

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



On September 4, 2017, Pope Francis officially declared the loving, humble, and merciful Mother Teresa of Calcutta as a saint of the Roman Catholic Church. This glorious event reminded me of an article I read written by Charles Barton in the *Bread of Life* magazine entitled: *Ambassadors of the King*. Barton reminds us that it is hard to stand for what is honest, true and right. It is hard because in taking a stand, we know that we will encounter resistance. Some people may not understand and others will laugh at us. Still others may hate what we say and do and will work against us. We may be isolated, bullied and put down. We might want to run away. Yet, where can we run to? What is needed is courage.

How do we find our courage? Like St. Peter, after the resurrection of Jesus, we need to answer the Lord's question, "Do you love me?" Barton reminds us that it is a fundamental question. We must in our heart of hearts say our own, "Yes!" Then, as St. Peter did, we must accept our commission, to go out into the world and be ambassadors for Christ. As ambassadors, we need to spread the Good News, share the love of Christ, and be humble instruments of mercy to all those we meet. Pope Francis tells us: "Mercy does not just mean being a 'good person' nor is it mere sentimentality. It is the measure of our authenticity as disciples of Jesus."

When we have said our personal 'yes.' When we have loved others. When we have humbly reached out to help the downtrodden. When we have shown mercy. We will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us. As Charles Barton has suggested: "Even if we are as small and feeble as Mother of Teresa of Calcutta, we can stand against any foe, any Goliath, and the Lord will be our strength!" Saint Teresa of Calcutta pray for us.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Life without God and hope is like an unsharpened pencil; it has no point." ~ adapted by Fr. Robert Hétu

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Son: "I can't go to school today." Father: "Why not?" Son: "I don't feel well." Father: "Where don't you feel well?" Son: "In school!"



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, September 9, 2025

7:00pm **Intention of Steve Connor** – Mary Epoch
Intentions of Theresa Rawn– Mary Epoch

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

8:30am **Lea Bender** – A Friend
10:30am **Caressant Care Mass**

Thursday, September 11, 2025

8:30am **Intentions of Ann Forester** – Jane
Thatcher

Friday, September 12, 2025

8:30am **Patricia Partington**

Saturday, September 13, 2025

5:00pm **Berney Sytsma** – Fern & Marie Beaudry
John Moretto – Wayne & Joanne England
Robert Masciangelo – Mac & Gail Brown

Sunday, September 14, 2025

9:00am **The Intentions of St. Joseph Parish**
11:00am **Berney Sytsma** – Catholic Women's
League

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 7, 2025

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? 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

Parish Donations -August 30 & 31, 2025

Regular Offerings	\$1,962.25
Building Funds	\$ 155.00



Join us this Sunday, September 7th after the 9am and 11am Mass for our Charity Breakfast. Come for breakfast or just coffee and good company! See you there!



Next CWL Meeting Next Weekend Sunday 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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick

Extraordinary ministers of Communion bring the Eucharist to the faithful who are ill and deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the parish community. This short workshop covers the ministry of Extraordinary ministers of Communion to the sick. It is offered from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the following dates: **Friday, September 19, 2025**, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Owen Sound, **and Thursday, October 2, 2025**, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Kitchener, **and Thursday, October 9, 2025**, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown. Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/08/extraordinary-minister-of-communion-to-the-sick-homebound-and-hospitalized-formation-workshops-2/>

When Life Changes Parts One And Two

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese offers two six-week grief programs for your support. Part one of the program will be offered again on Wednesdays from **Nov. 5 to Dec. 10**. For those who have taken part one, part two will be offered from **September 10 to October 15, 2025**. Both programs will run from 7:00-8:30pm and will be held at the Chancery Office, Hamilton. To register online: hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Listening For a Few Good Voices

We at St. Joseph are blessed to have two wonderful choirs to accompany our Masses, funerals and special occasions. Some of our longtime choir members have decided it is time for them to step back, and now we are in search of some fresh, new voices to join. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Frank Rider at accordionrider@gmail.com or John Rooyakker at royakers_j@hotmail.com.

Come Retreat at Loyola House

We all need to make space for quiet reflection. Loyola House offers the opportunity to spend meaningful time reconnecting with God, nature, and community. This fall we have a number of retreats available:

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.

Day of Quiet - September 29, 2025 - Come experience the silence offered by a Day of Quiet at Loyola House. The day is yours to devote in your own slow way to reflection, discovery, calm, and beauty.

Jacob's Well: Naming Your Thirst - September 29, 2025 - One of the longest dialogues Jesus has is with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well, as found in John's Gospel. Jesus helps the woman to name her thirst. What is it you thirst for? How can it be satisfied?

Register at loyolahouse.com or registration@ignatiusquelph.ca or 519 824 1250 ext 266.

Upcoming Parish Events

Sept. 7	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
Sept. 9	Knights Executive Meeting 7:30pm
Sept. 10	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
Sept. 13	COR Men's Meeting 10:00am
Sept. 14	CWL General Meeting after 11:00am Mass
Sept. 23	Knights General Meeting 7:30pm

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