

From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Robert Héту

The Bishop of Paris, during the early part of the last century, was a great evangelizer. He liked to tell the story of a young man who would stand outside the cathedral and shout derogatory slogans at the people entering the church to worship. The people tried to ignore him but it was difficult. One day the rector went outside to confront him. The young man ranted and raved against everything the priest told him. Finally, he addressed the young scoffer by saying, "Look, let's get this over with once and for all. I'm going to dare you to do something and I bet you can't do it." The young man shot back, "I can do anything you propose, you white-robed wimp!" "All I ask you to do is to come into the sanctuary with me," said the priest. "I want you to stare at the figure of Jesus on His cross, and I want you to scream at the very top of your lungs, as loudly as you can. 'Jesus died on the cross for me, and I don't care one bit.'"

So, the man went into the sanctuary and looking at the figure on the cross and screamed the words as loudly as he could. The priest said, "Good. Now do it again." With a little more hesitancy, the man screamed the words again. "One more time," said the priest. The scoffer raised his fist, kept looking at the crucifix, but the words would not come. He just could not look at the face of Jesus and say those words anymore. The real punch line came when, after he told the story, the bishop said, "I was that young man!"

During this Holy Week, let us be confident and believe that all things are possible with God. Let us expect the unexpected. Let us 'remember that [we] are dust and unto dust [we] shall return.' Let us boldly and bravely proclaim, "Jesus died on the cross for me." May our prayer throughout Lent be: "Lord, draw us from the dark ashes of death to the light of new life."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "God's grace isn't 'fair' according to our standards of fairness...[God's] grace is totally underserved! ~ *The Word Among Us* (Lent 2026)

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Stop, Drop, And Roll—Won't Work in Hell.



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 31, 2026

7:00pm **Francis & Elizabeth Clerkin**
Jean-Marie & Thérèse Héту – The Family
Bernie Miller – Knights of Columbus

7:30-8:00pm **Confessions**

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

8:30 **Eileen Hoffman-Howard** – Albert Hoffman
9-9:30am **Confessions**
7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**
7:30pm **RCIA**

Thursday, April 2, 2026

7:00pm **Holy Thursday Mass**

Friday, April 3, 2026

11:00am **Passion Liturgy**
3:00pm **Passion Liturgy**

Passion Liturgy
(Good Friday)

Saturday, April 4, 2026

8:00pm **Intentions of the Halsall Family** –
Jacqueline Halsall

Thérèse Héту – The Family

Sunday, April 5, 2026

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

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

Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Contributions for March 22, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,295.75
Share Lent	\$6,600.00
Needs of the Church in Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Easter Floral Tributes	\$ 55.00
Building Fund	\$ 30.00

Passion (Palm) Sunday - March 29, 2026

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

April Date Change

As Easter Sunday falls on April 5 - the first Sunday of the month - The Knights of Columbus will be holding their April Breakfast on April 12. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Good Friday

If you are attending the 3:00pm Passion Liturgy on Good Friday, please join us afterwards in fellowship to break bread/buns and homemade soup.

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 form and submit to the office by April 1st.



Alliance For Life Ontario Youth Conference

***Made for Better: Relationships,
Wellness & the Divine Design***

***"We love because He loved
us first." - 1 John 4:19***

Date: April 11, 2026

Location: Guelph Bible Conference Centre

Target age: 14-20 years old

Highlights of Discussion

- Stephanie Smith and Adrian Faber (CCC) will focus on mental health including healthy relationships and God's design
- Workshops/Discussion will be held following the keynote session, dividing males and females
- Jakki Jeffs (AFLO) will present Wonderfully Made and the Good Samaritan

COST – \$25. The last day for registration will be April 6th 2026. For more information call 519-824-7797, email aflo@mgl.ca or visit allianceforlifeontario/event/2026-youth-conference

Confirmation Registration Deadline

A reminder to all Confirmation candidates that the deadline to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring is April 5th.

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.

The Year Of St. Francis Of Assisi

The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this to be the "Year of St. Francis of Assisi," a special Jubilee in celebration of the 800th year since the holy death of St. Francis. The Diocese of Hamilton has put together a special webpage in celebration of this moment of faith. Join us in prayer and contemplation as we turn our hearts towards this saint of simplicity, peace, and joyful discipleship. All resources for adults and young people can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/year-of-st-francis-of-assisi/>.

Upcoming Events

March 29	Confessions 12 – 12:30pm
March 31	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
March 31	Confessions 7:30 – 8:00pm
April 1	Confessions 9:00-9:30am
April 1	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
April 1	RCIA 7:30pm
April 3	Passion Liturgy 11am and 3pm
April 3	Soup and Bun Fellowship 4:30-5:30pm
April 6	Easter Monday – Office Closed
April 11	COR Men's Meeting 10:00am
April 11	Baptismal Prep Class 9:00-11:00am
April 12	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
April 14	Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg. 7:30pm
April 15	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
April 22	Highland Manor Mass 10:30am
April 26	CWL General Meeting after 11am Mass
April 28	Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30pm