

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.

EUCARISTIC 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 Hétu 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 Hétu



This week, we celebrated the annual *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. The theme, this year, is taken from Ephesians 4:4 "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." This is an invitation to all Christians to truly become followers of Jesus and in turn share the good news with others.

In today's Gospel, we have the calling of the first apostles Simon-Peter, along with his brother Andrew and the Zebedee brothers James and John. Saskia Sivananthan reminds us that: "Every day thousands of men and women hear a call to be priests, nuns, teachers, healers and more. They have described that call as so urgent and strong that they drop the lives they are leading to follow it."

Our call might not be as urgent and strong as others; nevertheless, by our baptism and confirmation, we have all been called by Jesus. Yes, we are called to believe, to trust and to live lives that reflect our living faith. Through the examples of the apostles, we are reminded we need to have absolute faith in God, even to be willing to leave the life we know to follow him. God is calling. Are we listening? Do we hear? The rewards are heavenly!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "One kind word can warm three winter months." ~ Japanese Proverb

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: The strongman at a circus squeezed the juice from a lemon between his hands. He then said to the audience, "I will offer \$200 to anyone in the audience who can squeeze another drop from this lemon." A thin scholarly looking woman came forward, picked up the lemon, strained hard and managed to get a drop. The strongman was amazed. He paid the woman and asked, "What is the secret of your strength?" "Practice," the woman answered. "I was the treasurer of a church for thirty-two years!"



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 27, 2026

7:00pm Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

8:30am Lorna Conway – The Eng Family
10:30am Highland Manor Mass

Thursday, January 29, 2026

8:30am Intentions of Sylus Lingard

Friday, January 30, 2026

8:30am Intentions of Rose Pratt

Saturday, January 31, 2026

5:00pm Intentions of Jack Clerkin
Intentions of Brigitte Quinke
Kathleen McPhillips

Sunday, February 1, 2026

9:00am Fr. Richard Hurdle – A friend
11:00am Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Contributions for January 17 & 18, 2026

Regular Collection	\$1,840.10
Initial Offering	\$ 60.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00
Seminary Appeal	\$ 30.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 10.00

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jan. 25, 2026

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you feel that God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Anointing of the Sick Mass

Join us for an Anointing of the Sick Mass on February 11th (which is the World Day of the Sick) at 11:00am. Following Mass, the ladies of the CWL will be providing a lunch for us all. Enclosed with this bulletin is a registration form for everyone attending to complete and turn in. If you require assistance and wish to bring someone, please know they are welcome to attend both Mass and lunch. We do need to ensure we have enough food for everyone so please turn in your registration form as quickly as you can. If you would like to volunteer to bring a crockpot of soup, please let us know.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). For more information or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Wellington Pregnancy Centre – Diaper Drive

We are hoping, with your help, to participate in the Pregnancy Care Centre's Diaper Drive, running from February 1st to February 28th. We are encouraged to donate diapers sized newborn & sizes 5-7, pull ups, wipes and other baby related essentials such as diaper cream and baby wash. A table will be set up in the Narthex next weekend to start the collection and if you are able to help, please know that your contribution is greatly needed and greatly appreciated.

When Life Changes Grief Program Part One

Using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material these programs are intended to help you to understand your grief and provide practical tips and support for helping you through. The program will be offered Feb. 18 – March 25th from 1:30 to 3:00 PM at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. All are welcome. To register, look for the program start date under Upcoming Events on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Parenting Tip

Parents constantly undertake the task of correcting poor behaviour in their children. To help them grow to be good and capable adults, it is important they learn proper behaviours, etiquette and good manners; parents are the first and foremost educators of all of these. Instead of reprimanding when undesired behaviours arise, ask them how they should be acting, or what would be a better way to act? Take a moment to remind them that their Baptism calls them to follow a better way, undertaking the same actions that Jesus would, ways of caring, love and compassion. Relating their behaviours to their faith provides a guidepost for actions throughout their lives and a way to live fully their Baptism.

Marriage Tip

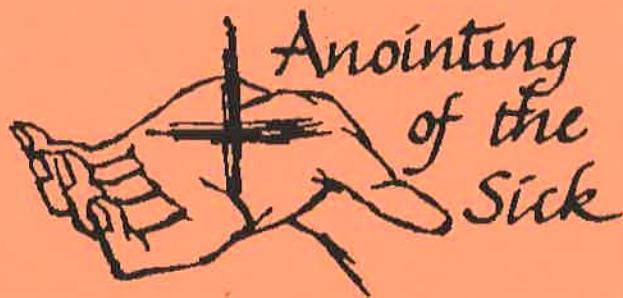
Gratitude has proven to be one way that we can feel more joy in our everyday living. In our marriages, all the good moments can slip past our awareness when we focus instead on those that are annoying. What if you took time at the end of each day to review the day with eyes of gratitude instead of discontent? You would find that you can be thankful for so many things, for example: a spouse to share your home with, to share parenting with, to make you coffee or dinner, to the shared glance, smile or kiss that day. And there is more: a person who shares your values, who supports your faith, someone who is a forever friend. When we focus on gratitude, our relationship has a different look and feel and both spouse's benefit! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Shine a Light

Join Guelph & Area Right to Life for Shine a Light, a peaceful and prayerful gathering to witness to the dignity of human life and bring hope to our community on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, from 7:00–8:00 PM, outside Guelph City Hall. All are welcome to gather in prayer and solidarity as we shine a light for life. guelphforlife.com/shine-a-light.

Upcoming Parish Events

January 27	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
January 27	Knights of Columbus Gen. Mtg 7:30pm
January 28	RCIA 7:00pm
January 28	Highland Manor Mass 10:30
February 1	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
February 7	Baptismal Prep Class 9am – 11am
February 10	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting, after 7pm Mass
February 11	Anointing of the Sick Mass 11am
February 14	COR Men's Meeting 10am



**Mass at
St. Joseph's Parish, Fergus
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 11:00 am**

REGISTRATION FORM

Who can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick?

Any member of the faithful can receive this sacrament as soon as he or she begins to be in danger of death because of sickness or old age. They do not need to be in imminent danger of dying. It is appropriate to be anointed before a medical procedure. The faithful who receive this sacrament can receive it several times if their illness becomes worse or another serious sickness afflicts them. The celebration of this sacrament should, if possible, be preceded by individual confession on the part of the sick person.

Person being anointed: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Do you have any special needs (e.g. Use a wheelchair or walk with walker/cane?)

of other people attending with you (approx.): _____

Will you be attending lunch? Yes No

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