

St. Joseph's Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

SECRETARY: Mrs. Lori Cipparrone

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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.

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 Hétu



A mission team from a church in Ohio traveled to a financially depressed area of eastern Kentucky where they helped to build a house for a low-income family. When they arrived, they found that the concrete footer for the house had been poured the previous week by another work team, so the first job of the new team was to lay up the foundation, using cement blocks. They were working under the direction of a professional builder, and he did not just hand out trowels and tell the team to go at it. Instead, he first set the blocks in all four corners, to the full height of the foundation. Next, he laid the first row of blocks all the way around. Then, and only then, did he let the team members lay blocks.

What the builder had done is make sure that the cornerstones were square and true and the first round of blocks was set properly. That way, he assured that the amateurs on the team would not get the blocks too far away from where things were supposed to be to build a proper house. Get the corners right, and the rest can line up with that. That was the cornerstone lesson.

The team also learned about stumbling blocks. As some of the members worked directly on the foundation, other team members mixed the mortar and still others carried the block to the wall. The problem was, if they did not place them just right, those working on the walls tripped over them. The blocks were a nuisance underfoot.

We are called to be building blocks in God's kingdom, but if we do not respond, we can become stumbling blocks in the way of others working for the Lord. In this week of prayer for Christian unity, let us work together for the betterment of God's Kingdom here on earth. Let us follow the example of Jesus. So, are we building blocks or stumbling blocks?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "A story without an author is not worth listening to." ~ Irish Proverb

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Four-year-old Richie opened the big bible which had been in his family for years. Absolutely fascinated, he flicked through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the bible. Richie picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old dry leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mom, look what I've found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think I've found Adam's underwear!"



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 20, 2026

7:00pm **Ludvico Beia** – Peter & Carol Landoni

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

8:30am **Special Intentions**

Thursday, January 22, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Thomas Clerkin**

Friday, January 23, 2026

8:30am **Souls in Purgatory**

Saturday, January 24, 2026

5:00pm **Sonny Clerkin**

Intentions of Fr. Robert Hétu – Tom &
Lena Nudds

Peter Sheridan

Martin Keogh – Betty Boyd & Family

Sunday, January 25, 2025

9:00am **Deacon Ken Baldwin** – A friend

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jan. 18, 2026

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called 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

Church Contributions

January 10 & 11, 2026

Regular Collection	\$1,853.85
Initial Offering	\$ 110.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 65.00



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. For more info, visit guelphforlife.com/shine-a-light

St. John's Parish, Guelph **3rd Annual Valentine's Day Gala**

Join us for an elegant evening of dinner and dancing on Saturday, February 21 at the Italian Canadian Club, 135 Ferguson Street, Guelph. Doors open at 6:00 pm. \$100 per person (Includes a 3-course dinner: Winter Salad, Mushroom Risotto, Chicken Supreme, and Tartufo) DJ, dancing, door prizes, and much more. Tickets available from January 17 - February 8: Email sjsocialcommittee@gmail.com or call St. John's at 519-824-7311 or 226-979-9340 to reserve tickets.

Young Adults Night

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, February 7th at the St. Michael's Church, Waterloo ON.** Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Calling All Moms!

Guelph Catholic Moms Group Ministry
Free, Fun, Faith Filled Afternoon
Every First Wednesday of the Month
Wednesday, February 4th
4:30pm - 6:00pm (Use Rear Entrance)
Kids are Always Welcome
RSVP

email: st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com
St. John the Baptist 45 Victoria Rd. North, Guelph

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 find your local Catholic school using your home address
- **Pre-Register.** Complete the [online pre-registration form](http://wellingtoncdsb.ca/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

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
January 28/26	RCIA 7:00pm
February 1/26	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
February 7/26	Baptismal Prep Class 9am – 11am
February 10/26	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting, after 7pm Mass
February 14/26	COR Men's Meeting



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