

St. Joseph's Parish

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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 Héту



Lent summons us more urgently to prepare ourselves by a purification of spirit through fasting and almsgiving. Pope St. Leo the Great tells us that, "The special note of the paschal feast is this: the whole Church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins. It rejoices in the forgiveness not only of those who are reborn in holy baptism but also of those who are already numbered among God's adopted children."

Our initial rebirth by baptism requires a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature. We all must strive to ensure that on the day of redemption we will not be found in our old life of sin. St. Leo reminds us that what we are called to do daily should be done more intently during this holy season. "So that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin."

There is no greater companion to spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. Almsgiving is not only for the rich. Again St. Leo reminds us that, "Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts." Remember the lowly widow's mite. Jesus saw the depth of her 'small' but 'loving' sacrifice. May our prayer throughout Lent be: "Lord, draw us from the dark ashes of death to the light of new life."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves...What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life—the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation." ~ Catherine de Hueck Doherty (founder of Madonna House)

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: The Children's Liturgy teacher needed some supplies from the program's cupboard but did not know the combination. So, Fr. Jack offered to give it a try. He placed his fingers on the lock's dial and raised his eyes heavenward. Then he confidently spun the dial and opened the lock. The teacher was very impressed by his demonstration of faith. Father smiled and confessed, "The numbers are written on the ceiling."



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, March 3 2026

7:00pm **For Peace**

Wednesday March 4, 2026

8:30am **Lynn Berard** – Fern & Marie Beaudry

7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**

Thursday, March 5, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Gord and Barbara VanderVoort**

9:00am **Stations of Mary, Mother of Jesus**

Friday, March 6, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Intentions of Donna MacInnis**

9:15am **St. Joseph School Mass** – Colleen Goodwin – Pam Pegelo

Saturday, March 7, 2026

5:00pm **Billy Holzel** – Wally & Rose Anne Sander

Sunday, March 8, 2026

9:00am **Gerry Doyle** – Jane Thatcher

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

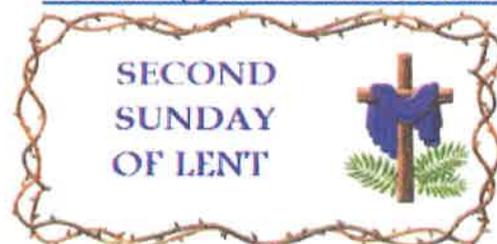
Contributions for February 22, 2026

Regular Collection	\$1,911.35
Building Fund	\$ 962.55
St. Vincent de Paul - February	\$3,083.00

Second Sunday of Lent – March 1, 2026

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



**Listening And Fasting: Pope Leo XIV's
Message For Lent 2026**

Pope Leo XIV's message for Lent 2026, entitled "Listening and fasting. Lent as a time of Conversion," was published on Friday, February 13, by the Holy See Press Office. To read Pope Leo's message, and download a helpful infographic, visit the Dicastery for Integral Human Development here: www.humandevlopment.va.

World Day of Prayer

Join Christians from our community at Melville United Church, 300 St. Andrews Street West, Fergus on Friday March 6 at 2 p.m. to pray for the women and children of Nigeria. This year the Theme is: "I will Give You Rest: Come". All are Welcome.



40 Days For Life Special Mass

On March 14th at 9am Bishop Dabrowski will be visiting the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate for a special 40 Days for Life Mass. It will take place in March 14 at 9am and will be followed in the hall for refreshments and a special presentation. For more information go to guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life.

St. Vincent de Paul Housekeeping Notes

If you chose to make a donation to St. Vincent De Paul, please be certain to make all **cheques payable to St. Vincent de Paul** and not to your Parish. Each have their own banking setup, and cannot accept each others' cheques.

Also, St. Vincent de Paul is always ready to welcome new volunteers to assist with the great work they do in our community. If you would like to learn more, you are welcome to come to one of their monthly meetings or call Jane Thatcher at 519-787-1961.

CCCB Lenten Reflection Series

This Lent, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops invite you to join His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miem, Bishop of Peterborough, in a six-week video series of Lenten reflections on the Sunday Scriptures. The first week has passed, but its not too late to start. Join here: ww.cccb.com.

Are You Missing a Coat?

We have noticed a coat hanging on the coat rack near the Men's and Women's bathrooms and it has been there since sometime in December. It is a nice warm coat with a hood and is thigh length. If you or someone you know is missing a coat, please stop by and have a look.

Stations of the Cross

Don't forget that you have two opportunities to join fellow parishioners for the Stations of the Cross this Lent. Fr. Robert will offer Stations on Wednesdays evening at 7pm and the CWL will lead the Stations from Mary's perspective on Thursdays after the 8:30am Mass.

