

St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

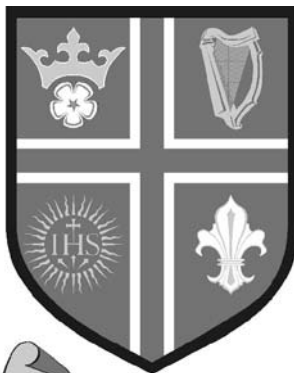
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus

St. Vincent Charities



BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

MARRIAGES:

By arrangement one year in advance.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment.

SCHOOLS:

St. Joseph 519-853-3730

Christ the King 905-702-8838

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite you to register in our parish community
by filling in a blue registration form.

A Word From Our Pastor:

I recently read a story pertaining to the origins and traditions of Palm Sunday which begins our Holy Week. In the Mid-fourth Century a woman by the name of Egeria decided to make a three-year pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Her legacy and her gift to the history of the Church was that she wrote lengthy accounts of what she saw and the places she visited during her pilgrimage.

Egeria wrote about how the early Christians were in prayer on a constant basis and they worshipped the sacraments as they then were practiced. She also wrote about how the liturgical seasons were developing and how the people were practicing piety as well.

Egeria also described how Holy Week was practiced in and around Jerusalem. What she wrote about still influences our Holy Week services to this very day. Regarding Palm Sunday, Egeria wrote how the early Christians gather in the afternoon at the Mount of Olives for a liturgy service which lasted a few hours!

In the evening, the people made their way in a procession to Jerusalem carrying palms or olive branches. This was not a universal practice in the rest of the Church's world, but it spread to the point that by the Eighth Century liturgical books contained blessings for palm branches.

Over time many people forgot the purpose of the blessed palms. They started to believe that the palms possessed great mystical powers, a belief which came to be almost pagan in nature. It was not until the Church in the 1950's through the writings of Egeria began to reform the importance of the palms. The symbolic use of the palm branches and the Palm Sunday procession were pared back to the days of the early Church when they were used to call to mind Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Many people this Palm Sunday will take home their palms and place them behind their crucifixes or behind a picture of Jesus.

However, some palms will be treated in careless ways. After Masses, blessed palms will litter the floor of the church. Some will be left in pews and others will be disposed of in a short period of time.

On this Palm Sunday we must remember what the purpose of the blessed palms is. They have a sacred purpose, to praise God. We wave our palms because we adore the life that has been given to us by Christ. Unlike the careless treatment which can be given to the blessed palms, we need to treat our faith as the most blessed thing of all.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"When Christ entered into Jerusalem the people spread garments in the way: when He enters into our hearts, we pull off our own righteousness, and not only lay it under Christ's feet but even trample upon it ourselves."
- Augustus Toplady

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Rhonda Chartrand, Marie Zions,
Susan Lindsay***

Bulletins are available online at:

<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

Aging Issues: Listening to Indigenous Voices— join us for this chance to learn about aging from the perspective of three Indigenous speakers in our region. The Diocese, through the Family Ministry Office, is co-sponsoring this Zoom event on Saturday, April 22 from 2-4 pm. For registration and information, please contact Ellen Ryan, hamiltonagingcommunity@gmail.com or at 905-648-0437

Stations of the Cross will be said on Fridays in Lent at 5:00 p.m. There will not be Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday April 6 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. **Adoration until 10:00 p.m.**
Good Friday April 7 11:00 a.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
 3:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
Holy Saturday April 8 12:00 p.m. Blessing of food baskets **in the Church**
 8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass**
Easter Sunday April 9 **Easter Masses 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.**

Reconciliation Times

Tuesday April 4 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
 Wednesday April 5 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (April 3 – April 9)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Joshua Genier	Raats Family
Wed 9:00 a.m.	<i>Easter Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.		
Good Friday 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.		
Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m.	Barbara Fister	Fister Family
Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.		



Please see Eddie MacDonald if you have any questions or are interested in joining the team.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

**Dick, Doucett, Doucette,
 Dunn, Duval, Dzioba**

Religious Articles and Gifts for all Occasions
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CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C

Anyone interested in learning more about our parish Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus is invited to call the appropriate contact person:

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 K of C: Marc MacDonald: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com



PALM SUNDAY






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