

St. Joseph's Parish

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CUSTODIAN: Richard Kocyla

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

What will decide our eternal reward or punishment? Our eternal future depends upon our final decision for or against God—our choosing to obey God gracefully by doing God's will or our choosing to go against God's will! Being gifted with free will, we are the ones who choose our eternal destiny.

Instead of trusting in lame excuses, we need to seek God's mercy. We often use flimsy excuses to silence our consciences. Perhaps they run like this: "I didn't realize how sinful I was"; "I was just too busy with work, family, and a decent social life to have time for the Lord's Day Mass"; "That's what all my family does—it's got to be OK!"; "The devil made me do it—it wasn't my fault!"; "I couldn't be different from everyone else—I'd look stupid or foolish!"; "I meant to straighten things out—I just didn't get to it."

These are not valid excuses at the judgment seat of God. Hence, if we have been disobedient to God in our past life, we need to knock at the door of God's mercy. NOW! We need to remember that what God in God's mercy did for the tax-collectors and prostitutes. Jesus encountered, the Matthews, the Augustines, the John Newtons (author of Amazing Grace), and the millions of unknown penitents who are now saints in heaven, God can, and will, do the same for us, if we repent of our past sins and renew our lives as the first son in today's gospel parable did. In this life, it is never too late for us to be transformed.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "If you believe what you like in the Gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself." ~ St. Augustine

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Fr. Larson and his council president, Sven ended up in a heated argument over a seemingly minor detail. "I suggest we go home and pray to God to grant us peaceful hearts," said the priest as Sven stormed past him into the churchyard. After Mass the next Sunday morning, Sven greeted his pastor warmly. "I took your advice," he said. "I went home and said a prayer." "Great!" said Fr. Larson. "So did I! I prayed that God would grant us both peaceful hearts and a fresh start." "That's not what I prayed," said Sven. "I asked God to help me put up wit



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, September 29, 2026

7:00pm **John Systma** – Jean Paul
Intentions of Terrence & Eileen Long –
Mary Epoch
Intentions of Carol Burns – Mac & Gail
Brown

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

8:30am **Debbie Friesen** – Mac & Gail Brown
10:30am **Highland Manor Mass**

Thursday, October 1, 2026

8:30am **Jeffrey Holbin** – Joanne Huber

Friday, October 2, 2026

8:30am **Special Intentions**

Saturday, October 3, 2026

5:00pm **George Piller** – Cecille Piller
John Sytsma – Wayne & Joanne England
Jeffrey Hobin – The Eng Family
Intentions of Wayne & John England

Sunday, October 4, 2026

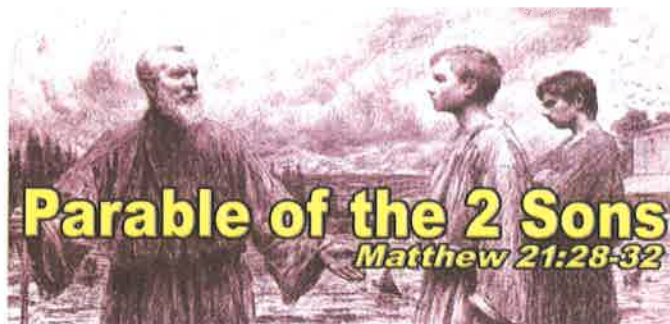
9:00am **Intentions of Brigitte Reilly** – Pat Ogborn
11:00am **Intentions of the Families of St. Joseph
Parish**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 27, 2026

The invitation to serve often comes more than once;
are you prepared with your answer? Consider
ministry as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life.
Are you being invited? Contact Fr. John Ha,
Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-
528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Contributions for September 20, 2026

Unavailable at the time of printing. It will be included
in next weekend's bulletin



Upcoming Bazaar Help Needed

The Annual Parish Bazaar is fast approaching on November 7th organized by the CWL. Currently we are looking for parishioners willing to sign up to help with contacting the businesses for donations for the Silent Auction. These have been split into five areas. Please sign up for the area you wish to assist with at the CWL table in the narthex. Further information will be provided to those who sign up.

Other Ways You Can Help:

Sign up to bring baked goods to sell; pick up Raffle tickets to sell; bring in donations for the Silent Auction and Toonie Table.

A portion of the funds raised at the Bazaar will go back to the Parish. Thank you in advance for your help in making this a successful event!

Final Marian Day of 2026

Join Bishop Joseph Dabrowski on October 3rd for the final Marian Day at The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day begins at 9am for Holy Hour with Morning Prayer and Confessions; 10:00am Benediction and 10:30am Mass. The October Marian Day ends with the Regina Caeli Tea. Registration is required for this High Tea at a cost of \$25pp and tickets must be purchased in advance (no sales on the day).

Friends of the Orphans Canada Fundraiser

There are 8 teams of volunteers from all over southwestern Ontario going to orphanages in the most impoverished parts of Guatemala and the Dominican Republic in early 2027. Each volunteer will personally pay approximately \$3,000 for their trip, room and board, etc. All the projects that are to be worked on while there are to be paid for through fundraising. A Roast Beef Dinner and HUGE Silent Auction is being held in October for just that purpose

EVENT: "Friends of the Orphans Canada" Volunteers' Roast Beef Dinner and Silent Auction
(www.fotocan.org)

WHERE: Elora Legion BR 229, 110 Metcalfe St. Elora

WHEN: Thursday, October 29, 2026

TIME: Doors open for the *Silent Auction* at 4:30 pm (until 8:00 PM). There is no entry fee for the Silent Auction.

Roast Beef Dinner is served at 5:30 PM. Cost of the Roast Beef Dinner is \$35.00 per plate
Roast Beef Dinner Info/Tickets - Carol Allan
905-703-0354

Silent Auction - Wendy Smith [226-500-7470](tel:226-500-7470)

Walk With Jesus

Retreat Day for Grieving Parents

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute, challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us for a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death. Whether this loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support:

October 10, 2026

St. Joseph Parish,
Fergus

November 7, 2026

St. Catherine of Siena
Hamilton

Registration is required as lunch is provided.

Visit hamiltondiocese.com/events or call 905-528-7988

24th Annual Bishop's Dinner

Wellington Catholic District School Board is excited to host the 24th Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs on Thursday, October 8, 2026. The Bishop's Dinner has raised more than \$850,000 in support of local organizations that directly benefit members of our community. Proceeds from this year's event will help families in Guelph and Wellington County access essential resources and support programs through four incredible organizations:

- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Immigrant Services Guelph-Wellington
- Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington
- Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario

Tickets are available for purchase online. Please visit wellingtoncdsb.ca or contact sueann.maharaj@wellingtoncdsb.ca for more information.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 29/26	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 4pm
Sept. 30/26	Highland Manor Mass 10:30am
Oct. 3/26	Baptismal Prep Class 9 -11am
Oct. 4/26	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
Oct. 10/26	Loss of A Child Retreat
Oct. 13/26	Knights Executive Meeting 7:30pm
Oct. 14/26	Office Closed – Diocesan Secretary Retreat
Oct. 14/26	Parents Only Meeting for First Communion 7:00pm



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