

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

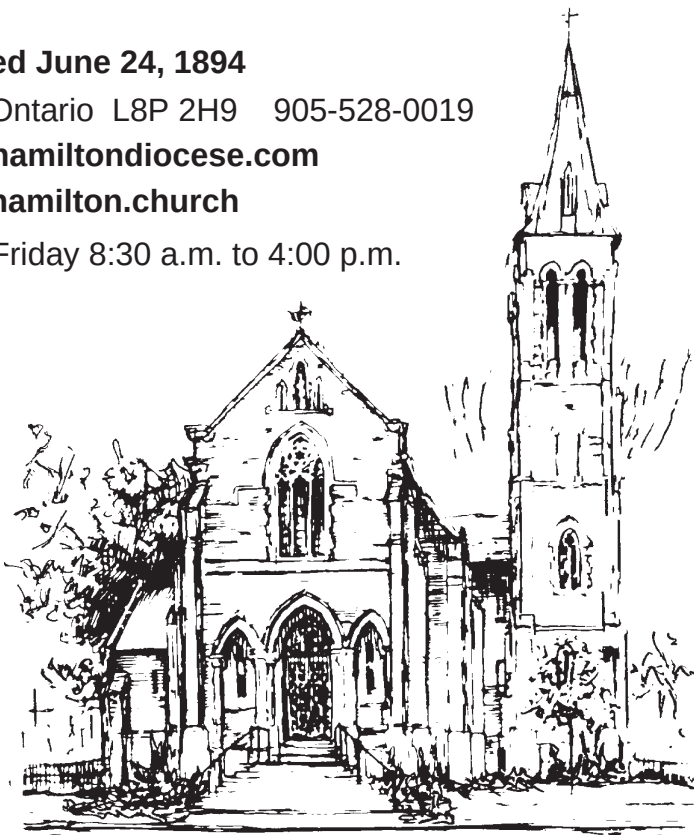
Contact the parish office for information on available catechetical programs.

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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account at your chosen frequency.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, June 30, 2026

8:00 a.m. +Danny Shea – Phyllis & Michael Dwyer
+ Gerry Schurter – Terry Wallace

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. NO MORNING MASS

Thursday, July 2, 2026

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

Friday, July 3, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Sisters of Eduardo De Sousa
+ Benjamin Francisci – The Francisci Family

Saturday, July 4, 2026

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Sunday, July 5, 2026

10:00 a.m. For the Parish

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

June 21, 2026

Sunday Offering: \$1,805.20

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. So, his actual arrival date is yet unknown. Let us pray that the process moves quickly and that he will travel in safety!

CONSTRUCTION WORK

Repairs to the outside steps of the church have begun at the side entrance near the sanctuary. Once completed, work will begin on the main entrance on Locke Street. 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.



Resting in the Heart of Jesus

As we come to the close of the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are invited not simply to conclude a devotion, but to deepen a way of life rooted in the love of Christ. In the Heart of Jesus—pierced on the Cross and open to the world—we encounter the source of Divine Mercy, poured out for our healing and salvation.

From this heart flows forgiveness, compassion, and new life. Let us continue to turn to the Sacred Heart with trust, asking that His love may transform our hearts, strengthen our ability to love and serve others, and shape our daily lives according to His Heart.

Additional prayers and resources for the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are available on the diocesan website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/sacredheart

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.

SUMMER BULLETINS

During the summer months, the Parish bulletin will be published bi-weekly. **July 5, July 19, August 2, August 16 and August 30.** Weekly bulletins will resume on September 6th.



We thank all of our volunteers who have shared God's Word with our children during the past pastoral year. During the summer months, we look forward to the children celebrating God's word with us in the church. Thanks also to the parents who have encouraged their children to participate in the celebrations this past year. See you in the fall!

THANKS TO THE GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the volunteers who cleaned up the garden at the front of the church. Well done!

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

Walk with your feet on earth, but in your heart be in heaven.
– St. John Bosco

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!



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!



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, July 4th.** 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 are welcome to bring their own lunch.).

DID YOU KNOW?

Entering and Leaving Gestures

It is the Catholic custom, upon entering and leaving the church, to make the sign of the cross with holy water. Traditionally, one uses the right hand, dips it into the water of the baptismal font at the entrance of the church (or the small receptacle at the other entrances) and then makes the sign of the cross touching the forehead, waist, left and then right shoulder. This action expresses our belonging to Christ, is a reminder of our baptismal share in the life of Christ, and a sign of our union with fellow Christians as members of the Body of Christ.

The fitting sign of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle is the genuflection. The bending of the right knee, while facing the tabernacle, is the traditional gesture that is made when entering the church and before leaving one's pew at the end of a period of prayer or a liturgical celebration. It is not the Catholic custom to genuflect to the altar or to the image of Christ on the sanctuary wall (and certainly not the custom to genuflect towards the pew before entering it). It is contrary to liturgical law to genuflect to the tabernacle during Mass or during another liturgical celebration.

CANADA DAY



We celebrate Canada Day on July 1st. As Canadians, we are called to be witnesses to Christ and the world, and to continue influencing those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes.

Christians, realizing that they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of the earth. God's Kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.

Lord Jesus, look upon the people of our land and bless us all. Help us to be sisters and brothers to all the world and to work for peace and love. Be with us, Jesus, and bless Canada, for you are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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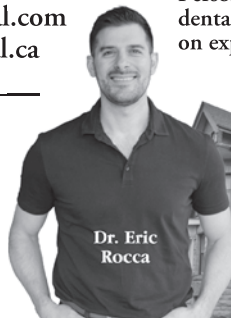
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