

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

Today is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (formally known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross.) We celebrate this feast for at least two reasons: first, to recall an historic event that proved to be an extremely important turning point in the life of the Christian Church, and second, to underline the importance of the symbol and the reality of the cross in the daily life of every Christian.

Several years ago, I read a story that Ann Thomas shared about herself. She was at a garage sale with her friend Betty. She had just sorted through a tray of trinkets. Betty came up and asked, "Any luck?" "No!" she said. "It's just a pile of junk." Ann stepped aside to let Betty see for herself. Betty took one look at the pile, picked up an old tarnished cross and said, "I can't believe it. I found a treasure! This cross is made of antique silver." When Ann's friend got home, she cleaned the cross and polished it. It was indeed a treasure. Ann ended the story saying, "Betty and I both looked at the same cross. I saw junk; Betty saw a treasure." Later Betty's seven-year-old son, Bobby picked up the cross, held it reverently in his hands and looked at it for a long time. Suddenly he began to cry. "What is wrong?" asked Betty. Bobby said, "I can't help it. I was seeking Jesus on the cross."

Three people saw the same cross. One saw junk, another saw a treasure and a third saw Jesus. What about us? What do we see? Let us always exalt in the triumph of the cross.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "All of heaven is interested in the cross of Christ, hell afraid of it, while [unfortunately we] are the only ones to ignore its meaning." ~ Oswald Chambers

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Father O'Malley answers the phone. "Hello, is this the parish priest?" asked the voice on the other end of the line. "It is." "This is Revenue Canada. Can you help us?" "I'll try." "Do you know a Jack Smith?" "I do." Is he a member of your church?" "He is." Did he donate \$10,000.00 to the church?" "He will!"



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 16, 2025

7:00pm Eldon & Hilda Richard – The Family

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

8:30am Intentions of Betty Roswell – Marie
Beaudry

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8:30am Marlene McSheffrey

Friday, September 19, 2025

8:30am Al Evans

Saturday, September 20, 2025

5:00pm Berney Sytsma – Wally & Rose Sander

Al Evans – Mac & Gail Brown

Robert Masciangelo – Laura & Brian
Downham

Intentions of Laura Fischer – Don &
Barbara Cassidy

Sunday, September 21, 2025

9:00am The Intentions of the Staff and Students
of St. Joseph School - CWL

11:00am The Intentions of St. Joseph Parish

Parish Donations -September 6 & 7, 2025

Regular Offerings	\$2,133.10
Building Fund	\$ 40.00

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 21, 2025

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? Could it be you are being called to serve the Master as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Ladies of the Parish - Join us this Sunday after the 11:00am Mass

Installation of the CWL Executive will take place at the end of the 11 am Mass, followed by our General Meeting. Planning of the Parish Bazaar will be the main item on the agenda. See you there!

Bishop Crosby's 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the 50th anniversary with the Eucharist on **Saturday, September 27th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Refreshments and an opportunity to greet the Bishop in McNally Hall following Mass. All are welcome.



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.

Frassati Leadership Program

Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2025! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader?

The Frassati Leadership Program may be for you.

Join us as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>

Maryhill 49th Annual Heritage Day

Please mark your calendars for the Maryhill Historical Society's 49th Annual Heritage Day celebration on Sunday, September 21, 2025. Mass is at 11 a.m. at St. Boniface Church with the program at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E., Maryhill) from 12pm-4pm. Lunch Tickets—advance tickets only. \$20/person, \$10 --10years & under, 5 and under FREE. Tickets are available from Linda at 519-242-9595 / Diane at 519-648-2432 or by email: maryhillroots@gmail.com. Payment by cheque, cash or e-transfer. E-transfer to maryhillroots@gmail.com and indicate tickets in the message box. There will be lunch with dessert and refreshments a Silent Auction, 50/50 draw and an escorted Heritage Cross tour at the end of the program. All welcome. This is the Maryhill Historical Society's major fundraiser.

RCIA Program

We are contemplating organizing an RCIA Program this Fall at St. Joseph Church, providing there is sufficient interest and support. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic and wish to enrol in the RCIA Program, contact Fr. Robert at rhetu@hamiltondiocese.com or 519-843-2006. The success of RCIA Programs largely rely on Catholic volunteers who assist the Priest. If you would be interested, please also contact Fr. Robert.

RCIA 101 – Hamilton Each year, parishes welcome new members through the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*. This formation workshop is a four-part introduction and walk-through designed for any team member (Director, Coordinator, catechists, support team, etc.). It is a good introduction for new team members and an opportunity for existing team members to learn more about the ritual and share experiences. This four-part series starts on Tuesday, **September 23, 2025**, at the Diocese of Hamilton Chancery Office, Hamilton, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and continues each Tuesday until October 14, 2025. Participants register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/08/rcia-101-introduction-to-the-rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults-for-parish-facilitators-2/>

Mary Queen Of Families Mass

Saturday September 20th, 2025 @ 1:00 pm.
Marymount Cemetery & Our Lady Immaculate Mausoleum. Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating our devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Come and share in this special occasion with us! Mass will be held at 1:00 PM, followed by a Rosary Procession around the grounds (weather permitting). For those who have difficulty walking, the Mausoleum will be available for participation in saying the Rosary. After the Rosary, we will enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

Upcoming Parish Events

Sept. 13	COR Men's Meeting 10:00am
Sept. 14	CWL General Meeting after 11:00am Mass
Sept. 23	Knights General Meeting 7:30pm
Sept. 30	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm

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