Christian Prayer for Peace

Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be known as the Children of God.

But I say to you that hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

To those who strike you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from those who take away your cloak, do not withhold your coat as well.

Give to everyone who begs from you, and of those who take away your goods, do not ask for them again. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.



Upcoming Events.

March 4	Stations of the Cross 7pm
March 4	RCIA 7:30pm
March 5	Stations of Mary, Mother of Jesus 9am
March 6	St. Joseph School Mass 9:15am
March 10	Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg
March 11	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
March 11	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
March 12	Stations of Mary, Mother of Jesus 9am
March 14	COR Men's Meeting 10am



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

February 23, 2026

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent presents to us the privileged paths of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, inviting us to strip away all that holds us back from a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Prayer connects us with the very Author of life, while fasting sharpens our attention to those things which truly nourish our spirit. Almsgiving, in turn, is an essential expression of our Lenten journey, allowing us to put our faith into action by serving the Lord through those whom He holds so dearly: the poor and the disadvantaged.

Giving to those in need not only helps to transform their lives—a worthy pursuit in itself—but it transforms our own hearts and lives as well. Serving Christ in His poor configures us more closely to the Lord and draws us nearer to the Kingdom He proclaimed during His public ministry. In *Dilexi te*, Pope Leo XIV's recent Apostolic Exhortation, our Holy Father reminds us: "*I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society, if we can only set ourselves free of our self-centeredness and open our ears to their cry.*"

On Sunday, March 22, 2026, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, our parishes will invite support for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada through the Solidarity Sunday Collection. This year's Share Lent campaign, *On Track for Justice*, is an important expression of solidarity with Catholics across Canada and with our brothers and sisters throughout the world who rely on these vital humanitarian initiatives. I am deeply grateful for your generous support in past years and for the many ways you continue to advance works of justice and compassion.

This collection takes place during the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi, proclaimed by the Holy Father to mark 800 years since the saint's passing to eternal life. The life of Saint Francis bears enduring witness to the inseparable bond between Christ and the poor, reminding us that self-giving love for Christ bears abundant evangelical fruit in every generation. May his example inspire us to respond generously to those in need this Solidarity Sunday.

As we journey through Lent, let us recall the words of the prophet Micah and embrace anew what the Lord asks of us: "*to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God*" (Micah 6:8). With gratitude and prayerful best wishes for a blessed and fruitful Lenten journey, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Joseph Dabrowski

Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA
Bishop of Hamilton

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Centre Wellington Ministerial Association

presents

Lunch and Learn in Lent

Melville United Church

@ noon

February 26

Hugh Shankland (TV Production)

March 5

Phil Irish (Painter)

March 12

Father Robert Héту (Poet)

March 19

Speaker to be determined

March 27

Morissa Nicole Brown (Singer/Actor)

Soup prepared by the local Churches

2026 Vocations Prayer Calendar

MARCH 2026

"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2nd Sunday of Lent <i>Day of Prayer for Victims & Survivors of Abuse</i>	Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk	Society of African Missions, S.M.A.	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch	<i>World Day of Prayer</i>	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3rd Sunday of Lent	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony	Rev. Patras Samuel Masih	Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M.	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.	Parish & Chancery Staff	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4th Sunday of Lent	Rev. Deaha (John) Kim	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, C.S.J.	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rev. Luis Inacio	Rev. Kazimierz Tyberski, O.M.I.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5th Sunday of Lent	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki	The Annunciation of the Lord	Rev. Lajos Angyal	Rev. Joseph Durkacz	Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly
29	30	31				
Palm Sunday The Passion of the Lord	Rev. David Mowat, C.R. Chrism Mass	Rev. Gregory Merkley				

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.

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APRIL 2026

"Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I.	2 <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	3 <i>The Passion of the Lord</i>	4 <i>Holy Saturday</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>The Resurrection of the Lord</i>	Rev. Andrew Quarshie	Rev. Ronald Voisin	Jesuit Fathers, S.J.	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.	Rev. Richard Dordunu	Rev. Donald Sarvido
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	Rev. Ross Campbell	Most Rev. Joseph A. Dabrowski, C.S.M.A	Permanent Deacons	Grandparents & the Elderly	Rev. Moices Caballero	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	Rev. Robert Sims	Rev. Jason Kuntz	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb, S.O.C.	Rev. Edward Hinsperger	Rev. Msgr. David Reliander	Rev. Matthew Durham
26	27	28	29	30		
<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	Rev. Robert Kiffman	Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.	Order of St. Augustine, O.S.A.	Rev. Alberto Ferreira		
<i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>			Vocations Recognition Dinner			

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