

St. Joseph's Parish

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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 is *The World Day of the Poor* and its theme is "*You are my hope*" (Psalm 71:5). It is a relatively new celebration, on the Catholic calendar, created by Pope Francis at the end of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. So, on Sunday, November 16, we celebrate the ninth World Day of the Poor, which coincides with our Jubilee Year of Hope. Pope Leo XIV has highlighted that the poor can be "witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope" and has encouraged new initiatives to combat poverty.

Pope Leo XIV's in this year's message reminds us and he links: *Hope and poverty*: The pope has emphasized that the poor, despite their difficult circumstances, embody a profound hope that is not based on material possessions. The pope goes: *Beyond charity*: He has called for actions beyond simple charity, advocating for structural changes to provide security in areas like housing, education, and healthcare. The pope's message also reminds us of the: *Dignity of the poor*. He urges Christians to see the poor not as objects of charity, but as protagonists of hope and as brothers and sisters in Christ.

This year the Diocese of Hamilton have established a special Jubilee Year of Hope collection. At St. Joseph's Parish, it will take place on the weekend of November 29-30 and envelopes will be provided. Monies collected, with the assistance of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, will be shared with our local poor.

As Sarah Escobar encourages us in today's Sunday Missal, "On this World of the Poor, let us make the poor a priority in our lives and strive to love Our Lord in all we meet."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Those who mock the poor insult their Maker." ~ (Proverbs 17:5)

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: A church sign read: "Our God is an awesome God!" Next door, at the fish market, the sign read: "Our cod is an awesome cod!"



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 18, 2025

7:00pm **Souls in Purgatory** – Bozena Holody
Larry Cyr
Intentions of Paul Frichette – Pat &
Donna Kelly

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

8:30am **Bill Kearns**

Thursday, November 20, 2025

8:30am **Intentions of Len Lynch**

Friday, November 21, 2025

8:30am **Intentions of Lavina Lobsinger**

Saturday, November 22, 2025

5:00pm **Leo Givens**
Pat Rafferty
Intentions of Ron & Audry Vollick – Don
and Barbara Cassidy

Sunday, November 23, 2025

9:00am **Leo Givens** – Ralph Haid
11:00am **Intentions of the Parishioners of St.
Joseph Church**

Parish Donations November 8 & 9, 2025

Regular Offerings	\$2,076.50
World Mission Sunday	\$ 60.00
St. Mary-St. Joseph Cemetery	\$ 10.00

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nov. 16, 2025

"By your endurance you will gain your souls." Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

CWL Christmas Dinner

Ladies of the Parish are invited to join the ladies of Elora for our annual Christmas Dinner. It will be held at St. Joseph Hall at a cost per person of \$30 (same as last year) for a traditional Christmas Dinner. It will take place on **Tuesday, December 9th**. **Mass will take place at 5:00pm and dinner at 6:00pm**

We have learned that Groves Hospital keeps a Clothing Closet, managed by their Social Worker. Their goal is to provide clothing items to help keep their patients comfortable and warm. They have a specific list of donations they will accept and it is attached to this week's bulletin. We will be taking up a special collection of these items at the Christmas Dinner.

Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood

The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, a community of Contemplative Sisters, have been present in the Diocese of Hamilton since 1946. In addition to their ministry of prayer, they produce altar breads for many of our Parishes. You are welcome to contact them if you are interested in exploring a vocation to the Contemplative way of life –

www.pbsisters.ca

**Patiently Waiting:****Nourishing Hope In Advent**

Join the Catholic Moms Group for an Advent Retreat with special guest **Teresa Hartnet**, Director of Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton. Has your frenzied schedule interfered with time for reflection and quiet moments with God? This retreat will help to consider how we can be pilgrims of hope during this Advent season and how we can focus on celebrating, instead of dreading the season! This event will take place at St. John the Baptist Parish at 45 Victoria Rd. N., Guelph, **December 3rd** from 4:30 to 6:00pm. RSVP by email st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

**Christmas Tree of Hope**

It is that time of year when we think of those that are in need in order for them to be able to enjoy Christmas. Our tree will be put up next week, and as in past years, will have gift tags for individuals and families in need. It has been requested that we ask for gift cards for individuals and family. There will also be tags for Elora House. When you take a tag, we ask that you return it with your donation. Deadline to return all donations is December 14 so that they can be distributed before the last day of school.

Heartache To Healing - Grief Support Group

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. Our monthly informal drop-in support - available at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; 7 pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library.

Upcoming Parish Events

November 19	RCIA Class 7:00pm
November 25	Knights of Columbus General Meeting, 7:30pm
November 26	RCIA Class 7:00pm
November 26	Highland Manor Mass 10:30am
December 3	RCIA Class 7:00
December 5	St. Joseph School Advent Mass 9:15am
December 6	First Reconciliation 11:00am
December 6	Baptismal Preparation Class 9-11am
December 7	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
December 9	CWL Christmas Dinner Mass at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm
December 10	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am

Requested Items:

- **Women's Brief Underwear:**

- Size XS (2 pairs)
- Size S (5 pairs)
- Size M (5 pairs)
- Size L (5 pairs)
- Size XL (5 pairs)
- Size 2XL (5 pairs)

- **Women's Jogging Pants:**

- Size S (2 pairs)
- Size M (2 pairs)
- Size L (2 pairs)
- Size XL (2 pairs)
- Size 2XL (2 pairs)
- *can be good used condition*

- **Women's Socks:**

- dress socks or cotton
- 15 pairs (various sizes)

- **Men's & Women's Belts:**

- simple/black
- 2 of each
- *can be good used condition*

- **Men's & Women's Shoes:**

- Closed toe, size 7+
- *can be good used condition*

- **Men's Brief Underwear:**

- Size S (5 pairs)
- Size M (5 pairs)
- Size L (5 pairs)
- Size XL (5 pairs)
- Size 2XL (5 pairs)

- **Men's Jogging Pants:**

- Size S (2 pairs)
- Size M (2 pairs)
- Size L (2 pairs)
- Size XL (2 pairs)
- Size 2XL (2 pairs)
- *can be good used condition*

- **Men's Socks:**

- dress socks or cotton
- 15 pairs (various sizes)

- **Men's & Women's Simple T-Shirts:**

- Size S (2)
- Size M (2)
- Size L (2)
- Size XL (2)
- Size 2XL (2)

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Christmas Dinner - December 9th



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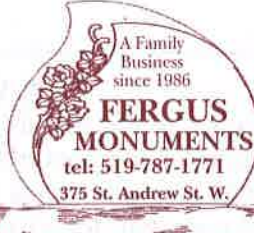
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