

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

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Reverend Paul Nwaokemele – Associate 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

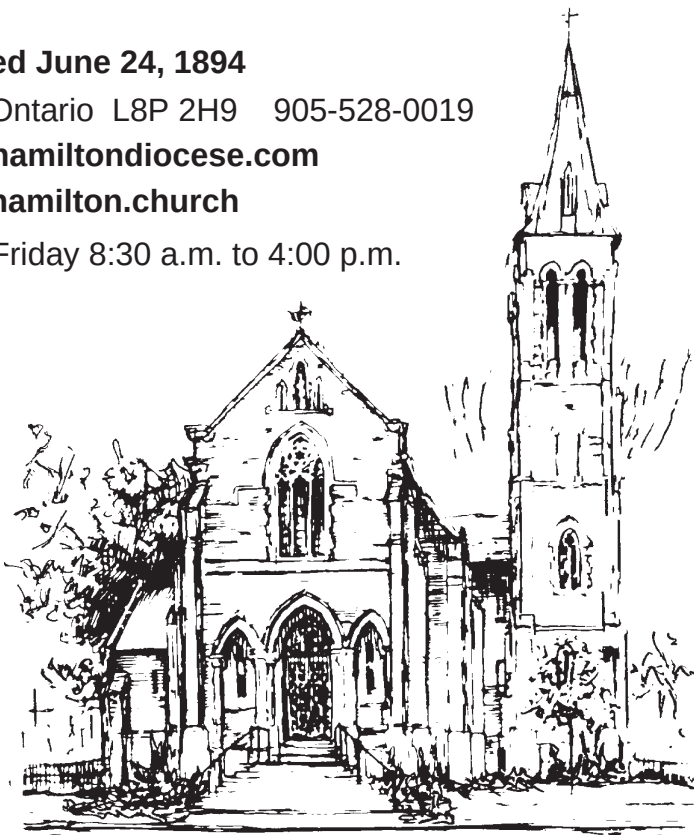
Contact the parish office for information on available catechetical programs.

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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account at your chosen frequency.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, July 21, 2026

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

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Guise Nguyen Huy – Thao Le

Thursday, July 23, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Martin Pandzich – Linda Pandzich

Friday, July 24, 2026

8:00 a.m. + John & Robert Aceti – Rosalie Little

Saturday, July 25, 2026

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Sunday, July 26, 2026

10:00 a.m. For the Parish

Tuesday, July 28 – Friday, July 31

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

*Check out neighbouring parishes
for their schedule of weekday Masses.*

Weekday Masses at St. Joseph Parish resume on August 4th.

POPE'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION

For respect for human life – Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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 5, 2026

Sunday Offering: \$2,292.05

Maintenance: \$390.00

Next Financial Report will be published 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.

AWAITING OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Paul Nwokeleme is still in Nigeria. He has completed his paperwork for immigration and is awaiting his Visa and Work Permit to enter Canada. He has assured us that as soon as he receives the necessary documents, he will be on the next available flight to Canada. He is anticipating arrival during the first week of August. Let us pray for his safe travel.

SUMMER BULLETINS

During the summer months, the Parish bulletin will be published bi-weekly. Our next bulletin will be published on **August 2nd**, Weekly bulletins resume on September 6th.

CONSTRUCTION WORK

Repairs to the outside steps of the church continues with the Locke Street entrance. We have learned that the damage to the steps is greater than anticipated. The covering of the steps is peeling and revealing water damage on the cement stairs below. The steps are being repaired to ensure the safety of all parishioners and guests to our church. The cost of the repairs is estimated at \$25,000. **Thank you for any contributions you are able to make to our Maintenance Fund and thank you for your patience during the repairs.**

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.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

We welcome **Father Lourdusamy Subramani** who will speak about the needs of the Diocese of Kumbakonam at all Masses this weekend. Your generosity to this appeal will be a blessing to the Diocese of Kumbakonam!

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!

MSGR. KROETSCH AWAY

Msgr. Kroetsch will be away from the Parish from July 20th to August 3rd. He will be visiting Rome for a few days and then make his annual retreat in Assisi. During this time, Fr. Ed Hampson will be celebrating weekend Masses. Fr. John Ha, our Diocesan Vocation Director, will celebrate the weekday Masses July 21-24th. There are no weekday Masses July 28-31st. Let us continue to be united in prayer for one another during these days!

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.

Sunday is for all Christians a day of rest and relaxation, and as for our Jewish brothers and sisters, a day to give thanks for all God's abundant gifts: the gift of God's creation, the gift of life, and the gift of family and friends. In addition, for us Christians, Sunday is the Lord's Day – the weekly remembrance of the Day of Christ's resurrection, and a day when we remember and celebrate our baptismal share in the life of Christ.

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!

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.

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, August 1st.** Cardinal Thomas Collins 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.).

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.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The expression "the family that prays together stays together" is one that most people have heard. Popular sayings make sense when we see the truth in them, but this one is backed up by research! When we pray together at home (before meals, before bed, in the morning) and attend Mass, we are connecting on a deep level that helps a family have increased unity. So, enjoy the more relaxed summer days and holidays, but don't let prayer and attending Mass take a holiday because their benefits are a wonderful addition to this great season!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Couples are so busy today with their jobs, taking care of children and sometimes looking after elderly parents that time is very precious. Often what gets put on the back burner is time to focus on their marriage. All these responsibilities are much better managed with a healthy relationship, so taking time together has a positive impact all around. Schedule time for a coffee, a short or long walk, a chat at the end of the day, prayer, or dinner for two, anything that is just for the two of you. Your marriage matters — don't let making it a priority take a backseat to everything else on the to-do list!

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY



Pope Leo XIV has chosen "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15) as the theme for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The World Day, instituted by the late Pope Francis in 2021, is celebrated every fourth Sunday of July and is presented as an opportunity to bring the closeness of the Church to the elderly and to enhance their contribution within families and communities.

Taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the chosen verse is meant to be a message of consolation and hope for all grandparents and elderly people, especially those who live in loneliness or feel forgotten. At the same time, it is a reminder to families and ecclesial communities not to forget them, recognizing in them a precious presence and a blessing.

The Pope's choice highlights how God's love for every person never fails, not even in the fragility of old age.



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!

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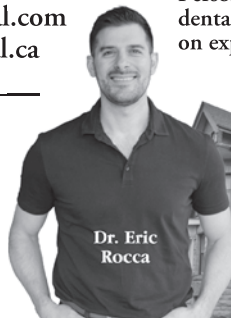
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