

St. Joseph Parish

Parish Dedicated June 24, 1894

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WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch, PH, VG. – Pastor
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Reverend Paul Nwaokemele – Associate Pastor
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Colin Cousins - Music Director

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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with one of the priests to make preparations for the baptism of your child.

First Communion and Confirmation

Preparation for these sacraments begins in the fall of the year. Watch the bulletin for further information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the parish office one year prior to the desired wedding date to arrange a meeting with one of the priests to discuss the necessary arrangements to be made.

Interested in Becoming Catholic

Adults wishing to become Catholic are asked to call the parish office to arrange a meeting with one of the priests to discuss the necessary steps to be taken.

Religious Education for Children not in Catholic Schools

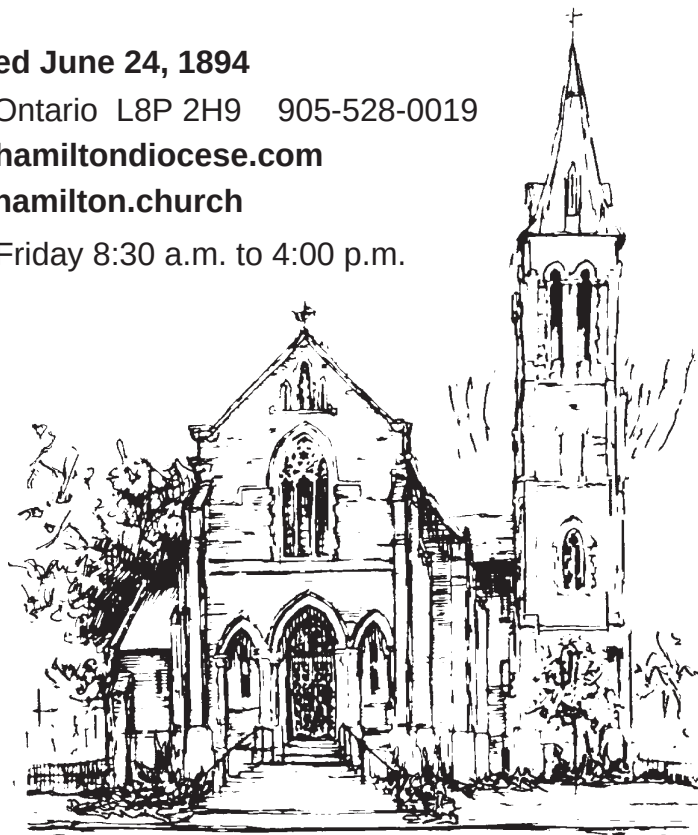
Contact the parish office for information on available catechetical programs.

Ministry to the Sick and Shut-ins

If you are unable to attend church, arrangements can be made for you to receive Holy Communion at home. Please contact the parish office. If you wish a pastoral visit to your home or to the hospital, or wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick, call the parish office.

Funerals

When a loved one has died, kindly advise the parish office. The priest who will preside will meet with you to prepare the Funeral Rites.



Stewardship: Ways to Give

Pre-Authorized Giving

This is the easiest method. Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account at your chosen frequency. To set this up, pick up a form at the church, or the Parish Office or see the form on our parish website.

Parish Envelopes

Upon request, a box of envelopes can be prepared for you. Be sure to place these in the collection basket at Mass or mail them to the Parish Office, should you be unable to join us for Sunday Mass.

Credit Card Donations

Contact the Parish office for more information.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our Parish Community.

Remember your Parish

When estate planning, be sure to remember your Parish, your spiritual home here on earth, and make a contribution to the future faith life of our parish.

Vocations

For information on vocations to the Priesthood, and Consecrated Life, call the Diocesan Vocations Office 905-528-7988.

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land we live, work and meet on are the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Mississauga. The land is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant.

Diocese of Hamilton: Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Daniella Conz – Renzo & Family

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

8:00 a.m. + the souls of the sister and brother – Maria DeSousa

Thursday, August 20, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Alfredo Osmena – Leilani Osmena & Rod Yotingco

Friday, August 21, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Marie Harper & Lyola St. Georges – Susan Harper

Saturday, August 22, 2026

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Sunday, August 23, 2026

10:00 a.m. For the Parish

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

8:00 a.m. Int. Rod Yotingco & Leilani Osmena
Int. Lenny and Colleen Francisci 40th Anniversary
– the Family

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Jose & Gilda Cabral – Dianne Porter

Thursday, August 27, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Deborah Peters – Mary Ellen Bailey

Friday, August 28, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Joan Scanlan – Liam Scanlan

Saturday, August 29, 2026

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Sunday, August 30, 2026

10:00 am. For the Parish

SUMMER BULLETINS

During the summer months, the Parish bulletin will be published bi-weekly. Our next bulletin will be published on **August 30th**. Weekly bulletins resume on September 6th.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the summer months the Parish Office will be open on **Tuesday and Wednesday each week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The Office will be closed on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from July 2nd until August 31st. Thank you for your understanding.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

You may have been coming to St. Joseph Parish for many years and are not registered. We ask you to check with our parish office to make sure you are a registered parishioner. Parish registration is required to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist and Marriage.

