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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:

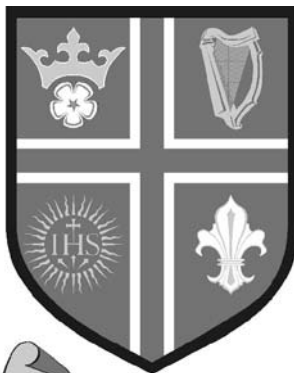
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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:

Many of us have family traditions regarding putting up a Christmas tree. It may involve a family gathering to pick up and purchase a fresh Christmas tree. Perhaps a family may have a traditional routine about who will decorate the tree. Some families may have designated a specific time in Advent to put up the tree. In my own family, my parents would specifically wait until the last week of Advent to put up our family tree. As a child, I felt disappointed because I had to wait when it seemed as though everyone else already had their trees up for several weeks. My opinion changed when I entered the seminary, when I would not be finished until around the 15th of December. Coming home for the holidays, I would put up and decorate the family tree. I came to the realization of the importance of Advent and to patiently waiting.

I never realized the history of the Christmas tree until recently. The origins began with St. Boniface in 723. According to legend, he was trying to convert a Norse tribe in what is now Northern Germany. To show that Christ was more powerful than their Norse gods, St. Boniface chopped down the pagans' ancient sacred tree 'Thor's Oak'. There, growing in the roots of the tree, was the seedling of a fir tree. St. Boniface used this as a symbol of Christianity, saying that just as the boughs of the fir tree remain green throughout the year, and its top points to heaven, Christ should be their constant light.

The custom of Christmas trees here in North America came from England during the 1800's. A woodcut print of Queen Victoria and the Royal Family around their Christmas tree became very popular. It was so popular that by the 1870's almost every house in North America had a Christmas tree.

I bring up these images of the Christmas tree, because we have one of the most famous passages in the Advent season in our readings this week. Today from Isaiah we read that "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse." Isaiah wrote to give hope to the dejected people of Israel. He wrote of Jesse, the father of David, as the beginning of the House of David from whom the Messiah would come. Although Isaiah spoke of the end of that line as the stump, the roots of that stump were still lining and from those roots would come a sprout: the Messiah.

A Christmas tree helps bring joy to this season, especially if it involves family traditions. Our preparations for Christ would bring beauty and joy, not just for Christmas, but for all time. As we put up our own trees, perhaps we might ponder what this beauty and joy might bring to us.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord, on coming into the Virgin's womb, willed to appear despised, needy, and poor in this world, so that men who were in dire poverty and suffering great need of heavenly food might be made rich in him." - St. Clare of Assisi

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Nicole McInnis, Cecilia Tracy,
Judy Landry, Brendan Ryan***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

An Update From St. Vincent Charities - This has been another very busy year for St. Vincent Charities. Everyone has been affected by the significant increase in the cost of living this past few months, particularly those on fixed incomes and in low paying jobs. We have seen a significant increase in demand for support as people struggle to find the resources to pay higher costs for groceries, fuel, and housing. All this while still being in a global pandemic. With the generous donations from the parish, we have been able to meet this increase in demand, and with the winter months upon us, we know the needs will not decrease. St. Vincent Charities will continue to provide as much help as possible for the essentials for people in need in our community and your contributions ensure that we can continue this work every month on behalf of our Parish.

And please remember, 100 % of your donations go to help individuals and families in Acton.

As the Christmas season is now upon us, we are continuing our work with the Acton Christmas Hamper Committee to ensure that people in our town receive the support they need for this occasion. We will continue to provide only grocery cards for the food hampers as we have been very fortunate to receive a generous donation from Sobeys's December fundraising drives.

The donation from Sobeys has allowed us to keep up with the year-round needs to help people with life's essentials.

With your financial support, in 2023, St. Vincent Charities and St. Joseph's Parish will continue to provide families in Acton with some relief and hope in the kindness and generosity of others. We all belong to this community and have a responsibility and a desire to see it flourish.

With Thanks and Wishes for a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas and New Year.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (December 5 – December 11)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Marianna Podsada</i>	Podsada Family
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Ann and Wayne Montgomery
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Lynne Spencer</i>	Spencer Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Haffey and Chasse Families
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Fedora Albert	Jamie and Stephanie Galway
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



We have returned to our Lector/Extraordinary Minister schedule. Please see Eddie MacDonald if you have any questions or are interested in joining the team.



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: Marc MacDonald: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS MASSES – Christmas Masses will not be reserved this year and no capacity restrictions are in place. The wearing of masks is not currently required but we ask that respect be given to individual choices.

Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 Midnight
Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation –

Saturday December 17 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 Tuesday December 20 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
 Thursday December 22 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
 Friday December 23 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Religious Articles and Gifts for all Occasions
 Please call Geralda 905-691-9082



This week we pray especially for the following families:

McGilloway, McLean, Milton, Monteiro, Montgomery, Munday

From the Parish Office: The office will be closed from December 21 at 12:30 p.m. to January 3 at 9:30 a.m. for Christmas and to prepare for year end. Messages will be monitored.

2023 envelopes are being prepared and will be available for pickup by December 10.

MEETINGS

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

**CWL Christmas Dinner
 December 13th**

Church Hall at 6:30 pm
 Tickets will be \$25 for this delicious turkey dinner cooked and served to the ladies by the Knights of Columbus.
 Tickets will be available after mass on Nov. 19 & 20, Nov. 27 & 28 & Dec. 3 & 4.
 Also you can call Cathy Coles 905-864-2404 for a ticket or to arrange a ride to the dinner.






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