

St. Joseph Parish

Parish Dedicated June 24, 1894

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WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

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Parish Staff

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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

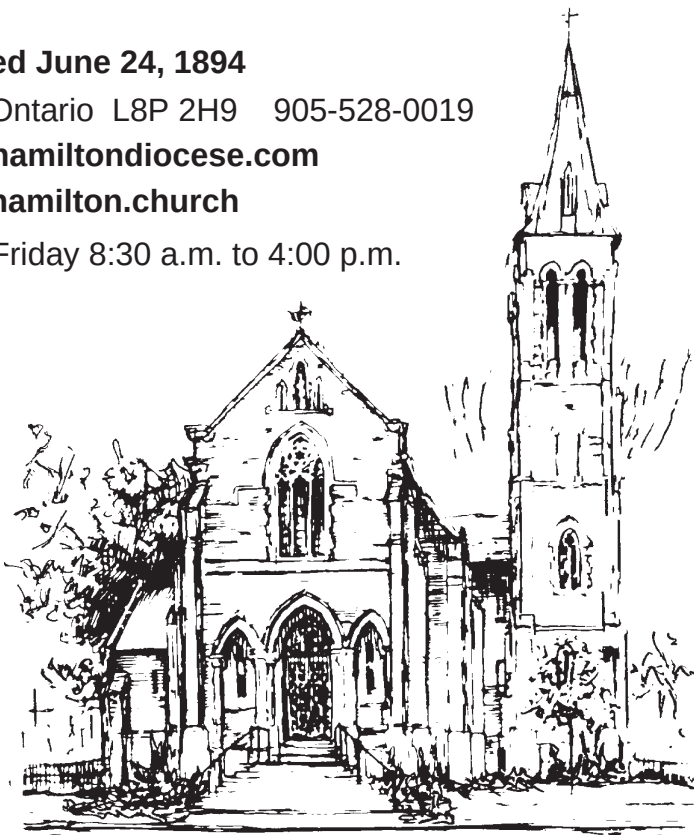
Contact the parish office for information on available catechetical programs.

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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account at your chosen frequency.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

Monday, October 12, 2026, THANKSGIVING DAY
No Mass at St. Joseph Parish
Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
8:00 a.m. + Marilyn Galambos – Reilly, Eacott, Lamont Galambos
+ Joan Scanlan – Liam Scanlan

Wednesday, October 14, 2026
8:00 a.m. Int. Bellideau Family – Bernice Clark

Thursday, October 15, 2026
8:00 a.m. + Molly Bronte-Tinkew – Jane Canale

Friday, October 16, 2026
8:00 a.m. + Rosario Agresta – Caterina Agresta

Saturday, October 17, 2026
5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Sunday, October 18, 2026
10:00 a.m. For the Parish

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.

October 4, 2026

Sunday Offerings: \$ 1,831.00

Neighbours in Need: \$ 543.00

POPE'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION

For mental health ministry – Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

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.

ANNUAL FALL MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington. Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA, Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. for an hour of silent prayer in the presence of Christ, the Bread of Life. This is a longstanding devotional practice which leads us to deepen our union with Christ.



As we celebrate Thanksgiving in Canada, we offer thanks to God for the bounty of creation and the fruits of the harvest. As we gather with family and friends for a festive meal, we offer the following prayer.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
Creator of heaven and earth
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
We praise you for your glory
and thank you for your goodness to us.
We praise you for your generous gifts
and for bringing forth fruitful results to our labours.
As we rejoice in your kindness,
we pray also for those who are in need.
Open our hearts to them,
and teach us to be generous to others
as you are to us.
Gracious and bounteous God,
help us all to follow Jesus our Lord
and so bear eternal fruit for you.

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts,
which we have received from your bounty.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Chosen Season 3 Study Group is cancelled this week. The group will continue meetings **NEXT WEEK on Monday evening in the Parish Hall from 6:15 – 8:15 p.m.** All are welcome.

