

St. Joseph's Parish

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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

Today's Gospel story occurred during an unexpected storm on the Sea of Galilee in the early morning hours. As Jesus approached the apostles, miraculously walking on water, he allayed their fears by telling them, "*Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.*" The Gospel goes on to tell us how Peter the apostle tried to walk on water and failed because of his weak faith.

Our readings today speak of the continuous and saving presence of God and of our need to have a trusting faith in our loving and providing God, who always keeps us company. As I mentioned earlier, today's Gospel story explains how the apostle Peter lost his trusting faith in Jesus for a few seconds and consequently failed during his attempt to "*walk on water.*"

We all need to call on Jesus in the storms we face in our lives. Trustingly and with strong faith, let us approach Jesus to calm the storms in our lives.

It is the presence of Jesus, which gives us peace even in the wildest storms of life: storms of sorrow, storms of doubt, tension and uncertainty, storms of anxiety and worries, storms of anger and despair, storms of temptations. However, to overcome these storms, this demands a personal relationship with God, with Jesus, enhanced through prayer, meditative study of scriptures and an active sacramental life. We should not limit God's presence.

By the grace of the Holy Spirit, let us focus our thoughts on the nearness of God, instead of on the storms of life. Remembering, Jesus continues to say to each one of us: "*Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.*"

I leave you with this short prayer that a friend sent me and that I translated from French.

A prayer to begin the day in peace. Lord, before all else, I come to You. I entrust to You this day, my thoughts, my steps and my decisions. Keep my heart at peace, enlighten what I do not understand, and teach me to trust in You. May Your presence be with me from morning till evening. Amen.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "*When you go through deep waters, I will be with you.*" ~ Isaiah 45:2

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Little Johnny's family is sitting at the dinner table. Lil Johnny's dad tells him to lead the dinner prayer. Little Johnny says, "Dear God, thank you for the food we are about to eat, and please, oh please God, send clothes for all those poor ladies on Dad's computer. Amen!"



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, August 11, 2026

7:00pm **John Paul** – Mac & Gail Brown
Steve Gledie – The Reidy Family
Intentions of Brigid Reilly – Mac & Gail Brown

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

8:30am **Penny Coles** – Pat Ogborn
 10:30am **Caressant Care Mass**

Thursday, August 13, 2026

8:30am **Doris Cookman** -Rhonda Wood

Friday, August 14, 2026

8:30am **Intentions of Phoebe McColville**

Saturday, August 15, 2026

5:00pm **Intentions of Berni Quilan** – Mario & Carol Lopes
Intentions of Elaine Taylor – Don & Barbara Cassidy
Anne Mittwen – Pat Woode

Sunday, August 16, 2026

9:00am **Intentions of the Families of St. Joseph Parish**
 11:00pm **Terri Wellstead**

No Weekday Masses

Fr. Robert away on Retreat August 18-21

Saturday, August 22, 2026

5:00pm **Bryan Ross** – His Family
Teresa Marthaler – Berta Costa
Elisabetta Castellano

Sunday, August 23, 2026

9:00am **Intentions of the Families of St. Joseph Parish**
 11:00am **Intentions of the Families of St. Joseph Parish**

Contributions for July 26, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,512.85
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 25.00
Cura Pastorum	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 885.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,627.00

Contributions for August 2, 2026

Regular Collection	\$1,740.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 90.00

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 9, 2026

"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." We can sometimes be afraid of God's call to priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Get hold of yourselves! If you think God is calling you contact Fr. John Ha, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



The Knights of Columbus are inviting you to an ice cream social. Come and join us for a cone or dish of ice cream after the 5pm mass on August 15th or after the 11am mass on August 16th, in the parish hall. Let us treat you to a summer treat while socializing with fellow parishioners. There is no cost to you, but a free will offering is welcome, for local Knights' charities. Hope to see you there.

St. Joseph CWL Scholarships

Four scholarships have been awarded in 2026. Two awards were handed out at the graduation ceremonies on June 26 to Owen Ney and Mikaela Rocha of St. Joseph's Catholic School. On August 8th, scholarships were awarded to two Grade 12 graduates at the 5 pm mass. The two well deserving recipients were Penelope Edit and Mayghan Paul. Congratulations to all four and all the best in your future studies.

Still Time To Register - Faith and Flavours Pilgrimage to Italy - November 3-14, 2026.

There are still some spaces available for a faith and flavour filled pilgrimage to Italy from November 3-14, 2026. Visits include Siena, Assisi, Monte Cassino, and Rome among others over an enjoyable ten-day pilgrimage. The cost of \$7,995.00 per person includes airfare, hotels, ground transportation, all admission fees, most meals, and the services of an expert English-speaking guide. Fr. Ian Duffy will be the spiritual director of this pilgrimage leading us in prayer in the footsteps of St. Catherine of Siena, Ss. Francis and Clare, Saints Benedict and Scholastica, Saints Peter and Paul, and many more. Additionally, this adventure will include wine tasting, pasta making, and enjoying the gastronomy of various parts of Italy. To register or for more information please call Edgar at 1-800-268-0900 ext. 233, or e-mail edgar@gateways-international.com. Final numbers are needed in September so register soon.

Mass Intention Box

To make it easier for parishioners to add names to our Mass Intention Box at the altar, we have left forms at the back of the Church which you can fill out and deposit into the box. Please be sure to date the form and add your intention(s). Forms will be removed after two weeks.

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Support Life Chain

Life Chain has been a staple in Canada for the past 35 years. On the first Sunday of October (Oct. 4 this year) Christians gather at a pre-determined intersection in their community to bear public witness to the sanctity of life for just one hour. Bolstered by prayer, they quietly hold signs, provided to them by local organizers, with pro-life messages. This is modern evangelization, and we do get persecuted for it. Be willing to stand in opposition to abortion anyway. Take ownership of our beliefs.

Watch in the coming weeks for more details about our local Support Life Chain.

Summer Prayer

Lord God, Creator of all, thank you for the warmth of the summer sun and the gift of longer days. Refresh our bodies and our minds during this slower season. Help us see your beauty in nature and keep us safe in our travels. Draw us closer to your love every day
Amen.

Upcoming Events

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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