

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 Héту



Today we celebrate **All Souls' Day**. The approach of death, for most of us, is a time of trial and tribulation. For many of us, death is seen as a failure. We have only to look at our deceased loved ones. Some have left us in peace, but how many have left us in suffering and in fear. Some even resisted and tried to hold on to life. Even for Jesus, death was not easy. Remember his words in the Garden of Gethsemane: *"Take this cup from me...but not my will but your will be done"*

Our image of death often depends on our image of God. If we see God as a judge standing firm waiting to punish us for the wrong, we did or the good we did not do, of course, our death will not be seen as a moment of glory. Fortunately, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, our death is no longer seen as time of trial or tribulation or a failure. In reality, through our death we enter life. Death is a moment of glory for God because life triumphs over death, but it is also a moment of glory for us because by our death we are more alive than ever: **We are alive for ever.**

In the first preface for funeral Masses, we hear that, "For your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven." The liturgy for the dead allows us to express with conviction our Christian hope in the mystery of death. We remember the triumph of Jesus over the cross, which he foretold to his disciples.

Throughout the month of November, let us pray for one another: the living and the dead, especially for our family members, for those who devoted their life to the service of the Lord and for those who paid the ultimate price for the freedom of our great country Canada. Lest we forget.

"Christ has died, Christ is Risen and Christ will come again."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "My life ambition is to be a saint." ~ Calogero Cumbo

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Seamus O'Reilly is walking through a graveyard when he came across a tombstone with the inscription 'Here lies a politician and an honest man.' "Good Lord," exclaims O'Reilly, "I wonder how they got the two of them in one grave."



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, November 4, 2025 ****TIME CHANGE****

8:30am **Intentions of the Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton**

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

8:30am **Special Intentions**

Thursday, November 6, 2025

8:30am **Nancy & Mike – Ralph Haid**

Friday, November 7, 2025

8:30am **Special Intentions**

Saturday, November 8, 2025

5:00pm **Jack Karn – Anne Karn**

Al Evans – Joanne & Wayne England

Pat Rafferty – Dave & Paula Kells & Family

Leo Givens – Joanne & Wayne England

Sunday, November 9, 2025

9:00am **Jacob Cornelisse – Ann Cornelisse**

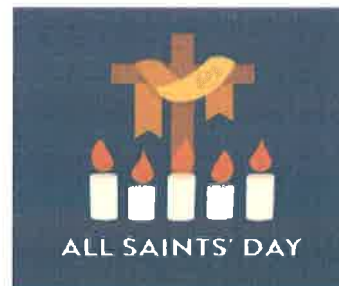
11:00am **The Intentions of St. Joseph Parish**

Parish Donations - October 25 & 26, 2025

Regular Offerings	\$1,905.45
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 25.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 105.00
Building Fund	\$1,634.00

All Souls' Day – November 2, 2025

Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me?
Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters?
Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



**Join Fr. Robert for Mass at
10:00am Saturday November 1st
For All Saints Day**

Change of Mass Time – Tuesday, Nov. 4th

The Tuesday Mass time on November 4th will change to 8:30am, rather than 7:00pm. This will allow Fr. Robert to attend the Diocese’s Priest Convocation Day. The Mass time will return to 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 11th.

A Walk With Jesus Retreat Day For Grieving Parents

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the **Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, November 22nd. The \$20 fee includes lunch.** Registration is required so we know how many to set up for and how much lunch to order. You can register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the title of the retreat or the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

The Catechetical Correspondence Program

The Diocese of Hamilton Provides ongoing Religious Education Programs for children in grades kindergarten through to Gr. 12. These programs are available for any children who are enrolled in public, private or homeschool settings. To learn more about our programs and for registration, Visit us here: <https://bit.ly/catechesiscourses> .

You Are Invited

This is an invitation from the Maryhill Historical Society for you to attend their 48th Annual General Meeting on Sunday, November 16th at 1 p.m. at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E.) Come hear what OUR Historical Society has been doing this year. If you attended last year’s Annual General Meeting you enjoyed our guest speaker – Warren Stauch from the Waterloo Historical Society. You will enjoy his talk this time on “Geography of Community Entrance Signs”

Regina Caeli Academy

A private Catholic school will open in Guelph in September 2026, serving students from JK to Grade 8. If you would like to join the planning committee or learn more about the school, please come to one of our next meetings. Meetings will be held at St. John Church, 45 Victoria Road North, Guelph, on **November 11, December 9, and January 9 at 6:30 p.m.** If you would like to **register your child** for the school, please see Reginacaeliacademy.ca for more information.

Carlos Acutis Roadmap to Reality

In celebration of the Diocesan Feast of Christ the King, the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King will host a special screening of the documentary Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality. This inspiring film shares the story of St. Carlo Acutis, the young “millennial saint” whose love for the Eucharist continues to draw people closer to Christ.

CURSILLO

is a movement that helps us get closer to God. There will be a **women’s Cursillo** weekend from November 23-25, 2025, at Deemerton, Ontario. For information, contact Dan Brown at dmbrown269@gmail.com

Pope Leo XIV, Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, “I Have Loved You”

The Holy Father’s first apostolic exhortation was released in October. The document focuses on the powerful bond between our love of Christ and his call for us to love and care for the poor. A virtual copy of the document can be accessed on the Diocesan website.

Upcoming Parish Events

November 2	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
November 5	RCIA Class 7:00pm
November 8	COR Meeting 10:00am
November 9	CWL General Meeting 12:00pm
November 12	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
November 12	RCIA Class 7:00pm
November 11	Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg 7:30pm
November 15	Annual Parish Bazaar
November 19	RCIA Class 7:00pm

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