

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 the weeks following Easter, the Church puts us in touch with the first men and women who experienced the Risen Jesus in an attempt to deepen our appreciation and understanding of this great miracle. Initially after the death of Jesus, they were at a loss, as we saw with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. It was only through their experiences of the Risen Lord that they began to understand that the 'Jesus events as works of God,' which forever changed the course of human history.

What happened on the road to Emmaus? In this final chapter of Luke's Gospel, two disciples of Jesus (Cleopas and an unnamed one) were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus on the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As they traveled, a man joined them—the resurrected Jesus, although they did not recognize him. The man asked, "*What are you discussing, with each other while you walk along?*"

The two disciples were surprised that the man had not heard of the recent events that had Jerusalem in turmoil. They proceeded to tell the stranger of the crucifixion of Jesus and the report of his empty tomb. Jesus responded, "*Oh how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe.*" So, as they walked, Jesus taught what the Old Testament had predicted about himself. When they arrived in Emmaus that evening, the two disciples invited the stranger to stay with them. He did, and as he broke the bread and blessed the meal, "*their eyes were opened,*" and they recognized him. Then Jesus vanished.

Luke 24 is often seen as a model of the journey that Jesus makes with many of us today. Daily Jesus opens our 'eyes of faith,' pointing us to the Word and revealing himself in the breaking of the bread. Luke reminds us and all believers that the ultimate encounter with the permanent presence of the Risen Jesus comes in the breaking open of the Word and in the breaking of the Bread. May we always recognize Jesus is in the Bible—the Word of God and in the Eucharist—the Bread of Life.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Faith isn't always easy, but it's always within our grasp. We always have the option to trust Jesus." (*the Word Among Us* – Easter 2026)

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Church sign: Do not leave your phones, purses, wallets, handbags unattended—others may think it is an answer to prayer.



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 21, 2026

7:00pm **Special Intentions**
Gabriel Zettler

Wednesday April 22, 2026

8:30am **Richard Clark** – Martin Pinchette
10:30am **Highland Manor Mass**

Thursday, April 23, 2026

8:30am **Richard Héту** – The Family

Friday, April 24, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Cecilia Piller** – Robin Rogers

Saturday, April 25, 2026

5:00pm **Intentions of Cecilia Piller** – Mary Epoch
Robert Berterand – Louise Lapa

Sunday, April 26, 2026

9:00am **Intentions St. Joseph Parish**
11:00am **Deceased members of the CWL**

Contributions for March 29 – April 5 Correction

Regular Collection	\$3,163.20
Share Lent	\$ 100.00
Needs of the Holy Land/Good Friday	\$3,362.96*
Easter	\$4,543.70
Weekly Electronic Donations	\$2,817.92

Contributions for April 12, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,181.15
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Seminary Appeal	\$ 10.00
Needs of the Holy Land/Good Friday	\$ 80.00
Easter Offering	\$ 255.00
Indigenous Reconciliation	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 165.00

Third Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2026

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - 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

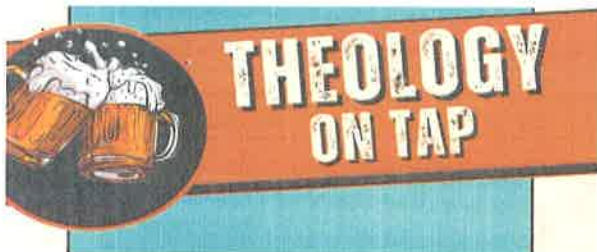
Mother, Daughter, Friend Tea

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.



Theology on Tap: An Evening with Dr. Michael W. Higgins

Why Is Everyone Yelling at Each Other? Listening as an Antidote to Polarization

In a world increasingly shaped by division and noise, how do we recover the art of meaningful dialogue? Join us for *Theology on Tap* as renowned theologian, author, and Vatican affairs commentator **Michael W. Higgins** reflects on the power of listening as both a spiritual discipline and a cultural necessity. Drawing on Pope Francis' vision of synodality and his own extensive work at the intersection of faith and culture, Dr. Higgins invites us to move beyond polarization and rediscover listening as a hopeful—if demanding—path forward. This timely evening of reflection and conversation is ideal for anyone concerned about the quality of dialogue in our Church and in the wider world.

Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss.

Monthly informal drop-in support - available at St. Michael Parish on the **2nd Wednesday of the month; 7pm** in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. **Registration is not required.**

Part 1 - 6 week Program-theory and sharing -

The program runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from **May 13 to June 17, 2026 at 7pm** - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. **Registration is required by May 4** by contacting our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca. Part 2 of the program will be available in the Fall. Website: www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support

Dr. H. Patrick & Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham Medical Scholarship

Through the generosity of a benefactor of the Diocese, this Scholarship was established a few years ago and will be once again accepting applications for 2026. The purpose of this scholarship is to afford Catholics, faithful to the teachings of the Church, the opportunity to pursue medical education. The scholarship available for 2026 is \$21,000. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more, contact our office at 519-843-2006 and information will be forwarded to you.

Upcoming Events

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
April 28	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg 4pm
May 2	Baptismal Prep Class 9 – 11am
May 3	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
May 9	Mother's Day Tea



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