

# St. Joseph's Parish

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

**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 Hétu



**W**riter Barbara Jurgensen tells of thinking how her busy life had kept her from living the kind of life she wanted to live. So, one night, she asked God to help her live a really Christian life the next day. However, before she even got out of bed the next morning, her next-door neighbour phoned, saying she has a terrible toothache. The dentist could see her right away, but her little boy was in bed with the measles. So, Barbara went over, gave the child his breakfast and took care of him. That filled the morning. After lunch, a friend who had been in and out of mental hospital stopped with a couple of dresses, asking if Barbara would help her shorten them. The two women worked together for most of the afternoon. Near suppertime her husband came in announcing that he had invited two acquaintances, a married couple, to dine with them. The man was having trouble finding work because of a prison record. "I hope it's okay with you that I invited them," her husband said and Barbara agreed. By bedtime, Barbara wondered how, with all those interruptions, she could live the kind of Christian life she hoped to. (Barbara Jurgensen, *You're Out Of Date, God?*) What she eventually realized, of course, is that God had been in all those interruptions. One sign of God is that we are led where we did not intend to go. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta reminds us, "In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small thing with great love." Let us honour and cherish these **God moments!**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "A problem shared is a problem halved." – English Proverb

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** A Toronto bound jet was bouncing through heavy weather. As the passengers were being jolted by the turbulence a woman turned to the priest sitting next to her and with a nervous laugh asked him, "father, you're a man of god, can't you do something about this storm?" The priest smiled and replied, "madame, I'm in sales, not management!"



## 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 30, 2025

9:30am **St. Joseph School Ceremony for Truth & Reconciliation**

7:00pm **The Souls in Purgatory**

### Wednesday, October 1, 2025

8:30am **Intentions of Mitchell & Ashley**

### Thursday, October 2, 2025

8:30am **Intentions of Beau & Ris**

### Friday, October 3, 2025

8:30am **Special Intentions**

### Saturday, October 4, 2025

5:00pm **Intentions of Gordon & Barb**

**Vandervoort – Colette Brodie**

**Allen & Anne Evans – Gail & Mac Brown**

**Robert Masciangelo – Laura & Brian Downham**

### Sunday, October 5, 2025

9:00am **The Intentions of the Students & Staff at St. Joseph School – Catholic Women's League**

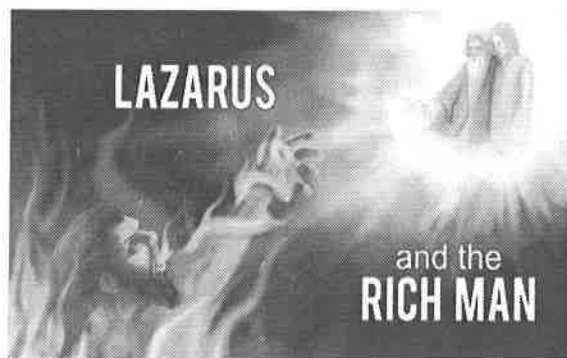
11:00am **The Intentions of St. Joseph Parish**

### Parish Donations -September 20 & 21, 2025

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|------------------------------|------------|
| Regular Offerings            | \$2,389.95 |
| Building Fund                | \$ 990.00  |
| Needs of the Canadian Church | \$ 50.00   |

### 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 28, 2025

But if only someone would go to them. Pray for those who are called to 'run the race' as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)





The Wellington Catholic District School Board is hosting the **23rd Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs on Thursday, October 9th, 2025**. After 22 years of hosting this event, we have successfully raised over \$825 000 to help support children's educational programming, access to food for those in need in our community, mental health programs, environmental stewardship initiatives, and much more.

This year's celebration of community, friendship and charity at the **Italian Canadian Club, Guelph** will begin with a **reception at 5:45 p.m.**, followed by **dinner and program at 6:30 p.m.**

We anticipate another sold-out event for this gala which will include a celebration of student talent, recognition of our sponsors, and presentations from student leaders and beneficiaries. We look forward to continuing with our rich tradition of supporting our community and celebrating Catholic education.

To purchase a ticket or to make a donation to the event, please visit our CanadaHelpWebsite: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/guelphcommunityfoundation/events/2025bishopsdinnerforcommunityneeds/>

Net proceeds from this year's event will be directed to:

- Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington
- St. Vincent de Paul Society Outreach and Food Program
- Canadian Mental Health Association – Waterloo-Wellington
- Michael House Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Rosary of the Unborn**

Our Lady's Weapon given to the world to end abortion.

Please see the insert in the bulletin on how to say this rosary.

Jesus, Protect and Save the Unborn.

Enclosed with this bulletin you will find more information on how to pray this rosary.

