaking of the things people who have built their lives on the Rock have recorded about the experience. May we have an informed and deep personal relationship with Jesus our Rock.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "I look upon life as a gift from God. I did nothing to earn it. Now that the time is coming to give it back, I have no right to complain." ~ Joyce Cary

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** A newly ordained priest sees a homeless man. He crosses out the names on an envelope and puts \$20 in it and writes across the top of it in large letters. 'PERSEVERE!' So as not to make a scene, he puts the envelope under his arm and drops it as he walks past the man. The man picks it up and reads the message and smiles. The next day, while the pastor is eating his lunch in the park, the same man taps him on the shoulder and hands him a big wad of money. Surprised the young priest asks him what that was for. The man replies, this is your half of the winnings. 'PERSEVERE' came in first in the fourth race at the track yesterday, and he paid 30 to 1.



**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, August 26, 2025**

7:00pm **Celestina Fabico** – Randy Fabico

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

8:30am **Intentions of all children and young adults returning to school next week**

**Thursday, August 28, 2025**

8:30am **Intentions of all teachers and school staff returning to school next week**

**Friday, August 29, 2025**

8:30am **Special Intentions**

**Saturday, August 30, 2025**

5:00pm **Berney Sytsma** – Pauline Beaver  
**Robert Masciangelo** – Dina Scocchia

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

9:00am **The Intentions of St. Joseph Parish**  
11:00am **The Intentions of St. Joseph Parish**

**Tuesday September 2, 2025**

9:00am **Intentions of the School Staff**  
7:00pm **Special Intentions**

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

8:30am **Deceased member of the Keso Family**  
– Robin Rogers

**Thursday, September 4, 2025**

8:30am **Intentions of Robin Rogers**

**Friday, September 5, 2025**

8:30am **Special Intentions**

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

5:00pm **Berney Sytsma** – Fern & Marie Beaudry  
**Robert Masciangelo** – Mac & Gail Brown  
**Antonio Carvello, Natasha DeAmaral**  
**& Maria Rosario Santos** - Nativity Santos

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

9:00am **The Intentions of St. Joseph Parish**  
11:00am **The Intentions of St. Joseph Parish**

**Parish Offerings for August 10, 2025**

Regular Collection	\$2,009.90
Building Fund	\$ 30.00

**Parish Offerings for August 17, 2025, 2025**

Regular Collection	\$2,200.50
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 190.00

**Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus will be resuming their Charity Breakfasts on September 7<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00am and 11:00am. Come join others for good food and for fellowship.

**Formation Workshops**

The Liturgy Office of the Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to offer the following Formation Workshops in September, October and November 2025 – Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick, Homebound and Hospitalized; Minister of the Word; Children’s Liturgy of the Word; and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. For dates and details, visit [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and click on Events. If you are a new Minister or have been a Minister for three years or more, you are asked to attend a Formation Workshop.

**Next CWL Meeting September 14, 2025**

Installation of the CWL Executive will take place at the end of 11 am Mass. Followed by the General Meeting. Planning of the Parish Bazaar will be the main item on the agenda.

**Teeswater CWL Retreat – September 20th**

Sacred Heart Church, Teeswater will be hosting a retreat on Saturday, September 20th. Mass will be at 9am. Following Mass, all will gather in the church hall for a presentation by Teresa Harnett, the Diocesan Family Ministry Director. The topic will be **Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope**. All are welcome to attend. A light lunch will follow at 12:00 noon. Cost will be \$10.00 per person. To register, contact Doreen McGlynn at [sawmill@wightman.ca](mailto:sawmill@wightman.ca)

**Marian Day - September 6th, 2025**

The next Marian Day for 2025 will take place on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Basilica of Our Lady Guelph and will be lead by **Frank Cardinal Leo**. The format for the day will be:

- 9:00 AM** Holy Hour and Confessions
- 10:30 AM** Mass and Rosary Procession
- 12:00 PM** Tea & Coffee Available in the Parish Hall  
You are welcome to bring your lunch.  
The Gift Shop will be open and tours of the Basilica are available.

The final Marian Day will take place on October 4<sup>th</sup> lead by Bishop Douglas Crosby. There will be a cost of \$25.00 per person. For more information contact [ourlady@churchofourlady.com](mailto:ourlady@churchofourlady.com)

**Prayers for CWL Members of our Diocese**

The Ontario Provincial Council has arranged for a Mass Intention for all CWL Members of the Hamilton Diocese. The Mass will take place at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (Diocesan Holy Door), Guelph on **September 6, 2025 at 5:15pm**. Anyone wishing to carpool are asked to meet at St. Joseph's parking lot no later than 4:30 pm



**Calling All Moms!**

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email: [st.johnbaptistmq@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:st.johnbaptistmq@catholicmomsgroup.com)  
**St. John the Baptist 45 Victoria Rd. North, Guelph**

**Guelph Storm Fundraiser – Tickets Available!**

Support Guelph and Area Right to Life by purchasing a voucher to attend a Guelph Storm game at the Sleeman Centre. Tickets are \$20.00 each and valid for one of the following games:

- Sept. 26 – Guelph vs. Oshawa
- Oct. 3 – Guelph vs. Saginaw
- Oct. 10 – Guelph vs. North Bay
- Oct. 17 – Guelph vs. Owen Sound
- Oct. 24 – Guelph vs. Kingston

Each voucher includes a unique code and instructions to claim your seat online. Redeem early for the best seats! To purchase, email [info@guelphforlife.com](mailto:info@guelphforlife.com) with your preferred date(s) and quantity.

**Upcoming Parish Events**


September 1	Labour Day – Office Closed
September 6	Baptismal Prep Class 9-11am
September 7	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
September 9	Knights Executive Meeting
September 10	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
September 13	Men’s COR Meeting 10:00am
September 14	CWL General Meeting



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