

St. Joseph's Parish

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SACRISTANS: Lise Stewart & 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

LORD'S DAY 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

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

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 the church 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

French Enlightenment writer, historian, and philosopher Voltaire reminds us that: "Faith consists in believing when it is beyond the power of reason to believe."

Today's readings teach us that accepting Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and sacrificing everything in life to do the will of God are equivalent to discovering and possessing the most valuable treasure or the pearl of great price. In other words, keeping a personal relationship with Jesus and sharing his view of life are the most beautiful and the most precious things in the world.

We should live every moment in view of our precious goal. Most of the time, we are chasing false treasures such as money, social status, or worldly pleasures. Thus, the really valuable pearl of sharing in God's life through Jesus here on earth and later in heaven, is never found. Let us always remember that heaven is within the reach of all of us who try to do the will of God following the ordinary vocations of life and enjoying this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's commandments. When we do so, we are already living in the Kingdom of Heaven while we are still here on earth.

The noted Russian author Dostoyevsky once wrote: "God has such gladness every time [God] sees from heaven that a sinner is praying...with all his heart, as a mother has when she sees the first smile on her baby." May our faith life and daily lives truly make God and the whole world smile!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT "Faith does not spare us from the possibility of sin, but it always offers us a way out of it: that of mercy." ~ Pope Leo XIV

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her offering envelop when a television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle. The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?" "No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, & I figured this was the vilest thing I could do to him. Legally that is!"

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 26, 2026

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind..." Perhaps the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life awaits you. If you feel that God is calling you contact Fr. John Ha, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. **email**

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



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, July 28, 2026, 2026

7:00pm **John Paul** - Jane Thatcher
Steve Gledie - The Reidy Family

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Paul Pellazari** - Carole Pellazari

Thursday, July 30, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Eileen Long**

Friday, July 31, 2026

8:30am **Helen Horner**

Saturday, August 1, 2026

5:00pm **Intentions of Rose Wilke**
John Paul and
Aldo DiPietro - Martin Pichette

Sunday, August 2, 2026

9:00am **John Paul** - Elaine Taylor
11:00am **Intentions of the Families of St. Joseph Parish**

Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 2026

7:00pm **Intentions of Mac & Gail Brown** - 65th Anniversary

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Brigid Reilly**-Joanne Huber

Thursday, August 6, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Joanne Huber**

Friday, August 7, 2026

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

Saturday, August 8, 2026

5:00pm **Intentions of Sophie DeBane** - Anna Koechl
Jean Martin - Elaine Taylor
Dwayne Kennedy - Joanne Huber

Sunday, August 9, 2026

9:00am **John Paul** - Elaine Taylor
11:00am **Intentions of the Families of St. Joseph Parish**

Contributions for July 12, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,492.30
Cura Pastorum	\$ 30.00
Building Fund	\$ 325.00

Contributions for July 19, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,586.65
Building Fund	\$ 130.00

World Day of Grandparents & the Elderly

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (WDGE) 2026 will be celebrated on Sunday, July 26, 2026, close to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year is: "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15). Let us take this opportunity to honour grandparents and the elderly, recognizing them as a blessing and an important part of our faith communities.

Volunteer Screening

At the direction of the Diocese, each Parish is responsible for ensuring that all volunteers are screened to ensure the protection of the vulnerable persons, seniors, children etc. We have been blessed to have a wonderful volunteer for many years who has decided it is time to retire from this position. We are now in search of a small group of people to manage this important ministry. Training will be provided, and the work is not difficult or labour intensive. To learn more, please contact the Church Office at 519-843-2006.

Certificate in Catholic Leadership:

Endorsed by Bishop Dabrowski and offered by St. Jerome's University, Waterloo, the Certificate in Catholic Leadership provides flexible study and formation opportunities for those serving in Catholic organizations and others seeking to deepen their understanding of Catholic leadership. It helps form leaders grounded in faith, committed to service, and responsive to the needs of the Church and society. Please see the attached flyer for more details or visit: <https://uwaterloo.ca/st-jeromes/academics/continuing-education/certificate-catholic-leadership>

Adult Faith Formation, Diocese of Hamilton:

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Drayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2026. Three- and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. Please see the attached flyer for more details or visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com



2026 Marian Days

Once again, this year the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, as the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Hamilton Marian Days on the first Saturday of the month from June until October. June and July have occurred already but you are welcome to attend the following Marian Days: August 1/26 (Cardinal Collins), September 5/26 (Bishop Lobsinger) and October 3/26 (Bishop Dabrowski). Marian Days will begin with a Holy Hour at 9:00am, with confessions being heard during the Holy Hour. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am, followed by the Rosary Procession. You are welcome to bring a lunch Coffee and tea will be served after the Procession, and tours of the Basilica will be available.

Catholic Mom's Group

Next Meeting August 5, 2026

Join the Catholic Mom's Group at their next meeting with **Guest Speaker Andrea Szrejber** on the subject of **Navigating Grief & Loss through a Catholic Lens:**

Wednesday, August 5th, 4:30 – 6:00pm
St. John the Baptist, 45 Victoria Rd. N.
Guelph (Rear Entrance)

Kids are always Welcome at the Catholic Craft Table with a retired teacher (ages 4+).

RSVP st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

Upcoming Events

August 3/26	Civic Holiday, Church Office Closed
August 12/26	Caressant Care Mass 10:30am
August 17-21	Priests' Retreat No Weekday Masses
August 26/26	Highland Manor Mass 10:30am
August 27/26	Deanery & School Board Meeting – All day meeting in St. Joseph Hall



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