

# St. Joseph's Parish

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## *A Thanksgiving Prayer*

*Heavenly Creator,*

*In this season of gratitude and abundance,  
we give You thanks for our many blessings  
as we pray for all who struggle with hunger and want.  
Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.*

*Keep their faith strong as they await relief.*

*And let Your goodness flow through our  
hearts and hands as we reach out to one  
another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.*

*Amen*

## From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Robert Héту



*"Be thankful for what you have!"* Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear. As we heard last weekend, in our first reading from the prophet Habakkuk, *"The righteous person lives by faith."* Catch yourself when you start complaining about what you do not have. Remember, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, where there is life there is hope! This Thanksgiving weekend, let us truly be grateful for our many, many blessings.

A friendly reminder, that if you are in the area on Thanksgiving Day, we will be celebrating Mass at 10:00 a.m. A non-perishable food collection and monetary collection will be taken up for our local food bank. With grateful hearts let us joyfully share our many blessings with our less fortunate brothers and sisters found right here in our own community.

Mass will be followed by light refreshments and a time of fellowship. Come meet old friends and make new ones. As a family, come join us and say 'hello' to a parishioner you have not yet met or 'how is it going?' to old friends.

## A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Gratitude is the fairest blossom, which springs from the soul." ~ Henry Ward Beecher

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE** "After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. It kept it up until a hunter came along and shot it. The moral of the story: When full of bull, keep your mouth shut." (Will Rogers)



### 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.

#### Monday, October 13, 2025

10:00am **Thanksgiving Day Mass**

#### Tuesday, October 14, 2025

7:00pm **Helen Sheehy** – Jim & Peggy Sheehy  
**Rob Landoni** – Laurie Landoni

#### Wednesday, October 15, 2025

8:30am **Hugette Allaire** – Marie Beaudry & Jane Thatcher

7:00pm **Parents' Only Meeting for First  
Confession and First Communion**

#### Thursday, October 16, 2025

8:30am **Zenaida Lansigan** – Tocino Family

11:20am & 12:50pm **St. Joseph School – Grade 4  
Bible Blessing**

#### Friday, October 17, 2025

8:30am **Harry Shaw**

9:15am **St. Joseph School Mass**

#### Saturday, October 18, 2025

5:00pm **Berney Sytsma** – Bernie & Anne Weadick  
**Pat Rafferty** – Gwen Sytsma  
**Robert Landoni** – Mary Waterman  
**Intentions of Herculano Medeiros** –  
Berta Costa

#### Sunday, October 19, 2025

9:00am **Michael & Margaret Connor** – Mary Epoch

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

#### Parish Donations - October 4 & 5, 2025

Regular Offerings	\$1,695.90
Building Fund	\$ 95.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$1,170.00
St. Mary and St. Joseph Cemetery	\$1,445.00

#### 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 12, 2025

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole?  
In gratitude, ask Him how He would like you to  
respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him  
as a priest, sister, brother or deacon? If God is  
calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of  
Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



### **Parents Only Meeting for First Reconciliation & First Communion**

Parents of children planning to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion are to attend a meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> in the Church at 7pm. This meeting is for parents of St. Joseph students, public school students and home schooled children. Children are asked not to attend the meeting. It is imperative that at least one parent attend as important information such as dates will be given, as well as the Registration Forms. If you are unable to attend, you will need to book an appointment to come to see Fr. Robert privately.

### **Children's All Saints Day Party**

Save the date! On Saturday, November 1, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in conjunction with Frassati's Carabiners, is hosting an All Saints Day Party for the children of the deanery from 1:00 to 3:00pm (drop in). The activities are geared to children aged 4-10, but all children are welcome! The cost is \$2/child, and children are encouraged to dress as their favourite saint. The party includes a selection of fifteen activity stations, ranging from crafts to bowling, Eucharistic Adoration to three-legged races and snacks! To RSVP, please email Elise at [frassatiscarabiners@protonmail.com](mailto:frassatiscarabiners@protonmail.com) before Saturday, Oct 25. Please include your family's surname and the number of children participating. It's going to be a fantastic afternoon for the whole family, filled with fun, faith-based activities. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

### **Screening of "Worth More" Film**

Join Guelph & Area Right to Life for a special screening of "Worth More" on Friday, October 24, 2025, at 7:00 PM at Basilica of Our Lady Parish Hall. This short film powerfully affirms the dignity of every human life. Following the screening, producer Bronwyn Gray will lead a discussion on the film's message and inspiration. All are welcome!

### **The Light Shines in the Darkness**

"Fr. Bill Trusz (Papal Missionary of Mercy) will be giving a presentation on Christian freedom from demonic forces on Sunday, October 26 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Mary Immaculate Church (267 Geddes St, Elora). Don't miss this opportunity to hear about how *The Light Shines in the Darkness* (John 1:5)! And invite a friend who doesn't normally come to church!"

### **Your CWL Needs Your Help**

Do you have a few minutes after Mass to help distribute the Parish Raffle tickets to parishioners who can in turn sell them to people outside of the Church? It would only require you to stay a few minutes after Mass but would help ensure a successful Raffle. If you can help, please contact Sandra Whyte at 226-203-2402. Thank you for your assistance!

### **Help Me Thanksgiving Day Prayer**

O God, when I have food,  
help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work,  
help me to remember the jobless;  
When I have a home, help me to remember  
those who have no home at all;  
When I am without pain,  
help me to remember those who suffer,  
And remembering,  
help me to destroy my complacency;  
bestir my compassion,  
and be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed, those who cry out for what  
we take for granted.  
Amen.

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

October 13	Thanksgiving Day Mass 10:00
October 13	Office Closed
October 15	Parents only meeting re First Reconciliation and First Communion 7pm
October 16	Grade 4 Bible Blessing 11:20am and 12:50pm
October 17	St. Joseph School Mass
October 22	Highland Manor Mass 10:30am
October 28	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
October 28	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
November 1	Baptismal Prep Class 9am-11am



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