# St. Joseph's Parish

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# Thanksgiving

Be joyful always
Pray continually
Give thanks for everything.

## From the Pastor's Desk

**Fr. Robert Hétu**

On this Thanksgiving Weekend in Canada, today's Scripture readings offer us a standing invitation to the everlasting joy of the heavenly banquet and a loving warning to stay ready always for this heavenly banquet by constantly wearing the wedding garment that is, remaining in a state of grace by avoiding evil and sins and by doing good works of charity and love.

We must remember that our "*wedding garment*" is made of our grace-assisted works of justice, charity, and holiness. Let us examine whether we have fully accepted God's invitation to the heavenly banquet and remember that banqueting implies friendship and intimacy, trust and reconciliation and ultimately celebrating with joy. We are here, so let us participate joyfully in the party, in anticipation of the "*heavenly banquet*"!

Just a friendly reminder and an invitation, if you are in the area on Thanksgiving Day, we will be celebrating Mass at 10:00 a.m. A very appropriate way to give thanks since Eucharist is derived from the Greek word for thanksgiving.
I leave with an excerpt of my poem *Thanksgiving*.

For the beauty the earth
For the sun and moon and stars
We give You thanks, O Lord

For peace and a bountiful harvest
For food, wine and daily bread
We give You thanks, O Lord

For the Eucharist—the Bread of Life
To help us overcome dally strlfe
We give You thanks, O Lord

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**: "Remember, being happy does not mean you have it all. It simply means you are thankful for all you have." ~ Author Unknown

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL**: "What did little Johnny say when he was asked to pray grace at Thanksgiving dinner?" What else! He said, "Grace!'

***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.**

**Monday, October 12, 2026**
10:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass

**Tuesday, October 13, 2026**
7:00pm **Souls in Purgatory**
**Intentions of Nuallagh Kennedy** – Joanne Huber

**Wednesday, October 14, 2026**
8:30am **Norma Wilson** – Pat Ogborn
10:30am **Caressant Care Mass**

**Thursday, October 15, 2026**
8:30am **Brian Oliveria** – Pat Ogborn

**Friday, October 16, 2026**
8:30am **Thomas Clerkin** – Mary Epoch

**Saturday, October 17, 2026**
5:00pm **Cynthia Harris** – Mary Connor Brooks
**Souls in Purgatory**
**Intentions of the Staff & Students of St. Joseph School**

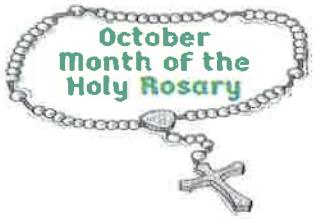
**Sunday, October 18, 2026**
9:00am **Intentions of the Families of St. Joseph Parish**
11:00am **Robert Mario Landoni** – Grace Robinson

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 11, 2026**
How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you feel God is calling you, contact Fr. John Ha, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
**email** vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

**Contributions for October 4, 2026**

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| Regular Collection | $2,932.20 |
| Needs of the Canadian Church | $1,240.00 |
| Cemetery Fund | $1,324.00 |
| Mission Co-op Plan | $ 20.00 |
| Building Fund | $1,070.00 |






October is a month traditionally associated with the Holy Rosary. The rosary is prayed prior to the weekend masses and on Friday morning following morning mass. Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us and lead us always closer to Jesus.



## St. Vincent de Paul Reminder

We will be collecting gently used clean winter boots for the children who receive winter coats and snow pants from St. Vincent de Paul. If you have boots to donate, please leave them in the box available in the Narthex. Our coat delivery will be the end of October and we would like to have the boots at that time to enable parents to choose the size they require if available. For more information, please call Jane at 519-787-1961.

## Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a bottle drive, October 17th from 9:00am until noon, right here at St Joseph's. Knights of Columbus supports local charities. Bring your bottles and cans. We will unload your car for you.

## Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2027 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

## Fall Memorial Mass – Marymount Cemetery

The annual Fall Memorial Mass at Marymount Cemetery is taking place on Saturday, October 31st at 11:00am. Since Mass will be celebrated two days before All Souls, we have changed the name from All Souls Day Mass to Fall Memorial Mass.

## Preparing For World Mission Sunday

**"The invitation is for all peoples"** Isaiah sees a feast the Lord prepares "for all peoples" (Is 25:6). In the Gospel the king sends servants to the highways so that the wedding hall may be filled (Mt 22:1-14). Mission is that invitation carried to every nation. Next Sunday is the 100th World Mission Sunday. Please plan to pray for missionaries and to support the second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which aids young Churches in more than 1,100 mission territories.



## Catholic Thanksgiving Prayer

*Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts,*
*which we are about to receive from Thy bounty,*
*through Christ our Lord.*
*And on this Thanksgiving Day, Lord God,*
*we thank You for the many blessings of this year,*
*for the fruits of the earth, and for all Thy goodness*
*sends us: food, shelter, family, and friends.*
*Amen.*

## Upcoming Events

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| Oct. 12/26 | Thanksgiving Day Mass 10:00am<br>Office closed |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Nov. 1/26 | Knights of Columbus Breakfast |



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