

St. Joseph Parish

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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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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

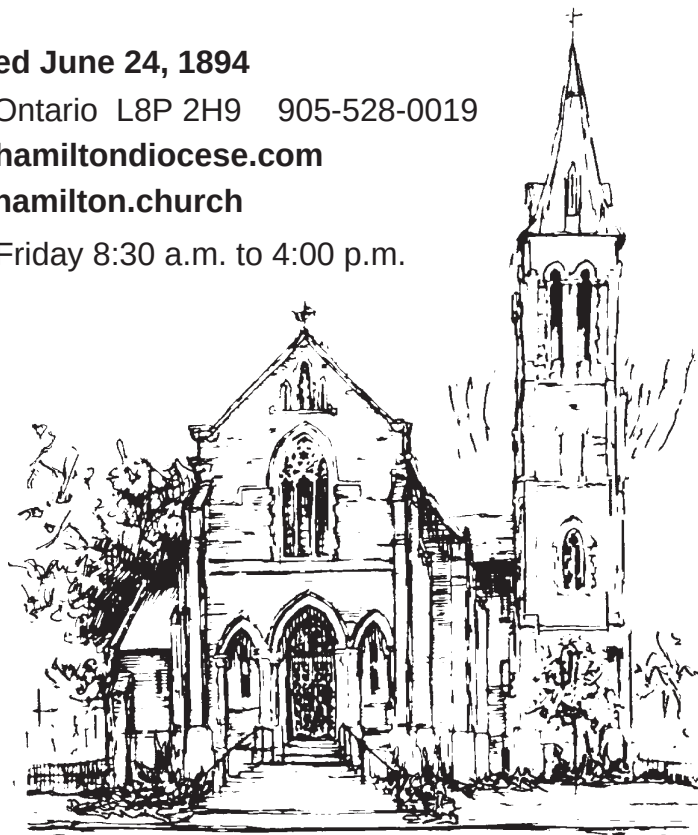
Contact the parish office for information on available catechetical programs.

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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account at your chosen frequency.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 4, 2026

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

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Bernice & Joseph Clark – The Family

Thursday, August 6, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Ildefonsa Teves – Leilani Osmena & Rod Yotingco
+ Jose Moniz – Gloria Moniz

Friday, August 7, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Souls of the sisters of Eduarda DeSousa

Saturday, August 8, 2026

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Sunday, August 9, 2026

10:00 a.m. For the Parish

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Margaret and Jack Drougan – Susan Harper

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

8:00 a.m. Int. Bellideau Family – the Family

Thursday, August 13, 2026

8:00 a.m. +Antonio Medeiros – Gloria Moniz

Friday, August 14, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Rosario Agresta – Caterina Agresta

Saturday, August 15, 2026

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Sunday, August 16, 2026

10:00 a.m. For the Parish

POPE'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

For the vocation of young people– Let us pray that young people in search of their own vocation might recognize in Jesus Christ a companion on the way to whom they can open their hearts.

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.

Next Financial Report will be published later in August.

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.

SUMMER BULLETINS

During the summer months, the Parish bulletin will be published bi-weekly. Our next bulletin will be published on **August 16th**. 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.

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.

VOLUNTEER SCREENING

Tim McKenna has recently accepted the invitation to update our Parish Volunteer Screening Program. We are grateful to Margaret Moran for her many years serving in this role. We are presently updating our records. So, some of the volunteers may be contacted during the coming weeks so that our records are up to date and consistent with our updated Diocesan requirements. We are grateful to ALL of our volunteers! New volunteers are always welcome!

PRAYER FOR TRAVELLERS

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth,
we praise you for the wonders of your creation.
As we travel, open our eyes to the beauty of creation
so that we may discover the wisdom and love
of the One who created it.

Bless our time together, keep us safe from all harm,
and refresh us in body and spirit.
Be with us on our journeys
And guide us safely home by your loving hand, Amen.

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>.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15th is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. From the moment of her Immaculate Conception, Mary was preserved from the stain of original sin in anticipation of her role as Mother of the Redeemer (cf. Lk 1:28). Her perfect holiness, maintained through a life of humility, obedience, and unwavering faith, prepared her to share uniquely in the victory of her Son over sin and death.

It is fitting, then, that she who bore the Author of Life should not see corruption in the grave (cf. Ps 16:10). The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians" (CCC 966). By God's grace, Mary's earthly life was crowned with her entrance—body and soul—into the glory of heaven.

THE LORD'S DAY

From the earliest days of the Church, following the Resurrection of the Lord, God's holy people have gathered on the first day of the Week to listen to God's Word and to Celebrate the Eucharist.

During the summer months, as we enjoy time to rest and travel, we continue to gather with our faith community on Sunday (wherever we may be) to give thanks to God for the abundant blessings we share and to be nourished by God's Word and the Sacrament of Christ's body and Blood.

Let us be united in prayer and in our love for one another during these summer days!

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

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM

Healthy self-esteem is linked to positive mental health outcomes, which is so important to each of us. Our program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your own future. The program will be offered from Tuesday September 22 – November 24, 2026 at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration is online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com> and can be found under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.

PROJECT RACHEL

Struggling After an Abortion? Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry and in need of support? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

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