

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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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

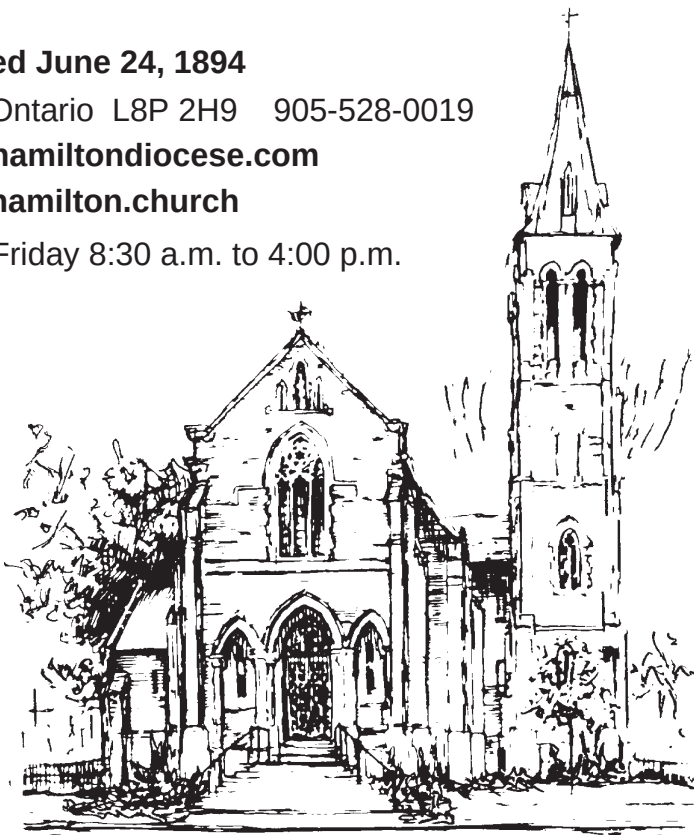
Contact the parish office for information on available catechetical programs.

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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account at your chosen frequency.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 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Daniella Conz – Renzo and family

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Souls of the sisters of Eduardo De Souza

Thursday, September 24, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Lourdes & Herminio Furtado – Gloria Moniz

Friday, September 25, 2025

8:00 a.m. + Joaquim Mendes – Maria Lopes

Saturday, September 26, 2026

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Sunday, September 27, 2027

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.

September 13, 2026

Sunday Offerings: \$1,284.10

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.

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.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

All are warmly invited to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our Diocese at the Multicultural Mass on **Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. The Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., Bishop of Hamilton, and followed by a multicultural celebration in McNally Hall. All are welcome!

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.

THE CHOSEN SEASON 3



The Chosen Season 3 Study Group series continues on **Monday evening this week 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Beginning on **Wednesday, September 23rd**, we will have an opportunity for parishioners to spend a quiet time of prayer in the church before the Blessed Sacrament **each Wednesday evening from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Prayer in the presence of Christ, the Bread of Life is a longstanding devotional practice which leads us to deepen our union with Christ.

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE PROGRAM

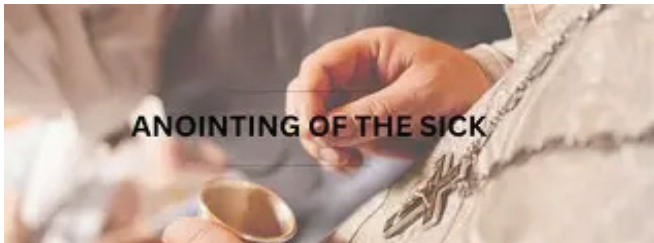
Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>.

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, October 3rd.** Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA, 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.).

NEED A FAMILY DOCTOR?

Residents of Hamilton, who don't currently have a family doctor can get in touch with the Family Health Team at attach@hamiltonfht.ca and they will help you with a family doctor accepting new patients. Phone: (365) 317-8117.



The Sacrament is not only to be celebrated with the dying. It is celebrated with the living, as a source of healing and comfort. Anyone who wishes to celebrate the sacrament and is unable to come to church is asked to call the Parish Office to arrange a time when one of the priests can come to your home to celebrate the sacrament.

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 after Thanksgiving

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

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The **112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees** will be observed this year on **Sunday September 27**, under the theme, *"Even just one of these children."* This is taken from the Lord's promise that *"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me"* (Matthew 18:5). The theme draws attention to the Church's special concern for children affected by migration. We are called to welcome every child with the love and dignity of Christ, recognizing their immeasurable value and need for care, protection, and hope. On this occasion, we pray in solidarity with migrants, refugees, and displaced people throughout the world.

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA



CANADIAN CONFERENCE
OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place **next weekend**. When you give, your offering begins in our parish but reaches far beyond it. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada. Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone - from providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Please give prayerfully and generously next weekend. To donate online, visit cccb.ca/donate.

AI AND HUMAN DIGNITY

Pope Leo XIV releases
First Encyclical Letter,
Magnifica Humanitas



The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us as we explore Pope Leo's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* and our call to protect human dignity in an age of technological revolution. There will be 2 locations for this series:

Kitchener: Saturday, October 24th, 2026 (1:00 – 3:00pm):
St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener

Hamilton: Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026 (1:00 – 3:00pm)
Chancery Office, Hamilton

Registration and more information can be found here:
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/ai-and-human-dignity-workshop/>.

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