St. Joseph's Parish

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SECRETARY: Lori Cipparrone

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

Years ago, there was a movie called *Little Lord Fauntleroy*. It was about a seven-year-old boy who went to live with his grandfather, who was a very wealthy man and had many servants and other service providers working for him. The old man was basically selfish and mean. Yet, his grandson was blind to this and idolized him. He thought his grandfather was generous and kind. Again and again, he would say to him, "Grandfather! How people must love you! I'll bet they love you almost as much as I do."

To make a long story short, the little boy's love gradually softens the old man's heart and he becomes the kind person his grandson thinks him to be. This story is like the parable of Jesus in today's Gospel. It shows us how God's love for us can change us and give us the power to become the kind of loving people God wants us can be.

Love is at the heart of the teachings and life of Jesus. Of all the deeds that Jesus did on earth, none is more expressive of his love than the crucifixion. The crucifixion acts as a dramatic sign of his great love for us. As Jesus says in St. John's Gospel, "*The greatest love a person can have for friends is to give one's life for them.*"

Let us pray that our lives will be a response to the sign and invitation of the crucifixion. May our lives be a response to the love of Jesus for us and his invitation for us to love others as he loves us. Let us take to heart the old adage: "Whatever the question is? The answer is love!"

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "I feel that that there is nothing more truly artistic than to love people." ~ Vincent van Gogh

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: The church council met to discuss the pastor's compensation package for the coming year. After the meeting the chair of council told the pastor: "We are very sorry, Pastor, but we decided that we cannot give you a raise next year." "But you must give me a raise," said the pastor. "I am but a poor preacher!" "I know," the council chair said. "We hear you every Sunday."

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 27, 2026
7:00pm **Vince Merry**

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
8:30am **Thomas Clerkin** – Pat Ogborn
10:30am **Highland Manor Mass**

Thursday, October 29, 2026
8:30am **Alf Fischer** – Don and Barbara Cassidy

Friday, October 30, 2026
8:30am **Patrick Murphy** – Family & Friends

Saturday, October 31, 2026
5:00pm **Souls in Purgatory**
Randy Sartor – May Waterman
Eileen Long – Mac & Gail Brown
Intentions of Malcolm King – Mac & Gail Brown

Sunday, November 1, 2026
9:00am **Thérese Hétu** – The Family
11:00am **Intentions of the Families of St. Joseph Parish**

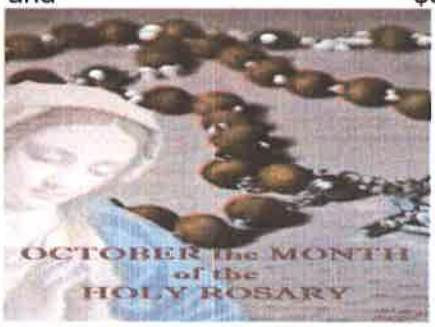
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 25, 2026
"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind." Live in that love in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Contact Fr. John Ha, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Contributions for October 11, 2026

Regular Offerings	$2,022.85
Needs of the Canadian Church	$ 10.00
St. Mary St. Joseph Cemetery Fund	$ 65.00
Building Fund	$ 210.00

Contributions for October 17, 2026

Regular Offerings	$1,724.35
World Mission Sunday	$1,445.00
St. Mary & St. Joseph	$ 125.00
Building Fund	$5,025.00



Catholic Women's League Meeting
This Sunday, October 25th, 12:00pm

Reminder to the ladies of the Parish that they are invited to join us after the 11:00am Mass this Sunday for a General Meeting of the CWL. Discussions will include the upcoming bazaar, plans for the upcoming Advent season and any other business. Refreshments will be served.



Parish Bazaar is Fast Approaching
November 7th, 10am to 2pm

A reminder that the date for our annual bazaar is fast approaching. We would appreciate your help by:

1. Returning your sold ticket stubs and cash to the Church office; they must be returned by **Sunday November 1st**
2. Dropping off any Silent Auction or Tooney Table donations; and
3. Let us know if you are planning to bring in baked goods to sell.

Our thanks to everyone who has already returned their tickets or donations! Can't wait to see everyone at the bazaar!

Calling All Moms! Free Monthly Event
Guelph Catholic Moms Group Ministry
Topic: A.I. and your Family
Based on the Pope's Recent Encyclical: Magnifica Humanitas
Guest Speaker: Dr. Lopez, Legal Scholar, Yale
Wednesday, November 4th
4:30pm - 6:00pm (Rear Entrance)
Kids are Always Welcome at the Catholic Craft Table
RSVP email by Oct. 28
st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com
St. John the Baptist 45 Victoria Rd. North, Guelph
*Let us know if you would like to Volunteer
www.catholicmomsgroup.com

October: A Month of Prayer for Vocations

Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, invites all the faithful in the Diocese of Hamilton to pray for vocations throughout October. As children of God, let us pray together for those discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, consecrated life, and marriage. May they have the courage to listen to God's voice and respond with generous hearts. For more information, visit hamiltondiocese.com/vocations.

"Mission to Love"

Jesus names the whole Law: love God with all your heart, and love your neighbour as yourself (Mt 22:34-40). Pope Leo XIV says the same of mission: it is the proclamation, living, and sharing of God's faithful love. Last Sunday we prayed and gave with the universal Church. This Sunday we take that offering home: welcome the stranger, reconcile a division, speak of Christ with gentleness. The collection has been taken; the mission has not ended. Mary, Queen of Missions, make us instruments of peace.

Century Church Theatre

Century Church Theatre in Hillsburgh is proud to present the seasonal production of Tom Dudzick's comedy, "*Greetings!*". This play follows a family whose long-held beliefs are challenged as they explore the complexities of faith, family, and a Christmas miracle (but not the Nativity). It offers older parents a great opportunity to invite adult children who may have strayed from the faith for a thought-provoking outing that will spark meaningful discussions about religion, understanding, and the transformative power of compassion. We invite you to experience this journey of reconciliation and discover how forgiveness can turn our worlds upside down in the best possible way. Matinees are on Saturdays and Sundays from Nov 21 through Dec 6 at 2 PM. For more information and tickets, please visit centurychurchtheatre.com.

Upcoming Events

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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