

# St. Joseph's Parish

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Rejoice!  
For the Lord is truly risen!

**From the Pastor's Desk**  
Fr. Robert Héту

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! This Easter Weekend is a time of gratitude and joyful celebration remembering with gladness the Resurrection our Saviour Jesus Christ and his atonement for the sins for all humankind. We worship Jesus, grateful for our freedom and gift of new life.

Today and forevermore God's grace is available to all whose hearts are broken and whose spirits are contrite. At Easter, we celebrate the most long-awaited and glorious event in the history of the world. It is the day that changed everything. On that day, my life changed. On that day, your life changed. On that day, the destiny of all God's children changed.

On that blessed day, the Saviour of humankind, who had taken upon himself the chains of sin and death that held us captive, burst those chains and to set us free. Through the sacrifice of our beloved Redeemer Jesus, death has no sting, the grave has no victory. Satan has no lasting power over us. As Pope St. Leo the Great reminds us: "[Jesus] did away with the everlasting character of death so as to make death a thing of time, not of eternity."

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3)* We are to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the Resurrected Jesus in all the events of our lives.

As an 'Easter People' and as a 'Resurrection People,' let us live in the glory, joy and light of the new life of the Resurrection of Jesus!

*A blessed Easter to one and all!*

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia." ~ Easter Entrance Antiphon

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** Young Ernie and his family were invited to have Easter Sunday lunch at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Ernie received his plate, he started eating straight away. "Ernie, wait until we pray grace," demanded his father. "I don't have to," the five-year-old replied. "Of course you do, Ernest," his mother insisted rather forcefully. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house," Ernie explained, "but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook."



**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, April 7, 2026

7:00pm **Special Intentions of Visipacion Mallori & Ong Su Que** – Josephine Mallori  
**Intentions of Joanne Huber** – Mac and Gail Brown

Wednesday April 8, 2026

8:30am **Beverly Rogers** – Robin Rogers

Thursday, April 9, 2026

8:30am **Mike Schmidt**

Friday, April 10, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Sister Maria Frances Herrera**

Saturday, April 11, 2026

5:00pm **Natalie Biafora** – Biafora Family  
**Robert Mario Landoni** – Grace Robinson  
**Sheila Turnnidge** – Michael Turnnidge  
**David Charles Oates & Evelyn Jean Oates** – Sue Miller

Sunday, April 12, 2026

9:00am **Intentions of the Parishioners of St Joseph Parish**  
11:00am **Intentions of the Students and Staffs Of St. Joseph School**

Contributions for March 29, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,000.40
Share Lent	\$ 595.80
Easter Floral Tributes	\$1,285.00
Building Fund	\$2,053.85
St. Vincent de Paul - March	\$2,485.00*

(\*Please make all cheques payable to St. Vincent de Paul, not St. Joseph Parish.)

Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026

"He is risen from the dead!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Directors of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 email – [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



### Fraud Prevention Seminar

The Knights of Columbus and the St Joseph's CWL will be hosting a seminar, presented by the OPP on fraud prevention on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. This will be an informative presentation with a question and answers portion allowing everyone to understand the many scams that are out there. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

### Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate

#### CWL Spring Market

Saturday, April 25, 2026 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Parish Hall. All are invited to come out to our Catholic Women's League Spring Market! We will have Vendor Tables, a Silent Auction, 50/50 Draw, Attic Treasures and a Bake Table, Light lunch and refreshments also available. All welcome! 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph.

#### Gather all your empty bottles and cans!

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a bottle drive on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am and 12pm, outside the church by the parish hall. This will be a drive through event. Just pull up, and we can take care of your empties. All proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus charities.

#### World Youth Day Seoul 2027

The young people of the world have begun their preparations to meet with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV at the 41<sup>st</sup> International Celebration of World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith, visit: <https://wydseoul.org/en>. Join us in praying for all young people discerning their participation from our Diocese.

### 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](mailto:edgar@gateways-international.com). Space is limited so register soon.

