

# 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:

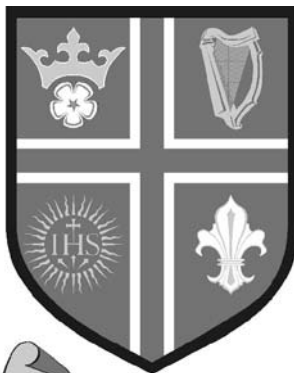
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus

St. Vincent Charities



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## 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:**

**N**ext Sunday we will take our annual Palm Sunday walk. We will retell the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem as would a war hero. Then, in the midst of recounting this wonderful triumphant entry, we will again recall the Passion. We will tell how the same crowd that cheered Jesus on one day will then turn on Him and call for His Crucifixion on the next. It will be a story that is, in part, about our own attachment to God.

There have been numerous opinions written and discussed on what it was that Jesus wrote in the sand when the mob approached Him with the woman. The real probability is that Jesus wrote nothing. It was not what He wrote that silenced the crowd, it was how He did it. It is thought that Jesus was practicing the common gesture of 'doodling' when one is annoyed with another person. It might be thought of as the equivalent of our counting to ten to keep us from saying something in anger.

The crowd knew that Jesus was annoyed and quite possibly angry. When Jesus quoted scripture to the crowd, He probably gave some of them the time to think about what they were doing. Others, not getting the satisfaction of achieving what they had set out to do, probably just left in frustration.

Jesus made the crowd face itself. The woman was a pawn to be used to catch Jesus in a mistake that would discredit Him. He turned the question from being one for Him to answer, to one the mob had to answer. The question was not how Jesus would deal with the woman; the question was now how the mob was going to deal with the woman. Jesus raised for the crowd the issue of honesty and sincerity, and for us He raised the issue of forgiveness. More than just forgiveness, Jesus raised the question of mercy.

Jesus did not excuse the woman's behaviour, but He did not hold it against her either. He gave her a chance to start over, a chance to start fresh. He did not hold her past against her but gave her a future.

Let's not annoy Jesus. Christ's offer of forgiveness and compassion to this publicly humiliated woman points out our call to reconciliation. Lent is an invitation to take a close look at our lives, acknowledge our weaknesses and start anew in the friendship of Christ.

*Fr. Mark*

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

"The goal of fasting is inner unity. This means hearing, but not with the ear; hearing, but not with the understanding; it is hearing with the spirit, with your whole being." - Thomas Merton

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

This week please pray especially for:  
**Colleen Decarlis, Lisa Fuller,  
Madeline Ainsworth**

**Stations of the Cross will be said on Fridays in Lent at 4:30 p.m. There will not be Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.**



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## HOLY WEEK

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	April 14	7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration until 10:00 p.m.
<b>Good Friday</b>	April 15	9:00 a.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion 3:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	April 16	12:00 p.m. Blessing of food baskets in the Church
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	April 16	<b>8:00 p.m.</b> Easter Vigil Mass <b>there will not be a 5 p.m. regular Mass</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	April 17	<b>Masses 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.</b>

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (April 4-April 10)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Rose Uliana
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>The People of Ukraine</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Lenten Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of: Their Grandchildren</i>	Mike and Iwona Kwiatkowski
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	MacDonald Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	Jean Marcoux	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey



Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and can fill in, it would be most appreciated.

## MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops  
Wed. 8:00 p.m. AA

## Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

**Sat. April 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**  
**Tues. April 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.**  
**Wed. April 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Thurs April 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**



### 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:

CWL: Christie deSouza: 519-400-6012 cwl@lartist.com  
K of C: Sean Saunders: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

**Religious Articles for Sale: On April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Religious Articles for First Communion will be available for purchase after Mass in the Church Hall. Items are available on a cash only basis.**



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