

St. Joseph's Parish

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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.

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



Believe it or not, Lent is upon us! On Wednesday, we begin the Season of Lent, the forty-day period that reflects the forty days Jesus fasted in the wilderness. Lent is a time of spiritual self-examination that prepares us to not only observe his Passion, but eventually, to also celebrate his Resurrection. Self-examination is accomplished with spiritual disciplines: prayer, Bible reading, meditation, fasting, good works, confession, generosity and similar practices. A "discipline," which comes from the same root word as does "disciple," helps us to see ourselves the way God sees us.

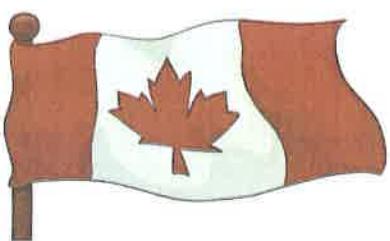
Perhaps one of the least recognized of these disciplines is generosity. Lent is a time for a fresh opening of ourselves to God; a chance to start anew after this period of self-examination. It calls us back to our best character goals, to our commitment to follow Jesus, and gives us a chance to realign ourselves as a steward of all of God's gifts. May we generously share our Time, Talent and Treasure!

A friendly reminder that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are still days of fast and abstinence.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT "Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt." ~ Pope Francis

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: It's the start of Lent. If you made a New Year's resolution, and failed to keep it, Lent is a great opportunity to fail at it again.

Happy Birthday to our Canadian Flag
(1965 – February 15 – 2026)
Sixty-one never looked so good!



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, February 17, 2026

7:00pm **Special Intentions of Liam Cipparrone –**
Frank and Lori Cipparrone

Wednesday February 18/26 ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30am **Margot Hennessey –** Fern & Marie
Beaudry

9:15am **St. Joseph School Ash Wednesday**
Mass

7:00pm **Ash Wednesday Mass**

Thursday, February 19, 2026

8:30am **Jack Miller**

Friday, February 20, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Jay & Sharon Gross**

Saturday, February 21, 2026

5:00pm **Cathy Angelone –** Wayne & Joanne
England

Gerry Doyle – Mac & Gail Brown

Intentions of Richard Kocyla

Sunday, February 22, 2026

9:00am **Intentions of the Parishioners of St.**
Joseph Parish

11:00am **Intentions of the Knights of Columbus**
#8951 Port Perry – Robin Rogers

Contributions for February 8, 2026

Regular Collection	\$1,574.90
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Solemnity of Mary	\$ 40.00
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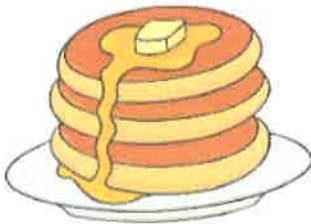
Seminary Appeal	\$ 210.00
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Building Fund	\$ 60.00
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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 15, 2026

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com





Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Knights of Columbus will, once again, be holding a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday - February 17th - from 5:00 to 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's Hall. We will be serving buttermilk pancakes (gluten-free will be available), sausage and maple syrup with juice, coffee and tea. Free Will Donations will be accepted on behalf of Michael House, the support facility in Guelph for single Mothers and their children. Please mark your calendar and join us.

Praying the Stations with Mary, the Mother of Jesus

The Stations present the way of the cross through Mary's viewpoint. Join us **Thursday mornings during Lent** following morning mass shortly after nine. We will start on **February 19**.

You can also join to Fr. Robert on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm starting February 25th** for the Stations of the Cross, an excellent part of any Lenten preparation

Volunteer Opportunity:

The St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council of Guelph Social Justice Group is looking for volunteers to help in upcoming projects.

Social Justice is a key component of Society of St. Vincent de Paul where we examine the root causes of poverty, create strategies and advocate to change those structures that keep people in poverty. Our work follows the Ten Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. At present we are working with our students in high school so they can learn about Social Justice and engage in projects to address the needs of those we serve, supporting affordable housing initiatives and helping families to sign up for Canada Learning Bond. We are especially looking for retired teachers and others to assist with our work with youth and share their expertise in the area of Social Justice.

If interested in learning more, please send contact information to socialjusticeclbguelph@gmail.com and someone from our committee will contact you to provide more detail.

Regina Caeli Academy Gala

The independent Catholic school opening in Guelph in September 2026 will host a gala on Saturday, April 11, 2026. The event will feature dinner, dancing, a silent auction, and many prizes. Tickets are \$140 each. A portion of the ticket price may be eligible for a tax receipt. For more information, to order tickets, to pay by e-transfer, or to donate a prize, please contact info@reginacaeliacademy.ca. Thank you for supporting Regina Caeli Academy.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary

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). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Wellington Pregnancy Centre – Diaper Drive

A reminder we are collecting diapers sized newborn & sizes 5-7, pull ups, wipes and other baby related essentials such as diaper cream and baby wash for the Pregnancy Centre. A table is set up in the Narthex and any contribution you can make will be greatly appreciated by the women the Centre helps.

Upcoming Parish Events

February 14	COR Men's Meeting 10am
February 16	Family Day – Church Office Closed
February 17	Pancake Supper 5-6:30pm
February 18	Ash Wednesday, 8:30am & 7pm
February 18	St. Joseph School Mass-Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15am
February 19	Mary's Way of the Cross 9:00am
February 22	1 st Communion Registration Deadline
February 24	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
February 24	Knights of Columbus General Mtg 7:30pm
February 25	Highland Manor Mass 10:30am
February 25	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
February 25	RCIA 7:30pm
April 1	Knights of Columbus Breakfast



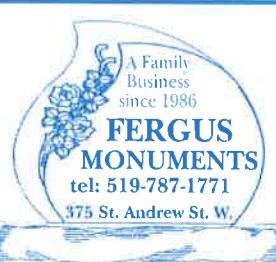
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