

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.

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



A man unfamiliar with Christianity was accompanying a Christian missionary on a car trip in Africa. The missionary had been trying to explain the Christian message to his companion, but the man was having trouble understanding how Jesus would come to die for people who hated him. Then the car began to act up, and they had to stop alongside the highway. There was not much traffic, but when finally a truck carrying two men passed, the pair tried to flag then down, however, the truck did not stop. After a while, tinkering with the engine, the missionary was finally able to get the car restarted. They had not gone very far when they came upon the truck, now stalled by the road. Outside of the truck were the two men who had not stopped to help them.

The missionary's companion said, "Now we can pay those fellows back in kind. They passed us up and we will pass them up." "No," said the missionary. "We must stop and help them." After they did that and were again under way, the man said, "I am now beginning to understand what you have been trying to tell me about Jesus coming to die for and save his enemies."

This Lent let us die to ourselves and sin and draw nearer to 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: "Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?" ~ Blessed Fulton Sheen

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Little Jimmy was kneeling beside his bed with his mom and grandmother and quietly prayed, "Dear God, please bless Mommy and Daddy and all the family and grant me a good night's sleep." Suddenly, he looked up and shouted, "AND DO NOT FORGET TO GIVE ME A BIKE FOR MY BIRTHDAY. AMEN!" There is no need to shout. God is not deaf," Mom insisted, "No." little Jimmy whispered, "but Grandma is!"



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 17, 2026

7:00pm **Elaine Kenny** – The Reidy Family
Bud Fauteux - Marcie Fauteux
Visipacion Mallori & Ong su Qu –
Josephine Mallori
Special Intentions of the Pellizari Family

Wednesday March 18, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of the Halsall Family** -
Jacqueline Halsall

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

7:30pm **RCIA**

Thursday, March 19, 2026 – Feast of St. Joseph

8:30am **Josef Krekel** – Elisabeth Krekel

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

7:00pm **Special Intentions** - Josephine

Friday, March 20, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Joanne Huber** – Mo & John
Rutherford

Saturday, March 21, 2026

5:00pm **Intentions of Joanne Huber**
Intentions of Fr. Robert Héту – Joanne
Huber
Italo Rinaldi – Mary Waterman
Bernie Burns - Carol Burns

Sunday, March 22, 2026

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

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

Contributions for March 8, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,763.45
Share Lent	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2026

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, at 905-528-7988.

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

fourth
Sunday
Lent

**Wellington Deanery Lenten
Penitential Services**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
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. The dates and places are as follows:

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



Calling All Moms!

Guelph Catholic Moms Group Ministry

FIELD TRIP: Guided Tour of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate

Wednesday, April 8th

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Kids are Always Welcome

Must Send RSVP email to Secure a Spot:
st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

28 Norfolk Street, Guelph

Vocations Recognition Dinner 2026

The Serra Club of Hamilton warmly invites you to attend the 23rd Annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**, at Liuna Station to celebrate the dedicated service of our Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and Consecrated Virgins in the Diocese of Hamilton. Milestone anniversaries will be honored and we will hear the inspiring faith journeys of this year's ordinandi and candidates. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. For more information and tickets, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>. This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

Upcoming Feast Days

Please note that we have two important feast days coming up. On **March 19th** we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be two masses that day – 8:30am and 7:00pm to celebrate our Parish's name sake and Patron Saint of Canada. 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 Mass. There will be no RCIA class that day.

Reel Justice Film Festival

Join us for our March screening of **Living on One Dollar**. Four college students from the United States travelled to rural Guatemala to live on just \$1 a day for two months. They battled hunger, parasites, and the realization that there are no easy answers to solving extreme poverty. Yet, the generosity and strength of their neighbors left them a resilient optimism. \$56 for 56 days, how would you survive? There is no discussion with this screening. Watch the film any time once you receive the link on **March 26th**. Registration required.

Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>

A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, & economic injustices.

Upcoming Events

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
March 24	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
March 24	Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30pm
March 25	NO RCIA Class
March 26	Penitential Service 7:00pm



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