

St. Joseph's Parish

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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 Héту



During our Lenten discipline, it is a good time to remind ourselves that there are three things by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant and virtue endures. They are prayer, mercy, and fasting. St. Peter Chrysologus preached, "Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one and they give life to each other." He also remarked that, "fasting is the soul of prayer—mercy is the lifeblood of fasting."

When we pray, we should fast; when we fast, we should show mercy. If we want our petitions to be heard, we must hear the petitions of others. As Jesus reminds us, "*Do to others as you would have them do to you.*" (Matthew 7:12) This Lent, may we develop the good practice of showing mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as we want other to show us mercy. St. Peter went on to say: "Mercy is to fasting as rain is to the earth...if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin." May our mercy this Lent, and every day, fill our daily lives with an overflowing harvest. May our prayer throughout Lent be: "Lord, draw us from the dark ashes of death to the light of new life."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God." ~ Pope Benedict XVI

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: The parish secretary had a reputation for a hot temper. Somehow the local paper printed her obituary in error. She stormed into the newspaper's office and screamed, "The report of my death in the paper is a lie. I'll sue you for everything you got if you don't apologize in the next issue." In the next edition the following message was printed: "We regret very much that the notice of Mary-Anne Smith's death, which appeared in our last issue, was not true!"



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 24, 2026

7:00pm **Intentions of Paul & Emily Jordan & Family** – The Reidy Family
Intentions of Maya Wojciechowski

Wednesday March 25 2026 **The Annunciation**

8:30am **The Sick of the Parish** **of the Lord**
10:30am **Highland Manor Mass**
7:00pm **Mass**

Stations of the Cross
No RCIA Class this Wednesday

Thursday, March 26, 2026

8:30am **Jean Marie Héту** – The Family
9:00am **Stations of Mary, Mother of Jesus**
6:30pm **Penitential Service**

Friday, March 27, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Cindy Abela**

Saturday, March 28, 2026

3:30-4:30pm **Extended Confession Time**
5:00pm **Betty Johnson** – Joan Sims
Italo Rinaldi – Laurie Landoni
Intentions of Soada & Ram Singh
Jacqueline Halsall

Sunday, March 29, 2026

9:00am **Gerry Doyle**
11:00am **Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish**
12L00-12:30 **Extra Confession Time**

Contributions for March 8, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,114.85
Share Lent	\$ 150.00

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2026

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Join Us - March 25th Masses for The Annunciation of the Lord

On **March 25th** we will celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord with an 8:30am and 7:00pm Mass. Stations of the Cross will take place after the evening Mass and no RCIA class that evening.

**Wellington Deanery Lenten
Penitential Services**

We warmly welcome you to take part in one of two Penitential Services offered by the priests of Wellington Deanery. Each evening will begin with a brief Penitential Service, after which multiple priests will be available for individual confessions. The services will begin at 6:30pm, and last as long as it takes to hear your confessions.

**Tuesday, March 24 St. John's Church, Guelph
Thursday, March 26 St. Joseph's Church, Fergus**

Come and encounter the loving mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There is no better preparation for the great celebration of Easter. We are Yours in Christ -The Priests of Wellington Deanery

IMPORTANT CORRECTION – Last week's bulletin said the Services will begin at 7pm, which was incorrect – they will **begin at 6:30pm**

**Faith and Flavours Pilgrimage to Italy
November 3-14, 2026**

You are very welcome to join in a faith and flavour filled pilgrimage to Italy from November 3-14, 2026. Visits include Siena, Assisi, Monte Cassino, and Rome among others over an enjoyable ten-day pilgrimage. The cost of \$7,995.00 per person includes airfare, hotels, ground transportation, all admission fees, most meals, and the services of an expert English-speaking guide. Fr. Ian Duffy will be the spiritual director of this pilgrimage leading us in prayer in the footsteps of St. Catherine of Siena, Ss. Francis and Clare, Ss. Benedict and Scholastica, Ss. Peter and Paul, and many more. To register or for more information please call Edgar at 1-800-268-0900 ext. 233, or e-mail edgar@gateways-international.com. Space is limited so register soon.