### **All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery**

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery will take place on **Saturday, November 1** at 11:00am. The principal celebrant will be Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

### **Wellington Terrace – Fraud Talk**

Once again the Family Council at the Wellington Terrace Long Term Care Home is hosting an Education Day. This year's topic is on **Fraud Talk**. Too many people fall prey to scammers. IF our speaker can just give one piece of information that they take away to help, then it is a success! Looking forward to seeing as many people who are able to attend on **Wednesday, October 8th** at the Wellington County Museum in the Aboyne Hall from 1:30 - 3:30.

### **October 5<sup>th</sup> – Life Chain Sunday**

Join thousands across Canada to make a public, prayerful and peaceful stand for life:

**Guelph, 2-3 pm:** Stone Rd at Edinburgh Rd S

**Elora, 3-4 pm:** Colborne St at Geddes St (MacDonald Square)

**Fergus, 4-5 pm:** Hwy 6/Tower St at Belsyde Ave

\*Note: There is no longer a Rockwood location

For more information, go to [info@guelphforlife.com](mailto:info@guelphforlife.com)

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

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| Sept. 30   | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm                                      |
| October 4  | Baptism Prep Class 9am   |
| October 5  | Knights of Columbus Breakfast  |
| October 8  | Caressant Care Mass 10:30am  |
| October 9  | COR Meeting 7-9pm  |
| October 13 | Thanksgiving Day Mass 10:00  |
| October 13 | Office Closed  |
| October 15 | Parents only meeting re First Reconciliation and First Communion 7pm |
| October 22 | Highland Manor Mass 10:30am  |

**"I affirm to you, My daughter, that each 'Hail Mary' prayed from a loving heart will rescue one of these innocent lives from death by abortion. [When you use this Rosary of the Unborn...]"**

Our Lady as Sorrowful Mother | July 2, 2001

## **Praying the Rosary of the Unborn**

The Rosary has been prayed since the thirteenth century. While meditating on the life of Jesus, we recite the prayers that bring us closer to Him and to His Mother, Mary.

*(Note: During the Rosary of the Unborn, we say the 'Glory Be' as "All Glory be to the Father..." and also pray "Jesus, protect and save the unborn!" after each Mystery, at Our Lady's request.)*

*"(Begin by stating) I/We offer this Rosary for (state intentions), the end to abortion and that hearts are convicted in the Truth about abortion."*

*After stating the intention, raise your Rosary to Heaven and say: "Celestial Queen, with this Rosary, I / we bind all sinners and all nations to Your Immaculate Heart."*

*"Divine Infant Jesus, as we pray this Rosary, we ask You to remove from the heart of the world the desire to commit the sin of abortion. Remove the veil of deceit Satan has placed over hearts which portrays promiscuity as a freedom, and reveal it for what it is – slavery to sin. Place over the heart of the world a renewed respect for life at the moment of conception. Amen."*

Now, continue to pray the Holy Rosary the way you normally do.

***"Jesus, protect and save the unborn."***

**Learn more and register to become one of Our Lady's Rosary of the Unborn Prayer Warriors at [PraytheRosaryoftheUnborn.org](http://PraytheRosaryoftheUnborn.org)**

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Rosary Wheel



Rosary of the Unborn

The Rosary of the Unborn is prayed just as any other Holy Rosary but the intentions included are beautifully embedded in the physical aspects of this unique rosary itself:

The Hail Mary beads are light-blue teardrops with unborn babies inside them. The Our Father beads are droplets of blood in the shape of a cross. The Crucifix in gleaming gold.

**[PraytheRosaryoftheUnborn.org](http://PraytheRosaryoftheUnborn.org)**

The website is available in multiple languages.







## Jubilee Year of Hope September 2025

*For those Working for  
Integral Ecology and  
Indigenous Reconciliation*

## HEROES OF HOPE

**Heroes of Hope** is a monthly newsletter from the Diocese of Hamilton, shining a light on the extraordinary individuals and ministries who inspire hope and transform lives in our communities.

#HEROESOFHOPE

During the month of September we observe the **Season of Creation**, a time to reflect on our responsibility as stewards of creation, called to care for our environment as a means of caring for one another and providing hope for future generations. This is also a time of deep reflection, repentance and solidarity as we commemorate the **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples**, and seek to bring about hope through the healing of past injustices.

