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Epiphany of the Lord



**The Wise
Still Seek Him.**

From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Robert Hétu



I believe that from time to time, we get an advance glimpse of the Kingdom of God. As the Christmas Season comes to an end, I would like to share with you one such glimpse that occurred on a European battlefield. Stanley Weintraub recalled the story in *Silent Night: The Remarkable 1914 Christmas Truce*. On Christmas Eve, German troops began to put up small Christmas trees, lit with candles, outside their trenches, and they sang Christmas carols. From the other side of 'no man's land,' British and French troops responded with carols of their own. Soon the German soldiers proposed a Christmas truce, and the British and French units agreed. This was nothing formal, nothing worked out by military officials, just a spontaneous concurrence between common soldiers in the front-line trenches.

Handmade signs popped up with messages like, "You no fight, we no fight" and "Merry Christmas." Soon soldiers from both sides left their trenches and shook hands. Next, they began to exchange gifts, mostly food that had been sent to the front lines for the holidays. In some sectors, the two sides put down their rifles and play soccer.

Of course, it did not last beyond a couple of days. For a few days at least, both sets of troops tried to keep the spirit of peace going by firing into the air instead of at each other—a small glimpse of the Kingdom of God. Sadly however, the unhappy generals commanded their troops to begin fighting again. Yet, the spontaneous truce happened, inspired by Christmas. It tells us that peace on earth is not an impossible dream, just a difficult one. Let us continue to pray for peace throughout the world. May the bright star of Bethlehem inspire anew a Christmas peace. May this Christmas peace reign in our hearts and within our families and within our world today and everyday.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "The light of the righteous shines brightly." ~ Proverbs 13:9

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: After mass one day a young boy told his parents that he was going to be priest. "That is great," they said, "and why do you want to be a priest?" He answered, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit and listen."



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, January 6, 2026

7:00pm **Corey Grant** – Joyce Conroy Family
Intentions of Mario Lopes – Pat & Donna
10Kelly

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

8:30am **Jack Miller**

Thursday, January 8, 2026

10:00am **Intentions of Bishop Joseph Dabrowski**

Friday, January 9, 2026

8:30am **Souls in Purgatory**

Saturday, January 10, 2025

5:00pm **Intentions of Eileen Long** – Terrence
Long

Sunday, January 11, 2025

9:00am **Don Giles** – Mary Epoch

11:00am **Intentions of the Parishioners of St.
Joseph Church**

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 4, 2026

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? 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

Details on the Christmas collections were not available at the time of printing of this bulletin. It will be provided soon!



2026 Vocation Prayer Calendar

Enclosed with this bulletin is the January and February pages from our Diocesan Prayer Calendar for 2026. Please be sure to keep these priests, deacons, members of religious orders and others in your prayers.

Next COR Meeting – January 10th

Men of the Parish are invited to join fellow parishioners on Saturday, January 10th at 10am in the Marian Room for fellowship and spiritual education.



Interested in Lending a Helping Hand?

Guelph and Area Right to Life has volunteer opportunities which they are seeking to fill, such as general admin help; mailout prep; donation sorting; and others. If you think you would be interested in helping out, give them a call at 519-836-6311. They would love to connect with you.

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.

Enhancing Self-Esteem

This program provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. It can help you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will run **Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21** from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.



Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast

Breakfast is served this Sunday, January 4th after each Mass. Join the Knights and fellow parishioners for good food, good company and support the Knights' charities.

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Upcoming Parish Events

January 10/26	COR Men's Meeting 10am
January 11/26	CWL General Meeting after 11am Mass
January 13/26	Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg 7:30
January 14/26	Confirmation Meeting – 7:00pm
January 21/26	RCIA
January 27/26	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
January 27/26	Knights of Columbus Gen. Mtg 7:30pm

JANUARY 2026

"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

2026 Vocations Prayer Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God</i>	2 Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.	3 Very Rev. Adrian Lee
4 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	5 Rev. Mark Morley	6 Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen	7 Diocesan Priests	8 Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J.	9 Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz	10 Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
11	12 Rev. Scott Whitfield	13 Rev. Stanley Nwokeji	14 Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.	15 Rev. Peter Robinson	16 Rev. James Petrie	17 Married Couples
18 <i>2nd Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	19 Rev. Donald Wilhelm	20 Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico	21 Hospitalier Order of St. John of God, O.H.	22 Rev. Guillermo Diaz	23 Rev. Paul Edmondstone	24 Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek
<i>Prayer for Christian Unity 18 - 25</i>						
25 <i>3rd Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	26 Rev. Timothy Higgins	27 Very Rev. David Wymen	28 Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, C.M.I.	29 Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk	30 Rev. Marko Stefanec	31 Rev. Edward Mahony
<i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>						St. John Bosco, Priest

Prayer for Vocations

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

FEBRUARY 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 4 th Sunday Ordinary Time	2 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> World Day for Consecrated Life	3 Rev. Allen Variaki	4 Missionaries	5 Rev. Charles Jordan	6 Rev. Ken Miskiewicz	7 Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.
8 5 th Sunday Ordinary Time	9 Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.	10 St. Scholastica, Virgin	11 Discalced Carmelite Nuns, O.C.D.	12 Parents & Guardians	13 Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.	14 Rev. Adam Voisin
15 6 th Sunday Ordinary Time	16 Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.	17 Rev. Robert Love	18 Ash Wednesday	19 Rev. Jeffery Oehring	20 Rev. Francesco Cucchi	21 Rev. Mark Gatto
22 1 st Sunday of Lent	23 Rev. Joonbin Lim	24 Rev. Ralph Diodati	25 Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, R.S.C.J.	26 Rev. Saiju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.	27 Rev. Kevin Upendran	28 Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.

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