# St. Joseph's Parish

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**DEACON:** Rev. Mr. Paul Mulligan

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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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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 Hétu 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**

Still a challenge for our times! Some thirty years ago, when Rev. Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard.

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know your Word says, "*Woe to those who call evil good*", but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbours' possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Search us O God and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas, and who have been ordained by you, to govern this great state. Grant them your wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the center of your will. I ask it in the name of your son, the living savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In six short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church received international requests for copies of this prayer, even from India, Africa and Korea.

The late commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, *The Rest of the Story* and received the largest response to this program than any other he had aired.

On this World Mission Sunday. with God's grace, may this prayer sweep over all nations of the world! Maranatha!

***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, October 20, 2026**
7:00pm **Nicole Benallick** – Jack Benallick
**Lise Bélanger** – The Eng Family

**Wednesday, October 21, 2026**
8:30am **Jean Adams** – Pat Ogborn

**Thursday, October 22, 2026**
8:30am **Robert Rogers** – Robin Rogers

**Friday, October 23, 2026**
8:30am **Gerald Townsend** – Jane Thatcher

**Saturday, October 24, 2026**
5:00pm **Randy Sartor** - Laurie Landoni
**Jeffrey Hobin** – Jacqueline Hétu
**Susan Goetz** – Jim & Peggy Sheehy
**Gerald Townsend** – Gordon & Barbara VanderVoort

**Sunday, October 25, 2026**
9:00am **Intentions of the Families of St. Joseph Parish**
11:00am **Intentions of the Families of St. Joseph Parish**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 18, 2026**

"Give ... to God the things that are God's." That includes you! Do you feel God is calling you to service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. John Ha, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

**Contributions for October 4, 2026**

Not available at the time of printing. See next weeks' bulletin.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**: "Dear Jesus, sometimes I don't have the words to speak, but I know you can hear my heart. Amen." ~ (Adapted from Facebook)

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL**: Waiter: "Something wrong with the soup?" Customer: "I asked for barley soup not barely soup!"

## World Mission Sunday
## "One in Christ, united in mission"

Today the whole Catholic world keeps the 100th World Mission Sunday. The psalm sings, "Tell his glory among the nations" (Ps 96). Pope Leo XIV reminds us that no baptized person is exempt from mission, and that if unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence.

A second collection is taken up today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your gift, joined to those of Catholics everywhere, supports seminarians, catechists, chapels, healthcare, and the poor in young Churches. Pray also for new missionary vocations. Father, make us one in Christ, united in mission. Amen.

## Elmira Knight's Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on Friday, October 23, 2026 here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take-out will be from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Purchase your tickets at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Friday), or call 519-669-3387. The cost is Adults $22.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) $16.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free. Take-out is $22.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to support the parish.

## Men Discernment Group

Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, invites all young men in the Diocese of Hamilton to join the **Priesthood Discernment Group**. Come for prayer, fellowship, and conversation as we explore God's call together. Whether you are just beginning to ask questions or have been considering the priesthood for some time, you are welcome. Feel free to invite a friend who may be interested. You do not need to have all the answers—simply come with an open heart.

Meetings are at two locations: in **Hamilton** on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 6:00pm at the Chancery Office (700 King St W, Hamilton, ON L8P 1C7) and in **Kitchener-Waterloo** on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at **10:00am** at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church (80 University Ave W, Waterloo, ON N2L 3C7). Sponsored by the **Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton**. Visit hamiltondiocese.com/vocations. For more information, contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

## October - The month of the Holy Rosary

Rosary Moment: Take a few quiet minutes each day to place your joys, worries and intentions in Mary's hands. Let her lead you closer to Jesus through the Rosary.

## The 14th Annual
## A.P. Mahoney Library Lecture

The A.P. Mahoney Library is pleased to invite you to its 14th Annual Library Lecture. This year, our extraordinary professor of moral theology Fr. Jason Kuntz will explore the encyclical Magnifica humanitias in a lecture titled, "A Renewed Culture of the Common Good: Building a Civilization of Love with Pope Leo XIV." The lecture will be held in the Seminary's Bishop John Michael Sherlock Auditorium on Wednesday, October 21st, 2026 at 7:30pm. For more information, please visit the A.P. Mahoney Library website or view the event poster, and don't forget to mark your calendars!

## Gators Give

This year the Parent Council at St. Joseph School is once again organizing their **Gators Give** days to help families get Christmas presents for their families at no cost to them. If you have any lightly used toys, books, or sporting items that you no longer need, please consider donating them to this worthy cause. Donations are being accepted at the Church Office. Watch for more information about dates coming soon!

## Upcoming Events

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| Oct. 17/26 | Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive, 9am to Noon |
| Oct. 25/26 | CWL General Meeting 12:00 |
| Oct. 27/26 | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 1:00pm |
| Oct. 27/26 | Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30pm |
| Oct. 28/26 | Highland Manor Mass 10:30am |
| Nov. 1/26 | Knights of Columbus Breakfast |
| Nov. 7/26 | Baptismal Prep Class 9-11am |
| Nov. 7/26 | Parish Bazaar 10am- 2pm |



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