Maryhill Park Fish Fry Fundraiser

Maryhill Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E.) **GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd 12 noon to 7 p.m.** Eat in or take out. **NO RESERVATIONS. Service in order of arrival.** First come- first served. Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce, lemon and gravy. 1 pc. - \$17; 2 pc. - \$20. Children 12 & under 1 pc - \$8.00 in house dining only! Hot Dogs \$3, French Fries \$3. Desserts \$1 & \$2. Refreshments available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. **CASH ONLY PLEASE!** Call ahead takeout orders **ARE MOST WELCOME.** For takeout call (519) 648-2939. Wheel Chair friendly.

2026 Easter Schedule

Enclosed with this week's bulletin you will find a Schedule for Holy Week, as well as for extended/extra Confessions times. Please be sure to keep this for future reference.

Easter Floral Tributes

As in past years, we are again offering you an opportunity to make a donation towards Easter flowers in memory of deceased loved ones. If you are interested, please complete the enclosed form and return in the collection plate or to the Office by April 1, 2026.



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who came out to support our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on behalf of Michael House, the home for single Mothers and their children in Guelph. Through your generous donations we raised \$750.00 and sent it off to Michael House with a \$250.00 top-up for a total donation of \$1,000.00.

**Help Not Harm: Support Bill C-218
Write your Member of Parliament Today!**

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Upcoming Events

March 24	Penitential Service, St. John's Parish, Guelph 6:30pm
March 24	Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30pm
March 25	Feast of the Annunciation 8:30am & 7pm
March 25	NO RCIA Class
March 26	Penitential Service St. Joseph Fergus at 6:30pm
March 31	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm

Wellington Deanery Lenten Penitential Services

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30pm St. John's Church, Guelph
and
Thursday, March 26, 6:30pm St. Joseph Church, Fergus

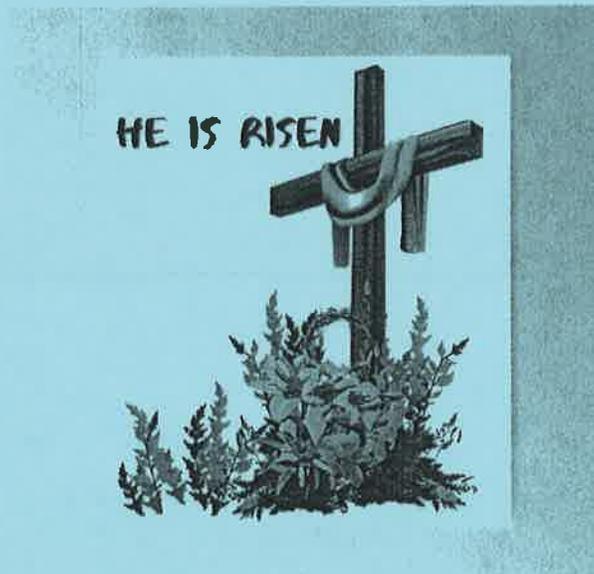
Confessions Times

Saturday, March 21	3:30pm to 4:30pm
Friday, March 27	8:00am to 8:30am
Saturday, March 28	3:30pm to 4:30pm
Sunday, March 29	12:00 to 12:30pm
Tuesday, March 31	7:30pm to 8:00pm
Wednesday, April 1	9:00am to 9:30am

(After April 1st, there will be no opportunity
for Confession until after Easter)

Holy Week

Holy Thursday Mass	7:00pm
Good Friday	11:00am and 3:00pm
Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil	8:00pm
Easter Sunday	9:00am and 11:00am





St. Joseph Parish's Easter Floral Tributes

In this Holy Season of Easter, as a mark of respect for your late loved ones, you can choose to honour their memory through an Easter Floral Tribute. Over Easter, the name of your deceased loved ones will be placed on the Altar and remembered at each Mass offered at St. Joseph Church.

Please complete the form below and return to the Church by April 1st.

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I/We _____ wish to dedicate an Easter

Floral Tribute for _____

and request that it be placed at the altar at St. Joseph's Church as a sign of remembrance and expression of our faith in Christ's promise of eternal life.

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