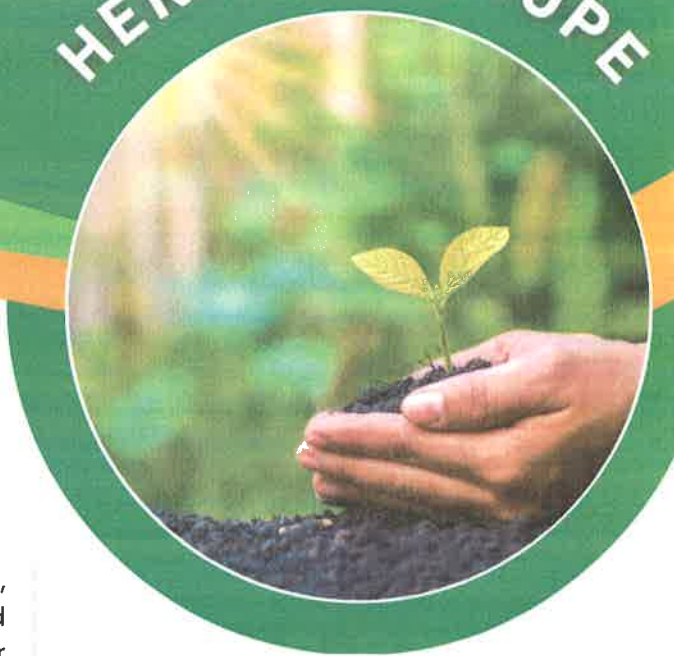
### Care for Creation

Our Diocesan Office of Justice and Peace provides formation opportunities to support parish and school initiatives to bring needed change in our use of the earth's resources and connection to our communities. Following the lead of Pope Leo XIV, many parishes this year will be celebrating a special Mass for the Care of Creation, giving thanks for creation and praying to use wisely the gifts of our common home.



↖ **Regina Mundi Parish in Hamilton** is celebrating the Season of Creation by hosting a retreat and spreading the gospel of Creation in fellowship with their community. Their team will be closing out the season by running a bottle drive in support of the new Good Shepherd Men's Shelter in Hamilton, demonstrating the beautiful commitment to integral ecology and outreach.

**Ignatius Centre in Guelph** is a place for spiritual reflection, ecological engagement and community connection. In addition to offering peaceful places for retreat and prayer, the centre provides educational opportunities on regenerative farming, conservation and creation care. You can learn more about IJC and their work by checking out their website: <https://ignatiusguelph.ca/>



The 19-acre **De Mazenod Farm in Ancaster** is an initiative working to turn idle land into a source of fresh, locally grown produce and nourishment for those in need in Hamilton. The farm welcomes volunteers from all walks of life to learn and contribute to its mission to nourish and feed our community. Through this program they are able to share the harvest of vegetables, herbs, honey, and eggs with the De Mazenod Door Outreach Centre, Good Shepherd of Hamilton and Hamilton Food Share.



## Indigenous Reconciliation

The process of Truth and Reconciliation takes time and an unwavering commitment to listen, learn, act and stand in solidarity with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples across Turtle Island. The Diocese of Hamilton is engaged in several on-going programs and provides many educational resources to support and encourage this journey toward reconciliation.

The annual **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30<sup>th</sup>** is meant to acknowledge the painful legacy of Residential Schools, to honour the children who did not return home, and the survivors of these institutions, their families and communities. Acknowledgement and commemoration of this painful history is a vital component in the healing process and a source of hope for future generations.

The **Indigenous Reconciliation Fund** is a national effort by the Catholic Church in Canada to devote \$30 million dollars to fund Indigenous-led and supported initiatives that promote health and community healing, cultural, spiritual and language revitalization, and Indigenous education and community-led development. Each Diocese is responsible for coordinating and distributing a local Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. The Diocese of Hamilton – responsible for approximately \$4 million in funding – hosts an advisory committee lead by Indigenous representatives from across the Diocese and support by diocesan staff. **Since 2022, our IRF has dispersed over \$850,000 to projects and initiatives across the Diocese.**

One of the organizations that has received funding from the Diocesan IRF, is the **Woodland Cultural Centre**, the site of one of Canada's longest running Residential Schools located in Brantford. The Centre is entirely First Nations run, offers numerous educational and cultural programs and recently received its Historical Site designation.



**St. Matthew's House**, a non-profit organization working in Hamilton, received funding to support their 412 Barton St. E project. This initiative provides deeply affordable, permanent housing and support services to Indigenous seniors at risk of homelessness.



Working as partners with local community organizations and countless volunteers, members of our Catholic Community are engaged in helping us care for our common home and commit ourselves to bringing healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. **We salute these heroes of hope!**



### HEROES OF HOPE PRAYER FOR THOSE WORKING FOR INTEGRAL ECOLOGY AND INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism,  
you have given us new life in Christ  
and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those  
who have responded to your call  
to bring about the healing of our earth,  
raising our awareness of the gifts of creation  
which are ours to safeguard,  
and for reconciliation with the  
Indigenous Peoples with  
whom we are privileged to  
share a common home.

Through their varied ministries,  
may they touch the hearts  
of all in our community who long  
for the hope, born of our Christian faith,  
that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The **Justice & Peace  
Office** has compiled a  
number of **resources &  
events** at [bit.ly/justice-  
peace-events](https://bit.ly/justice-peace-events)





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