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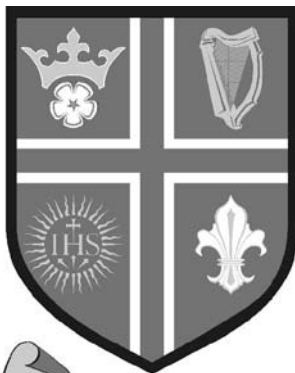
Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

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:

We read from the fourth week of five of the 'Bread of Life' discourse from the Gospel of John this Sunday.

Some of us may remember back in the mid 1990's when the letters WWJD were popular among Catholics and Christian groups. The letters represent the term "What would Jesus Do?" You would see these letters or words on numerous items. Bracelets and other forms of jewelry were popular with this inscription. There were t-shirts which one could buy as well. In one of my first appointments as a priest, I can remember having a parishioner give me a book with this inscription in its title as a Christmas gift. I thought that I still had this book in my collection, however, I could not locate it this past week.

Some would be critical of this advertising of our Lord's name. Many would say that it was just a money-making endeavor for many people. However, if one were serious on this matter, they would come to the realization that this question is at the heart of Catholic faith and wisdom.

"Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you." These words spoken by Jesus caused much consternation in Jesus' listeners, but not for obvious reasons. The word John uses for eating was 'trogen' which is Greek in its origin. This verb refers to the crunching sounds that we make when we eat, but in the world at the time of Christ, the idea of eating something of a god was not unusual. It was referred to often.

When an animal was sacrificed, such as a lamb at Passover, the people would eat the sacrifice. The belief was that you took on the attributes of the thing offered to God and eaten. A lamb was both pure and innocent and it was a gift to God. It was a religious act of partaking in the life of God to eat the lamb.

However, the Jewish people were forbidden to drink the blood of animals. Blood was seen as the symbol of life. For Jesus to suggest His blood was life-giving was for them scandalous. Only God gave life. His urging of the people to drink His blood and saying that it gave life caused some who were following Him to reject Jesus and express how hard these words were to accept.

The Gospel of John uses the words of the early eucharistic meal to make its point. Jesus is the

revelation of God, and if we are to know God, we must know who Jesus is. We learn this best in the Eucharist, wherein we eat His flesh and drink His blood. He is now the one to be consumed and absorbed.

The question of "What would Jesus do?" is still one that we need to ponder. We must come to the altar week after week and in very real and practical ways, begin making all our decisions based on this question.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world."

Pope Saint John Paul II

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:

***Avelinda Toledo, Cecilia Tracy,
Marg Davey
Adrian Landry, Stephanie Lampkin,
Dennis DeMelo***

Summer Bulletin Schedule: The next bulletin will be published for the weekend of September 1.

Office Closure: The Parish office will be closed from Tuesday September 17 to Tuesday October 8. Telephone messages will be monitored. Please see Father Mark for further information.



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

Week of August 19– August 25:

***Lasquite, Luisetto, Lynch
MacDonald, Macfarlane, Marchese***

Week of August 26 – September 1:

***Marciniak, Masse, Mastracci,
McCabe, McDonald, McGilloway***

Funeral Planning Talk: The CWL is hosting a talk by Michael LaBelle from the McKinnon Funeral Home on Tuesday October 8 at 7:45 (after Mass) in the Church Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

AUGUST 18 & 25, 2024

| DAY & TIME | MASS INTENTIONS (August 19 – August 25) | REQUESTED BY: |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Tues. 7:00 p.m. | Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 8050 and their Families | Knights of Columbus Council 8050 |
| Wed. 9:00 a.m. | Grace Mendes | Her Parents |
| Thurs. No Mass** | | |
| Fri. No Mass** | | |
| Sat. 5:00 p.m. | Helen and Dusan Klemencic | Estate of Helen Klemencic |
| Sun. 9:00 a.m. | Daniel Earl Haffey | Suzanne Blanchet Haffey |
| Sun. 11:00 a.m. | Pro populo | |
| DAY & TIME | MASS INTENTIONS (August 26 – September 1) | REQUESTED BY: |
| Tues. No Mass** | | |
| Wed. No Mass** | | |
| Thurs. No Mass** | | |
| Fri. No Mass** | | |
| Sat. 5:00 p.m. | Wilfred and Jo Ann Duval | Their Children |
| Sun. 9:00 a.m. | Pierre Agnes | Luisetto Family |
| Sun. 11:00 a.m. | Pro populo | |

****Father Mark will be away from the Parish from August 23 through August 30. No weekday Masses will be celebrated during this time.**



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| Sat. Aug 24 | 5 p.m. | |
| Lector | Kathleen | |
| Ex. Minister | Chris | |
| Sun. Aug 25 | 9 a.m. | 11 a.m. |
| Lector | Andrew | Lizzie |
| Ex. Minister | Kazi | Lorin |
| Sat. Aug 31 | 5 p.m. | |
| Lector | Chris | |
| Ex. Minister | Patricia | |
| Sun. Sep 1 | 9 a.m. | 11 a.m. |
| Lector | Catherine | Lar |
| Ex. Minister | Jay | Aaron |

MEETINGS

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| Mon. | 6:00 p.m. | Tops |
| Tues. Aug 27 | 7:30 p.m. | CWL Executive |
| Wed. | 8:00 p.m. | Acton Sharing |

DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS - The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, the Diocesan Marian Shrine, is hosting the Diocesan Marian Days on first Saturdays to October. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at noon. The presiders for these days will be: Bishop Douglas Crosby (September 7) and Bishop Daniel Miehm (October 5). For more information, see the Diocesan website.



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: Ian Nolan: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Bulletins are available online at:

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