

St. Joseph's Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

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



On this pro-life weekend, I share with you my poem:

The Greatest Challenge Of The Ages

In today's world some might think we're crazy
but we must not forget a baby is still a baby
Despite the many hardships, struggles and strife
The child within the womb is a sacred human life

Let's remind our world, abortion is not the answer
For this over simplified action is simply murder
If we continue this barbaric form of torture
With dead children we are a world with no future

All human life is a sacred life from heaven above
Our value is that we are the children of God's love
Yes, regardless of our age, sex, creed or race
Created in God's image we all have a special place

Whether 'weak' through age, sickness or disability
The fact that we are children of God gives us dignity
so we need to develop respect for life at all its stages.
I believe this is the greatest challenge of the ages

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer." ~ Advice From Old Farmer

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Q. What was the longest day in the Bible? A. The day Adam was created because there was no Eve!



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, October 7, 2025

7:00pm Leo Givens

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

8:30am Vocations to the Priesthood

10:30 Caressant Care Mass

Thursday, October 9, 2025

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 10, 2025

8:30am Paul Pare – St. Joseph Volunteers

Saturday, October 11, 2025

5:00pm Berney Sytsma – Carol Burns

Pat Rafferty – Mac & Gail Brown

Maeve McPeak – The Quigley Family

Edward Wojkowicz – Pat Woode

Sunday, October 12, 2025

9:00am The Intentions of St. Joseph Parish

11:00am Robert Mario Landoni – Grace Robinson

Monday, October 13, 2025

10:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass

Parish Donations -September 27 & 28, 2025

Regular Offerings \$5,352.90

Building Fund \$1,695.00

Needs of the Canadian Church \$ 480.00

St. Mary and St. Joseph Cemetery \$ 5.00

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 5, 2025

"Increase our faith." Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister? If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, at 905-528-7988

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Join in this, Sunday October 5th , for the Annual Life Chain

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

RCIA Orientation Meeting

There will be an initial gathering for those interested in becoming Catholic on Wednesday, October 8th at 7:00pm in the Church. Fr. Robert is hoping to start the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process on Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00pm to 9:00pm, and they would continue on most Wednesdays until Easter. For now, join Fr. Robert for the initial meeting, bring interested family and friends and learn more about the process. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the church office at 519-843-2006 or email stjosephfergus@hamiltondiocese.com – don't forget to leave your phone number!

Calling all Christian Men.

There will be a COR gathering **Thursday October 9th** at St Joseph's parish hall at 7:00pm. Fr Hayden Starczala will give a presentation on "The Catholic Vision of Morality". Please join for prayer and social time.



2025 St. Joseph Parish Raffle Tickets Now on Sale!

Raffle Tickets are now available. The draw takes place on November 15th at our Annual Bazaar.

1st Prize: \$750

2nd Prize: \$500

3rd Prize: \$250

4th Prize: \$100

We are asking for your help. Stop by and pick up some books to sell to family and friends. They are available after Mass or during the week through the office. Proceeds go to support Groves Memorial and St. Joseph Parish.

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!

Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast

Come support the work of the Knights of Columbus at their monthly charity breakfast running from 10am until 12:30pm after our Sunday Masses. Enjoy a hot breakfast or just a cup of coffee & toast and some fellowship.



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Join Fr. Robert and fellow parishioners on Monday, October 13th at 10am to celebrate a Thanksgiving Day Mass. Everyone is welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is looking for new and energetic volunteers to help the needy in our community. Do you have a bit of spare time and the love of service? SVdP volunteers are always accompanied by a buddy when making house visits delivering vouchers and other household items. Time demands are flexible and full support and training are given. Please consider volunteering for this rewarding ministry. Enquiries can be made to Jane Thatcher at 519-787-1961.

Silent Auction Reminder

A reminder that we are currently collecting new items to include in the Silent Auction which takes place at the Annual Bazaar (Nov. 15th this year). If you have any items you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Church Office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Parish Events

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

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