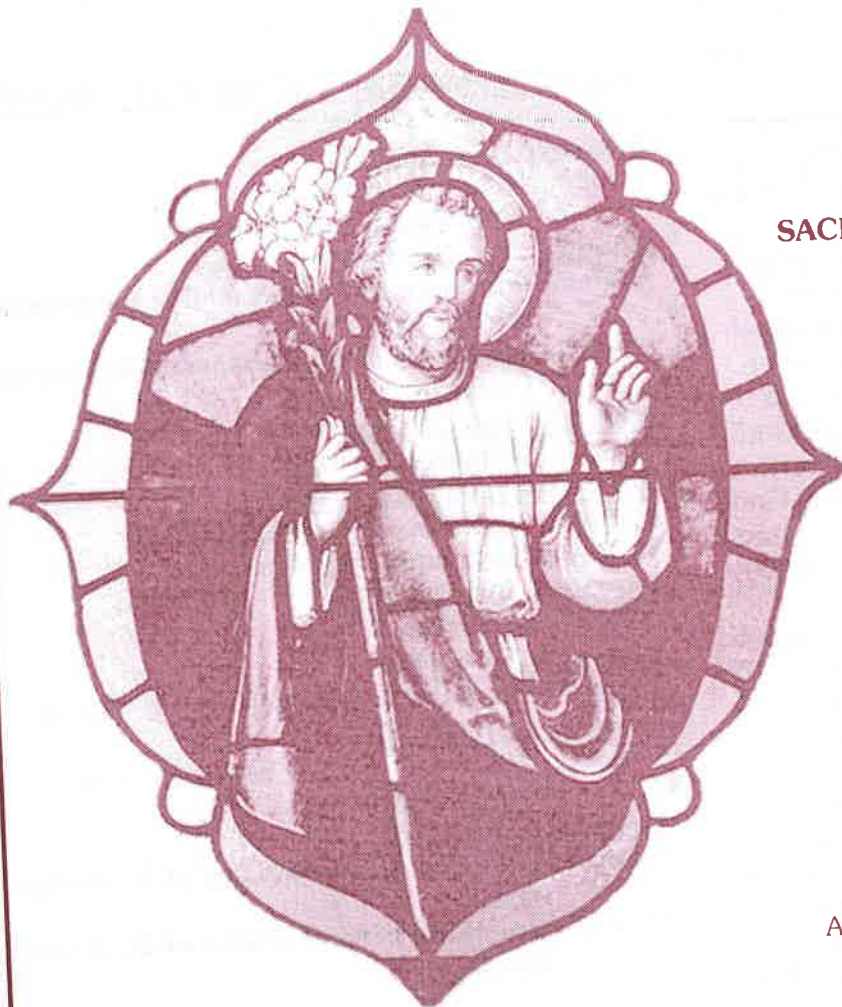


St. Joseph's Parish

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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 Hétu

Please give a warm, St. Joseph's Parish, welcome to Monsignor Dennis Noon, who is covering the parish this weekend. Please note there will be no weekday Masses the week of July 13 to July 17. Have a safe and enjoyable summer, keeping Jesus close to your heart.

Today's readings are about the transforming power of the Word of God when read, preached and lived. They also warn us not to be disappointed at the absence of immediate results. We must take a positive and optimistic view of our missionary efforts as we keep on bearing witness to Jesus and the Gospel. The parable of the sower, in today's Gospel, challenges us to listen intently to God's Word, to be open to it and to shape our lives by its power. The parable reminds us that our reception of God's Word is mostly determined by the condition of our heart.

Today's Gospel teaches us that Word of God is the seed, our hearts and minds are the soil. A good spiritual yield in life depends on how much a person willingly accepts and responds to the Word of the God. The yield arising from the positive response will be abundant beyond all imagination. The parable tells us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts for the Word of God to germinate, grow and yield *"some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."*

We need to keep our spiritual soil fertile and prepared to receive the Word of God. We need to keep our hearts open to the Word of God instead of closing it with pride, prejudice or sin. We have to remove from our hearts the weeds of evil habits, addictions and evil tendencies, hatred, jealousy, fear, and greed. We should not allow our trials and tribulations, the cares of this world, our ambitions, or our desires for worldly success and happiness to choke out the messages that the Lord gives us through the Word. What kind of soil do we have in our heart?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Live a good, honorable life...then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time." ~ Advice From An Old Farmer

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: A pianist found a note from his wife: Gone Chopin, have Liszt, Bach in a minuet."



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.

July 13 – 17 inclusive – NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Saturday, July 18, 2026

5:00pm **Holger Madsen**

John Paul – Terri Wellstead

Sunday, July 19, 2026

9:00am **Intentions of Zofia & Michal Paradowski**
The Family

11:00am **Intentions of the Families of St. Joseph**
Parish

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

7:00pm **Giuseppe Kernzo**

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Roy Kowalchuk**

10:30am **Highland Manor Mass**

Thursday, July 23, 2026

8:30am **Jack Miller**

Friday, July 24, 2026

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

Saturday, July 25, 2026

5:00pm **John Paul – Gord & Barbara VanderVoort**
Anne Strappe

Sunday, July 5, 2026

9:00am **Intentions of the Families of St. Joseph**
Parish

11:00am **Intentions of the Families of St. Joseph**
Parish

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 12, 2026

Let anyone with ears listen! Do you hear God's call for you in your life? Have you considered the way of loving called "priesthood", "diaconate" or "religious life"? If you feel God is calling you, contact Fr. John Ha, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Contributions for July 4, 2026

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

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.

Young Adults Night

Fr. John Ha, our new Vocations Director, invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, August 1st at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Elora Festival Comes to St. Joseph Parish July 23rd at 7:30pm

The Elora Festival welcomes Edmonton's professional chamber choir, Pro Coro Canada, and their conductor Michael Zaugg for an exciting program of exceptional music. At the heart of the program is *The Nightingale* by Latvian composer, Uģis Prauliņš—a captivating retelling of *The Nightingale* by Hans Christian Andersen. Blending virtuosic choral writing with playful theatrical flair, Prauliņš's work brings the beloved tale to life in a kaleidoscope of musical styles and textures. Tickets available online at elorafestival.ca/elorafestival-2026-tickets

Marriage Tip Of The Month

Couples are so busy today with their jobs, taking care of children and sometimes looking after elderly parents that time is very precious. Often what gets put on the back burner is time to focus on their marriage. All these responsibilities are much better managed with a healthy relationship, so taking time together has a positive impact all around. Schedule time for a coffee, a short or long walk, a chat at the end of the day, prayer, or dinner for two, anything that is just for the two of you. Your marriage matters — don't let making it a priority take a backseat to everything else on the to-do list!

Parenting Tip Of The Month

The expression "the family that prays together stays together" is one that most people have heard. Popular sayings make sense when we see the truth in them, but this one is backed up by research! When we pray together at home (before meals, before bed, in the morning) and attend Mass, we are connecting on a deep level that helps a family have increased unity. So, enjoy the more relaxed summer days and holidays, but don't let prayer and attending Mass take a holiday because their benefits are a wonderful addition to this great season!



Giving Thanks For Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Upcoming Events

July 11 – 17 inclusive	Fr. Robert will be away on vacation. Msgr. Noon will cover the weekend of July 11 th & 12 th , and there will be no weekday Masses July 13th to 17
July 22	Highland Manor Mass 10:30am
July 23	Elora Festival Concert 7:30pm Contact Festival Box Office for tickets
July 25	Next Parish Bulletin



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