PARISH BAZAAR

Saturday, November 21, 2026

We are seeking donations of New items, gift cards, or bottles for the raffles. Gently used items for Attic treasures— no clothing, Religious items, Books—no encyclopedias or magazines, Kids' toys and games, Plants/art/Christmas ornaments Crafts/knitting Jams/jellies Baked goods— we will need these for the day of the bazaar. 50/50 tickets will go on sale this weekend.

Thanks so much for supporting this major fundraiser for our parish! Contact Colleen Francisci for more info Text 289-556-6681 or ctfrancisci@hotmail.com



**The Month of October is dedicated to prayer for priestly vocations in the Diocese of Hamilton.
Let us pray...**

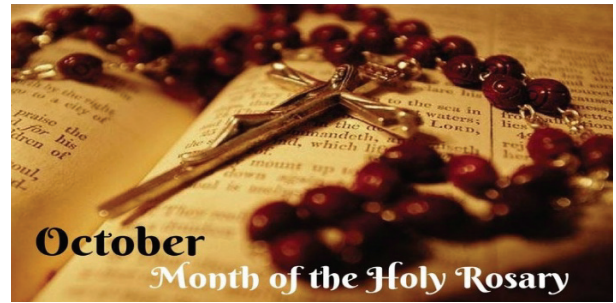
**For vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life:
that gratitude for God's goodness may inspire
generous responses to his call, and that our
communities may encourage those discerning with
prayer and understanding.**

PREPARING FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

"The invitation is for all peoples" Isaiah sees a feast the Lord prepares "for all peoples" (Is 25:6). In the Gospel the king sends servants to the highways so that the wedding hall may be filled (Mt 22:1-14). Mission is that invitation carried to every nation. Next Sunday is the 100th World Mission Sunday. Please plan to pray for missionaries and to support the second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which aids young Churches in more than 1,100 mission territories.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

An attitude of gratitude has proven to bring more happiness and contentment to a person's life. Expressing gratitude to your spouse for their love and all they bring to your life has a two-fold benefit, it makes them feel respected and appreciated and it helps you see the goodness in your relationship. Sometimes we forget to recognize the many wonderful things our spouse brings to us, so take the time to do so and see how your relationship can flourish! (From: Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to honor the miraculous victory of the Christian fleet over the Ottoman Empire at the Battle of Lepanto on October 7 of that year. Before the battle, Pope Pius V called on all Christians to pray the Rosary, attributing the triumph not to military might but to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through this prayer. This event highlighted the Rosary as a powerful spiritual tool for both personal devotion and communal protection.

The Rosary had its origin in the liturgical mentality of former ages. Even at the present time it is called "Mary's Psalter." There still are Catholics who consider the 150 Hail Mary's a substitute for the 150 psalms for those persons who neither have the time, the education, nor the opportunity to pray the Hours of the Divine Office. Thus "Mary's Psalter" is a shortened, simplified "breviary" alongside the common Hour-prayer of the Church. — *The Church's Year of Grace*, Dr. Pius Parsch

The Rosary is Christocentric setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ, the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honors and contemplates Mary too, and rightly so, for the same reason that the Liturgical Year does likewise: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she" (*Mediator Dei*).

Meditation on this cycle of Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries makes the Rosary not only "a breviary or summary of the Gospel and of Christian life", but also a compendium of the Liturgical Year. Therewith the Rosary stands revealed as a dynamic teacher and nurturer of Christian faith, morality, and spiritual perfection, fostering in various ways faith, hope, charity, and the other virtues, and mediating special graces, all to the end that we may become more and more like unto Christ. — *Mariology*, Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

October is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, a chance to remember all that we are grateful for in our lives. It is a perfect time to have children focus on the good things in their lives: the people they love and care for and who love and care for them, their friends, the ability to go to school, having a place to live and food to eat, to name a few. It is also a time to remind them to thank God for their gift of life and faith. (From: Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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