### Community Care Box at Ignatius Farm

Ignatius Farm is launching the Community Care Box, a weekly harvest program that connects local food, farmer training, and community care. Participants receive fresh, seasonal vegetables while also contributing to the farm's work through a charitable donation. This support helps make it possible to share an equal or greater amount of produce with local partners, including Hope House, Chalmers Community Services Centre, and Wellington Women in Crisis. Learn more or sign up at [www.ignatiusguelph.ca/community-care-box](http://www.ignatiusguelph.ca/community-care-box).

### A Prayer of Hope and Peace

Gracious God, on this day of Easter joy, we pray for hope and peace to fill our hearts and our world. As we partake in this meal, let us be mindful of the peace and reconciliation You offer us through Your Son. May our celebration today reflect the peace and hope that Easter brings, and may we carry these gifts into our lives and our communities. Bless this food, and let it be a symbol of the abundance of Your love. Amen.

### Upcoming Events

April 6	Easter Monday – Office Closed
April 11	COR Men's Meeting 10am
April 11	Baptismal Prep Class 9am-11am
April 12	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
April 14	Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg
April 15	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
April 18	Knights Bottle Drive 9am-12noon
April 22	Highland Manor Mass 10:30am
April 22	OPP Fraud Prevention Seminar 7pm
April 26	CWL General Meeting after 11am Mass
April 28	Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30pm



# Heavenly Hope

(Inspired by an Easter card)

Our hearts need hope to flourish  
like the flowers need the dew  
When Jesus arose Easter morning  
our hope was born anew

May this sacred Easter season  
fill us with continued hope  
May God bless us with peace and joy  
comforted with heavenly hope

*Fr. Robert Héту*

Easter 2026



## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

*March 30, 2026*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Peace be with you!” (Jn 20:19)

With these words, the Risen Lord greeted His disciples after His Resurrection. With these same words, He greets us today; quietly, gently, yet with steadfast presence. Into our worries, fears, and uncertainties, Christ comes and stands among us, offering His peace.

This Easter is especially meaningful for me, as it is my first with you as your bishop. I give thanks to God for the gift of being your shepherd and for the grace of celebrating the Resurrection among you. It is a joy to walk with you in faith and to proclaim together that Christ is risen.

This year, our joy is even greater as we welcome an extraordinary number of new Catholics, men and women who, through Baptism, are born into new life in Christ. Their “yes” to the Lord is a powerful witness. It reminds us that the Risen Lord is still calling people, still renewing lives, still making all things new.

The peace He offers is not like the peace the world gives (Jn 14:27). It is not fragile or passing, but a gift that takes root within us and transforms us, so that we may become witnesses of hope. As Saint Paul reminds us, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain” (1 Cor 15:17). But Christ is risen and this changes everything.

Easter invites us not so much to understand everything, but to trust and believe. Like the first disciples, we may not always recognize Him right away. Yet through prayer, His Word, and the Eucharist, we discover that He is already with us, calling us by name and walking beside us and slowly, His peace fills our hearts. It changes how we see others, how we respond to difficulties, and how we live each day. We become, in quiet but real ways, witnesses of His presence, bringing patience where there is tension, kindness where there is hurt, and light where there is darkness. Our world deeply needs this peace: the faithful presence of those who know that Christ is alive. Each of us is called to carry this peace into our families and communities.

May this Easter renew in us faith that Christ is truly Risen, that He is with us, and that His love is stronger than anything we may face.

I wish you a blessed and joyful Easter!

† *Joseph Dabrowski*, CSMA

Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA  
Bishop of Hamilton

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# VIA LUCIS (THE WAY OF LIGHT)

OR

## STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

St. Mary Immaculate

The Stations of the Resurrection use the same format as Stations of the Cross, with 14 Stations. They start on Easter morning, The First Station-Jesus Rises from the Dead. They continue highlighting the Easter Season with Jesus as the Risen Lord, ending with the Fourteenth Station-The Risen Lord Sends the Holy Spirit. The evening will start with a brief history of the Stations followed by the reciting of the Stations.

**We adore you, O Christ and we praise You!**

**Because by the Wood of the Cross and the**

**Light of the**

**Resurrection, you have redeemed the world!**



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