

St. Joseph's Parish

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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 Hétu



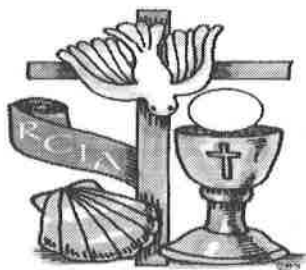
As the summer draws to a close and the school year begins anew, perhaps it is a good time to re-evaluate our personal participation in parish life. I am sure that within the next couple of weeks most activities will have restarted. If you have been involved in the past, I encourage you to continue with enthusiasm. If you have not, perhaps you can choose to get involved.

Here is a partial list: Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent Charities, singing in one of the choirs, altar serving, lector, Eucharistic minister just to name a few. We hope to restart Children's Liturgy and RCIA so new volunteers are needed. A little friendly reminder that if you do volunteer to please honour your commitments. Thanks!

A special note to all parents and guardians whose children will be sharing the sacraments in 2025-2026—First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation that you must be registered parishioners. Going to the school connected to the parish does not mean that you are registered. Sacraments are parish and not class celebrations (which the school assists with the preparation.) So, please tell your friends and neighbours and register as soon as possible. May we have a spirit filled year together in the service of the Lord as we conclude this special *Year of Hope*.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Hope is the bridge between heaven and earth." ~ Fr. Robert Hétu

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Two boys were returning home from church after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you remember how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad!"



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 23, 2025

10:30am Highland Manor Mass

7:00pm Intentions of Margaret & Leonard Knoll

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

8:30am Margot Hennessy – Marie & Fern Beaudry

Thursday, September 25, 2025

8:30am Al Evans

Friday, September 26, 2025

8:30am Intentions of Steven Geiger

Saturday, September 27, 2025

5:00pm Berney Sytsma – Wally & Rose Sander

Al Evans – Mac & Gail Brown

Robert Masciangelo – Laura & Brian

Downham

Intentions of Gwen Robson Mac & Gail Brown

Sunday, September 28, 2025

9:00am The Intentions of St. Joseph Parish

11:00am The Intentions of Terri Keeso

Parish Donations -September 13 & 14, 2025

Regular Offerings	\$2,841.35
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Building Fund	\$ 441.35
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World Mission Sunday	\$ 20.00
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Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 20.00
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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, 905-528-7988 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Jubilee Multicultural Mass

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown (715 Centre Rd) is hosting the Diocesan Jubilee Multicultural Mass on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 3:00pm. This vibrant celebration embraces the rich cultural diversity that enriches our diocesan community. The Mass will feature prayers, readings, and hymns proclaimed in multiple languages including Spanish, Polish, Italian, Vietnamese, Korean, and others, reflecting the many cultures united in faith. Following the Mass, join us for a reception featuring cultural foods and entertainment from various communities. This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, fellowship, and joyful celebration of our shared faith.

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.

Lectors Workshop

In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for parishioners new to this ministry and a good refresher for experienced Ministers Participants receive a mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Workshops run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Saturday, October 4, 2025**, St. Michael Parish, Waterloo, and **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington. Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a rite which takes place during Mass and is a way to help children participate in the liturgy meaningfully. This age-appropriate liturgical experience prepares children to participate fully in Mass especially after receiving their First Communion. The cost is \$35.00. It is offered on **Saturday, November 8, 2025**, St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, ON, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

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.

Parenting Tip Of The Month

Children thrive on routine and in truth, so does the whole family. During the summer we can be a little more relaxed on bedtime, eating and even clean up routines, but the rest of the year that can cause lots of challenges. As school begins, now is the time to sit as a family and set out your daily routines and expectations. Stick by them because once they become routine, everyone in the household will benefit!

Marriage Tip Of The Month

In the busy schedules we often adhere to, we can let our time as a couple slip away, compromising it to accomplish other necessary things. The mistake of that is that we can become disconnected, distant and less in synch with each other. Take the time to schedule couple time and don't compromise, unless it is an emergency. Your relationship will flourish and spill over to other aspects of your life!

Interested in Joining the Choir?

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of our choir, please contact Frank Rider at accordionrider@gmail.com or John Rooyakker at royakers_j@hotmail.com for all the details.

Upcoming Parish Events

Sept. 23	Highland Manor Mass 10:30am
Sept. 23	Knights General Meeting 7:30pm
Sept. 30	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
October 4	Baptism Prep Class 9am
October 5	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
October 9	COR Meeting 7-9pm
October 22	Highland Manor Mass 10:30am

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