UPDATED STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We are grateful to all who contribute their time, talent and treasure to support our parish community and our mission. We continue to count on your generosity.

July 12, 2026

Sunday Offerings: \$1703.70

July 19, 2026

Sunday Offerings \$965.00

Maintenance: \$471.90

July 26, 2026

Sunday Offerings \$1565.25

July Pre-Authorized payments \$8,259.66

August 2, 2026

Sunday Offerings: \$1291.00

Maintenance: \$360.00

Neighbours in Need: \$525.00

August 9, 2026

Sunday Offerings: \$1,284.10

Maintenance: \$ 980.00

August Pre-Authorized payments \$7959.66

POPE'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

For evangelization in the city – Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd,
You walk through our streets and squares,
enter tall buildings and humble neighborhoods,
and silently accompany millions
who seek meaning amid noise and haste.
You know, Lord, the heart of the city:
its lights and shadows, its noise and loneliness.
We know that cities are called to be
places of freedom and opportunity,
but they can also become spaces
of anonymity and isolation.
That's why today we ask You for a renewed gaze,
able to discover in urban life
fertile ground for proclaiming your Gospel.
Give us a creative and deep faith,
that doesn't remain in words,
but becomes flesh through simple and loving gestures.
Make us a Church that goes forth,
able to reach out to the peripheries,
to console those who are lonely,
and to sow fraternity and connection
instead of giving in to indifference.
Lord, may our urban communities
be open and welcoming homes,
places where hope is shared,
where no one feels invisible,
and where the joy of your Gospel shines
in the hidden lives of so many brothers and sisters.
Make us your witnesses in the city,
bold and creative missionaries,
who proclaim your Love with their lives—
a Love capable of overcoming haste, noise, and anonymity.
Amen.

WELCOME TO FATHER PAUL NWAOKELEME

We happily welcome Father Paul Nwaokeleme to St. Joseph Parish. Father Paul was born in Aba, Nigeria in 1984 and was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Aba in 2011. In addition to completing his studies in Philosophy and Theology prior to his ordination, he also holds a Master's degree in Education.

Since his ordination, Father Paul has served as an Associate Pastor and Pastor, and most recently (2016-2026) as Manager and Principal of two schools in Aba State. He enjoys music, football reflection and writing.

We look forward to his ministry in our Parish as he shares his love for the Church and his unique gifts. We surround him with our prayers as he begins his ministry among us.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Do you, or someone you know, want to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church? Contact the Parish Office for more information. **For those not baptized**, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) begins in September and meets weekly until Easter (April 2027). Weekly sessions offer instruction and reflection on Scripture, Church teaching, the Sacraments, moral life and prayer. The Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) are celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

For adults already baptized in other Christian Churches, an adapted process of formation is offered. Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church and Confirmation is celebrated at an agreed upon time. Contact the Parish Office for more information and to arrange a meeting with Msgr. Kroetsch.

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE PROGRAM

Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>.

NEXT MARIAN DAY

Marian Days are celebrated on the First Saturdays from June – October 2026 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. **The next Marian Day is on Saturday, September 5th**. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will be presiding. The day begins with Holy Hour with Morning Prayer and Confessions at 9:00 a.m., Benediction at 10:00 a.m. and Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by an Outdoor Rosary Processions (weather permitting). Coffee, Tea and Gift Shop available after the Rosary Procession (participants may bring their own lunch.).

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2026! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? The Frassati Leadership Program may be for you. Join other Grade 10 Catholic leaders as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>.



No need to skip Sunday Mass or go to another church this summer! We now have a cool church during the hottest months of the year! Come and join us!

HOPE FOR HUNGER GALA

The **De Mazenod Door Outreach** is holding their Hope for Hunger Gala on **September 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** at Liuna Station, Grand Ballroom. "Join us for an unforgettable evening in support of our community's most vulnerable. Sit-down dinner – Live Band – Silent Auction. Your attendance directly supports De Mazenod Door Outreach's mission to provide daily nourishment, dignity, and hope to the poor and marginalized in our community. For more information and tickets go to: gala@demazenod-door.ca

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2026. Three- and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.

CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP

Endorsed by Bishop Dabrowski and offered by St. Jerome's University, Waterloo, the Certificate in Catholic Leadership provides flexible study and formation opportunities for those serving in Catholic organizations and others seeking to deepen their understanding of Catholic leadership. It helps form leaders grounded in faith, committed to service, and responsive to the needs of the Church and society. Please see the attached flyer for more details or visit: <https://uwaterloo.ca/st-jeromes/academics/continuing-education/certificate-catholic-leadership>

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