

St. Joseph's Parish

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prepare the way...



ADVENT

From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Robert Hétu



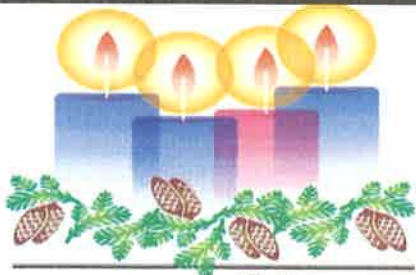
In Luke, we read, "*Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.*" (1:39-40) For those of us who spent much of our Advent 'in haste,' it is comforting to know that Mary too experienced a sense of urgency as she lovingly awaited the birth of her son.

The life of Mary gives us many examples of 'holy haste.' She is a woman who 'got the job done' by lovingly focusing on God's will, moment by moment, doing what was asked of her and trusting God to take care of everything else. Her 'yes' about becoming the mother of God's son also included a 'yes' to trusting God in the great adventure of life that followed.

To faithfully observe the fourth Sunday of Advent, we too need to follow Mary's example of trust in God's **love** and guidance as we make our 'holy haste' toward the anniversary of the birth of Jesus. On this Sunday of **love**, let us remember, "[**Love**] *bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*" (1 Corinthians 13:7-8a) Lord, bless us with **love**.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "It is **love** that makes the impossible possible." ~ Indian Proverb

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. A friend of his said, "I thought your wife wanted one of those sporty 4-wheel drive vehicles. "She did," he replied, "but where the heck was I gonna find a fake Jeep?"



Morning Prayer on the
FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*



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, December 23, 2025

7:00pm **Stu Lomax and
Sonia Huge – Lori Tersigni
Michnik Genowefa and
Michnik Bronislaw – Bozena Holody**

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

No morning Mass

5:00pm **Christmas Eve. Mass**
7:30pm **Christmas Hymns and Carols**
8:00pm **Christmas Eve Mass**
11:30pm **Christmas Hymns and Carols**

Thursday, December 25, 2025

12:00am **Midnight Mass**
10:00am **Christmas Day Mass**

Friday, December 26, 2025

No Mass

Saturday, December 27, 2025

5:00pm **Deceased Members of the Pillar Family
– Cecillia Pillar
Kim Crawford – Cam Schumacher
Souls in Purgatory**

Sunday, December 28, 2025

9:00am **Intentions of the Parishioners of St.
Joseph Church**
11:00am **Sue McIntosh – Grace Robinson**

Parish Donations December 13 & 14, 2025

Regular Offerings	\$4,493.65
Christmas Floral Tribute	\$ 760.00
Building Fund	\$1,650.00

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21, 2025

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Thank You for a Wonderful Evening!

Even with the winter weather doing its best to thwart our plans, the joint Fergus/Elora CWL Christmas dinner was a rousing success! Our thanks to everyone who joined us for a delicious Christmas dinner prepared for us by the good folks at the Belwood Country Market. Thanks also go to Fr. Robert, Santa, Fr. Hayden, Fr. Ken and Deacon Paul for joining to make our evening lots of fun. We wish you all the best for your own personal Christmas celebrations. Just a reminder that membership dues for 2026 are now due. We hope you will be able to join us for our first meeting of 2026 – Sunday, January 11th after the 11:00am Mass.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service will take place at St. John's Anglican Church, Elora on Friday, Jan. 23 at 10:30 am. The theme is taken from Ephesians 4 -- esp. vs. 4 -"There is one body and one Spirit -- just as you were called to one hope when you were called". The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place each year between Jan. 18 and Jan. 25.



Candidate and Parents' Confirmation Meeting

A meeting will take place in the New Year for Candidates for Confirmation and their parents on January 14th at 7:00pm in the Church. Both candidates and their parents should plan to attend the meeting to receive all the forms and information needed.

Christmas Young Adults Night

During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, January 3rd at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton).** Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for Kindergarten students at our schools beginning January 5, 2026! Our two-year Kindergarten program allows our young learners to learn, grow, and explore through play and inquiry in a faith-based environment.

Children who were born in 2022 may attend Year One Kindergarten (Junior Kindergarten), and children born in 2021 may attend Year Two Kindergarten (Senior Kindergarten). If your child is currently attending Year One with Wellington Catholic DSB, you do not have to re-register for Year Two at the same school.

We invite families to register their child for Kindergarten by following these steps:

- **Find your school.** Visit findmyschool.ca find your local Catholic school using your home address
- **Pre-Register.** Complete the [online pre-registration form](#) available at wellingtoncdsb.ca. Once submitted, you will receive a unique registration code by email. Use the code and link provided to complete the online registration forms
- **Schedule a meeting with school administration.** Book a meeting with the school to meet the staff, submit required documents, and finalize your child's admission

Wellington Catholic DSB is happy to support you throughout the registration process. For more information, please visit wellingtoncdsb.ca or contact your local Catholic school. We look forward to welcoming your family into our school community this fall!

Upcoming Parish Events

December 20	Confessions 3:30-4:30pm
December 21	Confessions Noon-1:00pm
December 24	No Morning Mass, 5:00pm Mass, 7:30pm Christmas Hymns and Carols 8pm Mass, 11:30pm Christmas Hymns and Carols
December 25	Midnight Mass and 10:00am Mass
December 26	No Mass



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