

# St. Joseph's Parish

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

**SECRETARY:** Mrs. Lori Cipparrone

**CUSTODIAN:** Mr. Richard Kocyla

**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

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, and it is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The scripture readings for today concern the role of the shepherds of God's flock in the church. Each year on this weekend, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock. The title pastor means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock—responsibilities that belong to every church leader. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of the Good Shepherd.

Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a Shepherd and his flock to describe the unique relation of God to Israel and of the Jesus to Christian community. Psalm 23, our responsorial psalm today, introduces the Lord as the Good Shepherd who cares for us, his sheep, providing for our needs.

We need to become good leaders and good shepherds. Every one who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, caregivers, among others, are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties by giving good example to their children and training them in Christian principles.

We need to pray for vocations. Above all on this *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*: let us pray for priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations so that we may have more good leaders and good shepherds to lead, feed and protect our Catholic community.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "God has, in fact, thought of us from eternity and has loved us as unique individuals. [God] has called every one of us by name, as the Good Shepherd 'calls His sheep by name.'" ~ St. Pope John Paul II

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** A devout old shepherd lost his favorite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."



### 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 28, 2026

7:00pm **Jansen Winkler** – The Reidy Family

#### Wednesday April 29, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Christopher Cipparrone & Family**

#### Thursday, April 30, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Gord Krentz**

#### Friday, May 1, 2026

8:30am **Special Intentions** – The Reidy Family

#### Saturday, May 2, 2026

5:00pm **Robert Landoni** – Mary Waterman

**Maria, Henrich & Axel** – Henry Kessner

#### Sunday, May 3, 2026

9:00am **Jean Kleoble**

11:00am **Intentions St. Joseph Parish**

#### Contributions for April 19 2026

Regular Collection	\$ 2,731.80
Share Lent	\$ 10.00
Needs of the Holy Land/Good Friday	\$ 10.00
Easter Offering	\$ 10.00
Indigenous Reconciliation	\$ 224.10
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Electronic Donations	\$ 2,817.92

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2026

#### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



### St. Mary Immaculate CWL Annual Bake Sale

Mark your calendars to come and visit St. Mary's Rectory Garage, Elora on Saturday, May 2nd between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to purchase delicious homebaked goods. Your support helps the Catholic Women's League to contribute to many good causes in the parish, community and beyond. Your support is much appreciated.

### **World Youth Day 2027: Seoul, South Korea July 31 – August 9, 2027**

Bishop Dabrowski is sending a delegation of young adults (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in the summer of 2027. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. The Diocesan Pastoral Offices welcome you to attend a **virtual information night** on Thursday, April 23 @ 7:30pm. Register here: [bit.ly/WYDInfoNight](http://bit.ly/WYDInfoNight). For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton please visit: [wyd.hamiltondiocese.com](http://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com)

### Camp Kumuntome is Hiring

For creating a welcoming and engaging experience for families. The role runs from Sunday, June 28 to Saturday, September 5, and involves coordinating daily crafts, games, swim times at Black's Lake, and evening family activities alongside volunteer counsellors and a host family. This is a hands-on, full-day leadership position (approximately 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) in a dynamic, faith-informed summer camp environment. A fair honorarium is paid at the end of the summer. There is a mandatory staff orientation from May 29–31. For more information or to apply, email [program@campkumuntome.ca](mailto:program@campkumuntome.ca). Full job descriptions can be found at [campkumuntome.ca/staffing](http://campkumuntome.ca/staffing)

### **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.

### **Mother, Daughter, Friend Tea**

The St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League is hosting their annual Mother, Daughter, Friend Tea on May 9<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **March for Life Bus – May 14**

Join Guelph and Area Right to Life for a meaningful day at the National March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday, May 14. Travel with us by coach bus and stand alongside thousands on Parliament Hill in support of life.

**Pickup & Drop-off:** Basilica of Our Lady parking lot, 28 Norfolk St, Guelph

**Departure:** 6:00 AM sharp (please arrive by 5:45 AM)

**Return:** 4:00 PM (boarding at 3:45 PM)

Seats are filling up quickly—reserve yours soon to avoid disappointment. A suggested donation of \$50 is appreciated, and goodwill offerings are greatly accepted. **RSVP by May 5<sup>th</sup>**. To reserve your seat or for more information, contact us at [info@guelphforlife.com](mailto:info@guelphforlife.com) or (519) 836-6311, or visit [guelphforlife.com/bus](http://guelphforlife.com/bus).

### **Vocation Prayer for Discernment**

God, I know You love me and have great plans for me, but sometimes I am overwhelmed by the thought of my future. Show me how to walk forward one day at a time. May I take heart while I search openly, learn about all the choices, listen to others for advice, and pay attention to my own feelings. By doing these things, may I hear your call to a lifestyle and a career that will let me love as only I can, and let me serve others with the special gifts that You have given me. Amen.

### **Upcoming Events**

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
May 10	Fr. Robert's 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination



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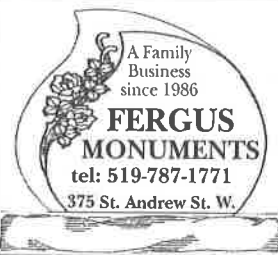
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