

# St. Joseph's Parish

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Robert Hétu, P.P.

**SECRETARY:** Mrs. Lori Cipparrone

**CUSTODIAN:** Mr. Richard Kocyla

**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



Liturgically, the Christmas Season ends today on the Baptism of the Lord. It got me thinking. How many of us actual know the date of our baptism? I do. I was baptized on Sunday, March 23, 1958. I do not remember anything since I was just ten days old, but I know that it was a date that changed me for eternity. On that day, I became a child of God. Through the faith on my parents, godparents and the believing community, I was changed for ever.

I was interested to read that the 13<sup>th</sup> century king of France, St. Louis IX (1226-1270), insisted that the grand celebration of his birthday should be held on the day of his baptism, and not on his birthday proper. His argument was that baptism was the beginning of a life that would continue for eternity in the everlasting glory of heaven. This is something, I believe, we should take time to ponder and reflect on often.

The symbolic baptism from John was a very important event in the life of Jesus. It was a moment of decision. It marked the end of the private life of Jesus, which prepared him for his public ministry. It was a moment of identification with his people in their God-ward movement initiated by John the Baptist. It was a moment of approval. Jesus might have been waiting for a signal of approval from the Father when he said, *"This is my Son, the Beloved; with whom I am well pleased."* So, what does our baptism mean for us? What does my baptism mean for me?

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "As the waters of baptism washed away the past, may our present be filled with spiritual growth and many blessings, and our future with the hope of eternal life." ~ Fr. Robert Hétu

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** Bubba went to his first Christening last week. He said, "It was tragic...just tragic. They had to hit the kid three times before the Champagne bottle broke. The baby didn't cry, but I did. What a waste of good Champagne!"

### The Baptism of the Lord - January 11, 2026

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



### 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 13, 2026

7:00pm Intentions of Pat Kelly  
Intentions of David Russell

#### Wednesday, January 14, 2026

8:30am Intentions of Ann Forester & Family –  
Jane Thatcher

#### Thursday, January 15, 2026

8:30am Intentions of Joseph Degnato

#### Friday, January 16, 2026

8:30am Deceased members of the Beaudry  
Family – Fern & Marie Beaudry  
9:15am St. Joseph School Mass  
Michael O'Donnell – Staff of St. Joseph  
School

#### Saturday, January 17, 2026

5:00pm Intentions of Cory Schumacher – Cam  
Schumacher  
Intentions of Pat Clerkin  
Intentions of Molly Myers  
Denis O'Connor – Brian & Sheli

#### Sunday, January 11, 2026

9:00am For the Intentions of the Students of St.  
Joseph School - CWL  
11:00am Intentions of the Parishioners of St.  
Joseph Church

### Church Contributions

#### December 20 & 21, 2025

Regular Offering	\$ 1,917.00
Christmas Floral Tributes	\$ 435.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 240.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00

#### December 24 & 25, 2025

Regular Offering	\$ 2,000.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 6,540.00
Building Fund	\$ 350.00

#### December 27 & 28, 2025

Regular Offering	\$ 1,550.00
Initial Offering	\$ 35.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 3,270.00

#### December 31 & January 1, 2026

Regular Offerings	\$ 200.00
Initial Offerings	\$ 525.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,775.00
Building Fund	\$ 305.00

### Contributions Cont'd

#### January 3 & 4, 2026

Regular Collection	\$1,888.25
Initial Offering	\$ 180.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 80.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 120.00
Building Fund	\$ 130.00



#### CWL Meeting This Sunday

Ladies of the parish are reminded that the CWL will be meeting this Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00am Mass to discuss plans for 2026. See you there!

#### Ministers Of The Word

The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in *Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice*. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. *Saturday, January 24, 2026, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.* Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/12/ministers-of-the-word-formation-workshop-4/>



#### Candidate and Parents' Confirmation Meeting

A meeting will take place in the Church at 7:00pm on January 14<sup>th</sup> for Candidates for Confirmation. Both candidates and their parents should plan to attend the meeting to receive all the important information.

#### 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.

### Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board is now accepting new registrations for Kindergarten students! 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](http://findmyschool.ca) find your local Catholic school using your home address
- **Pre-Register.** Complete the [online pre-registration form](http://wellingtoncdsb.ca) available at [wellingtoncdsb.ca](http://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](http://wellingtoncdsb.ca) or contact your local Catholic school. We look forward to welcoming your family into our school community this fall!

#### 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 7:00pm
January 27/26	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
January 27/26	Knights of Columbus Gen. Mtg 7:30pm



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