

# St. Joseph's Parish

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Robert Héту, 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.

## 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



St. Jean-Marie Vianney, patron saint of priests, tells us that, "prayer is a foretaste of heaven." During the season of Lent, we are called to pray ever faithfully. To pray and be in conversation with God is a supreme good. Prayer is a light for the soul. St. John Chrysostom suggests that it is a partnership and union with God. "As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illuminated by [God's] infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods but continuously throughout the day and night."

Furthermore, St. John Chrysostom reminds us that, "prayer stands before God as an honoured ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayers not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by [human beings] but by God's grace."

Poetically he continues, "Paint your house with the colours of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer." May our daily living be one continuous prayer for the glory and honour of God! May our prayer throughout Lent be: "Lord, draw us from the dark ashes of death to the light of new life."

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun." -St. Josemaría Escrivá

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** Three fundamental truths about recognition: 1) Jews and Muslims don't recognize Jesus as the Son of God, 2) Protestants don't recognize the Pope as the Vicar of Christ, and 3) Baptist don't recognize each other at the bar on Saturday nights.



## 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 10, 2026

7:00pm **Elaine Kenny** – The Reidy Family

#### **Special Intentions**

#### Wednesday March 11, 2026

8:30am **Martha Mills** – Jane Thatcher

10:30am **Caressant Care Mass**

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

7:30pm **RCIA**

#### Thursday, March 12, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Gord and Barb Vandervoort**

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

#### Friday, March 13, 2026

8:30am **Magnus Schmidt**

#### Saturday, March 14, 2026

5:00pm **Intentions of Fr. Robert Héту  
Maria Da Gloria Dias Vieira** – Tania Brenes

**Celestina Fabico** – Randy

**Berney Sytsma** – Carol Burns

#### Sunday, March 15, 2026

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

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

#### Contributions for March 1, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,333.40
Share Lent	\$ 100.00
Building Fund	\$ 170.00

#### Third Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2026

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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. or [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**THIRD  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

### **Jubilee Year Of St. Francis Of Assisi**

From Jan 10, 2026 to Jan 10, 2027, the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions (confession, Communion, prayer for the Holy Father, detachment from sin) and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit, such as pilgrimage, prayer, works of charity, and humble service. To learn more about this Holy Year, visit <https://bit.ly/yearoffrancis>.

### **Men's Cor Gathering**

Join us Saturday March 14th at 10:00am in the St Joseph's parish hall for our next Cor gathering. Mr. John Heil will give a presentation and lead a discussion on "Apart From Me You Can Do Nothing". You don't have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus to take advantage of these informative and fraternal gatherings. Each gathering concludes with a coffee social. Bring a friend

### **Knights of Columbus Membership Dues**

A reminder to the men of the Parish that your Knights of Columbus membership dues need to be submitted soon. You can drop it off at the Church Office or in the weekend collection basket. Thank you.

### **Development & Peace On Track for Justice Magazine**

Enclosed in this weekend's bulletin you will find a copy of Development and Peace's magazine which details how donations to Share Lent make a difference in the world. We are only allowed a limited quantity of copies, so be sure to pick up your copy of the bulletin as quickly as possible.

### **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.

### **C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf – Registration Now Open**

We're gearing up for a milestone summer as we celebrate 85 years of amazing Catholic camping, and we couldn't be more excited. We offer day camps, overnight and leadership options. Camp Brebeuf is open anyone from the age of 4 all the way up to 16. Activities include outdoor adventures and camping, arts, crafts, creativity, sports & team challenges, music, dance and fun performances. For more information or to email [office.camp@campbrebeuf.ca](mailto:office.camp@campbrebeuf.ca). You can also check out our website to see the themes for each week at [www.campbrebeuf.ca](http://www.campbrebeuf.ca). The camp is located in Rockwood (8434 Wellington Rd 27).

### **40 Days For Life Special Mass**

On March 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life).

### **Hope After An Abortion**

Are you struggling with an abortion decision – either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

### **Upcoming Events.**

March 10	Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg
March 11	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
March 11	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
March 11	RCIA 7:30pm
March 12	Stations of Mary, Mother of Jesus 9am
March 14	COR Men's Meeting 10am
March 18	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
March 18	RCIA 7:30pm
March 19	Stations of Mary, Mother of Jesus 9am
March 19	8:30am and 7:00pm Mass for St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin



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