

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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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

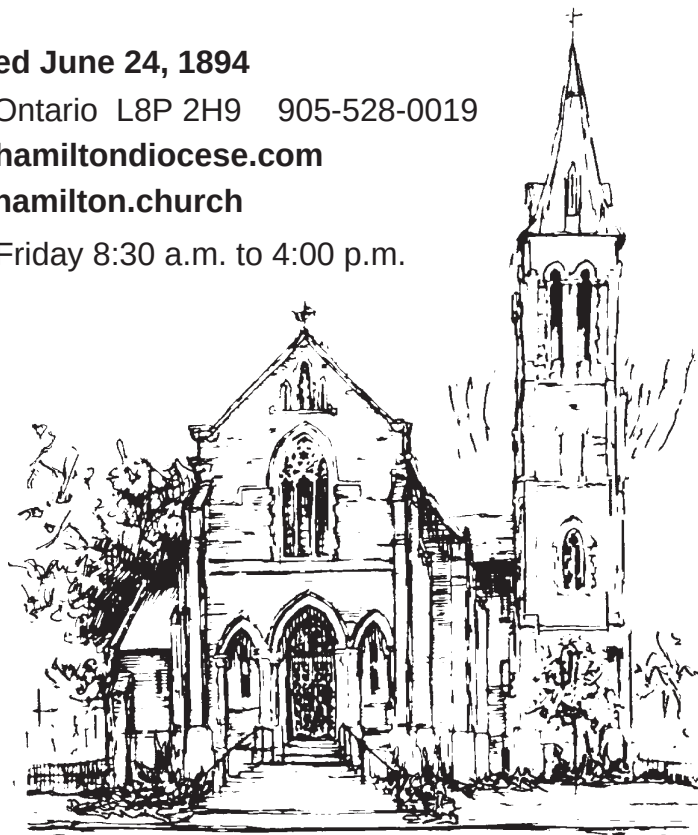
Contact the parish office for information on available catechetical programs.

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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account at your chosen frequency.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, September 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Clark - Family

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Sam Caruso - Family

Thursday, September 3, 2026

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

Friday, September 4, 2026

8:00 a.m.+ Angelina Baldin – Family
+ Jose Moniz – Gloria Moniz

Saturday, September 5, 2026

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Sunday, September 6, 2027

10:00 a.m. For the Parish

SUMMER BULLETINS

Next week we resume the publication of our weekly bulletins.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our regular Office hours resume this week. The Office is open **Tuesday to Friday each week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Thank you for your understanding and patience during the summer when our staff was able to enjoy some vacation time.

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.

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.

August 16, 2026

Sunday Offerings: \$1,342.30

Maintenance:\$1,800.00

August 23, 2026

Sunday Offerings: \$1,873.15

Maintenance:\$ 3,388.00

POPE'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

For the care of water – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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>.

GETTING MARRIED IN 2026-2027?

Couples planning on getting married at St. Joseph Parish this year or next are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to arrange a meeting with one of the priests. We look forward to celebrating with you.



Beginning on Sunday, September 13th we will resume our celebrations of Children's Liturgy at the **10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Mass**. We are in urgent need of volunteers to lead these celebrations. If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office. Training will be provided.

THE CHOSEN THE CHOSEN SEASON 3



The Chosen Season 3 Study Group series begins on **Monday September 21st in the Parish Hall from 6:15 – 8:15 p.m.** All parishioners and friends are invited to attend this 8-week group series, which brings to life the Biblical stories of the Gospels. As a group we will watch the videos and then discuss the authentic portrayal of Jesus and his disciples as they struggle with their humanity and desire to serve God. If you cannot commit to every Monday, come when you can.

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.).

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

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>

JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. Below is a Prayer of Pope Leo XIV to be offered during this special year:



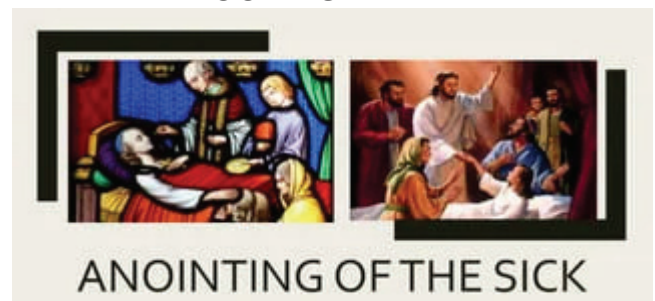
Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

LOOKING AHEAD!



We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all Masses on **Saturday, September 19th and Sunday, September 20th**. Watch the bulletin for more details!

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