

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 Hétu

"I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17)

DivineOffice.org reminds us that the Ascension is the singular event that completes the journey of the "Word made flesh" returning to God the Father. For forty days the Risen Jesus had been appearing—to Mary Magdalene, to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to the disciples in the Upper Room. Slowly, the disciples had begun to understand. Then, on the Mount of Olives, Jesus goes up. The cloud receives him. They stand there, looking up at the sky, until two men in white robes ask them: "Why are you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go up into heaven."

The Ascension is not a departure. It is an enthronement. Jesus is at the right hand of the Father, interceding — and that intercession is the guarantee that our prayers are reaching God.

Between the Ascension and Pentecost there are seven days (ten from Thursday). What the Apostles and Mary did in those days is one of the most instructive passages in the New Testament: "All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer." (Acts 1:14). Not strategy. Not preparation. Just prayer—prayer together.

This week is the Church's annual novena to the Holy Spirit. It began on Friday. Never too late to start. Praying every day from Ascension to Pentecost Eve is a quiet, steady preparation for the fire: "The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, alleluia, alleluia. He will teach you all things, alleluia, alleluia."

Please keep our grade 7 students in your prayers as they will be confirmed with the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday afternoon.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts our your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your live. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth."

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: At the Ascension a disciple looking up cried out, "Where?? Where?? I can't see him! Resulting in the first case of 'Ascension Deficit Syndrome'!



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, May 19, 2026

7:00pm **Intentions of Alicia Galarneau – Bob & Molly Myers**

Special Intentions – Aidan Reidy

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

8:30am **Souls in Purgatory – Bozeni Holody**

Thursday, May 21 2026

8:30am **Marcedes Anunciacion**

Friday, May 22, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Elaine Lynch**

Saturday, May 23, 2026

5:00pm **Intentions of John & Jean Paul**

Intentions of Peter & Carol Landoni

Intentions of Janusz Holody – The Family

Jean Martin – Laurie Landoni

Sunday, May 24, 2026

9:00am **Intentions of Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish**

11:00am **Peter Rooyakkers – Diane and Family**

2:00pm **Confirmation with Mass**

Ascension of the Lord - May 17, 2026

Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Contributions for May 10, 2026

Regular Collection	\$ 1,948.87
Needs of the Holy Land	\$ 50.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 25.00
Electronic Donations	\$ 2,817.92



Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ

The Knights of Columbus are having their 2nd annual Chicken BBQ on May 23rd in the parish hall starting at 6:00pm. Tickets are now on sale after each mass. For \$20, you get a half chicken dinner, which includes BBQ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, vegetable, bun and dessert. Eat in or take out. Take out containers will be supplied, but you can help the environment by bringing your own takeout containers. Tickets are now on sale after each mass, or by calling the parish office. **Final ticket sales are May 17th after the 11am mass**

Catholic Women's League Scholarship

Application forms for our CWL Scholarship are available on the CWL table in the Narthex, for students graduating from Grade 12 and intending to pursue ongoing education in September 2026. Applications are due by May 31st. They can be left at the office or drop in the collection basket in an envelope marked CWL.

Michael House Baby Bottle Campaign

Join us in supporting Michael House through the Baby Bottle Campaign! From Mother's Day to Father's Day, take home a baby bottle and fill it with coins, bills, or cheques to help support vulnerable mothers and babies in our community. Pick up your empty baby bottle in the Narthex and return by Father's Day. You can also make online donations using the following link: <https://www.michaelhouse.ca/event/baby-bottle-campaign/>



Calling All Moms!

Guelph Catholic Moms Group Ministry

Topic: God Uses Broken People

Guest Speaker: Mary Foulger

Wednesday, June 3rd

4:30pm - 6:00pm (Use Rear Entrance)

Kids are Always Welcome at the Catholic Craft Table

st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

St. John the Baptist 45 Victoria Rd. North,
Guelph

May- The Month Dedicated to Our Lady

May the month of Our Lady -Throughout this month, we are invited to draw closer to Mary through prayer, especially the Rosary. In her quiet "yes", she shows us how to live with humility, courage, and openness to God's will. May we turn to her in our needs, trusting that she brings our prayers to Jesus with tender care.

CRITICAL MASS – “Rock the Foundation!” Benefit Concert

Our sister parish in Elora has been without a church hall for some time. To help St. Mary's raise funds, we are hosting a concert by Critical Mass. This “Rock the Foundation!” benefit concert will be here on **Saturday, June 6 at 7:00pm**. Come enjoy an inspiring evening of music in support of the St. Mary's Hall Building Project. Critical Mass are two-time Canadian Gospel Music Association winners and performed for Pope John Paul II at World Youth Day 2002. Some of you may remember them from their Christmas show held in our hall in 2024.

Advance tickets are \$15, or \$50 per family with purchase information on the poster or www.criticalmassmusic.org/tour-dates Come out and support the St. Mary's parish in the rebuilding of their parish hall."

Upcoming Events

May 23	Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ 6pm
May 24	Confirmation with Mass, 2pm
May 25	Victoria Day – Office Closed
May 26	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
May 26	Knights of Columbus General Meeting, 7:30pm
May 27	Highland Manor Mass, 10:30am
May 31	CWL Scholarship Applications Due
June 3	Are Your Affairs in Order? 7pm
June 6	Baptismal Prep Class 9am-11am
June 6	Chalice Visit to St. Joseph Church
June 6	Critical Mass Rock the Foundation Benefit Concert 7pm – 8:30pm



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