

St. Joseph's Parish

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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 Hétu

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we proclaim, to all who are willing to listen, the infinite and divine mercy and love of God for every human being on the face of the earth. All we have to do is seek it. The readings for this weekend have one very important point to make and that is the infinite mercy and love of God is for everyone. In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read how the Apostles went forth and performed many healings and miracles. Healing people of not only their physical afflictions, but also their spiritual illnesses, usually called sins, is just one of the manifestations of God's infinite mercy and love.

In today's Gospel from St. John, we hear how Jesus appeared to the Apostles as they had locked themselves away in fear. When Jesus appeared, he began with these words: "Peace be with you." He then showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Risen Lord. Again, Jesus said: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And with that he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit."

The story goes on to tell us that Thomas was not among the disciples gathered there and when the apostles told him they had seen the Lord he said: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails, and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

About a week later Jesus appeared again to the apostles even though the doors were locked and this time Thomas was with them and Jesus began with the words: "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas: "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Do not doubt but believe." To which Thomas replied: "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus then told Thomas: "Have you believed because you have seen me?" Followed by what I feel are extremely important words for us to keep in mind: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believed." We, more than 2000 years later, who call ourselves Catholics and Christians, therefore are told that we are blessed, because we have embraced the truth of Jesus and believe. May our prayer forever be: My Lord and my God have mercy on me a sinner! Yes, Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! A blessed Easter to one and all!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Love is mercy's second name. Love is like mercy in action." ~ Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR



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 14, 2026

7:00pm Intentions of Joanne Huber– St. Vincent
de Paul Society
Yuen Con & Ting Fai Eng – Eng Family

Wednesday April 15, 2026

8:30am Peace Throughout the World
10:30am Caressant Care Mass

Thursday, April 16, 2026

8:30am Intentions of Doc Dawkins & Family

Friday, April 17, 2026

8:30am Intentions of David Gross
9:15am St. Joseph School Mass

Saturday, April 18, 2026

5:00pm Emma-Jean Phillips – Sue Miller
Intentions of Maureen Kutcher – Mary
Epoch
Larry Cyr & Kowalchuk Family

Sunday, April 19, 2026

9:00am Fr. Lindor – Cecile Piller
11:00am Intentions St. Joseph Parish

Contributions for March 29, 2026

Regular Collection	\$3,163.20
Share Lent	\$ 100.00
Needs of the Holy Land/Good Friday	\$ 100.96
Easter	\$4,543.70
Weekly Electronic Donations	\$2,817.92

Second Sunday of Easter - April 12, 2026

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: The Gravestone Message: The following caption was found written on a gravestone..."As I am now, you soon shall be, so be content to follow me." Then someone taped the following note on that gravestone..."To follow you I'm not content, until I know, which way you went!"

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY
BREAKFAST
THIS SUNDAY! JOIN US!**



Mother, Daughter, Friend Tea

The St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League is hosting their annual Mother, Daughter, Friend Tea on May 9th at 1 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Tickets will be available following weekend Masses. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for 12 and under. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 3rd.

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 22nd 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.

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.

Gather all your empty bottles and cans!

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a bottle drive on Saturday April 18th 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.

Parenting Tip

Easter is a special season for the Church, where we remember Jesus' suffering, but rejoice in his resurrection and the hope it brings to each one of us. When we read simple versions of the Easter story, we offer children a beautiful understanding of what Easter is all about. They will see the Paschal candle at the Church, which is lit at the Easter Vigil Mass, so explain that it represents the light and hope Christ brought to the world. Remind them that Easter eggs (even when chocolate!) are meant to represent new life, just as the resurrection brings new life to all. All of this will help them to understand the liturgical celebrations you attend together and to know how much God loves them.

Marriage Tip

All people have busy times in their lives when they seem to need more hours in a day than the actual twenty-four hours allows! It is essential then that we stop long enough to ask ourselves what really matters to us and then to ensure we adjust our schedules accordingly. A spouse should not be on the short end of receiving your time and attention (nor should your family). Set up a date night regularly, be sure to eat at least one meal (even if it is early morning breakfast) together most days, take time to pray together and attend church together. Life is hectic but sacrificing time with the one you love will not help you get more done, it will only help to distance you from the one you need most.

Upcoming Events

April 11	COR Men's Meeting 10am
April 11	Baptismal Prep Class 9am-11am CANCELLED
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 GM after 11am Mass
April 28	Knights of Columbus GM 7:30pm



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