

# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

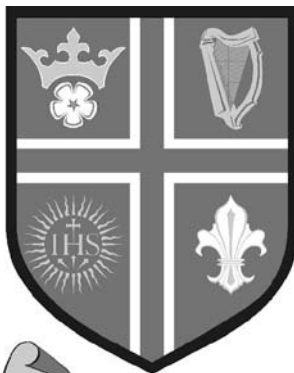
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
11:00 am

## 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.

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## A Word From Our Pastor:

It is hard to believe that we are ready to start a new Lenten season this upcoming week with Ash Wednesday (February 22).

There are numerous people who look upon Lent as a time of doom and gloom but in reality, it is a time to enter new life with Christ. It is also a time when we look around and see that the seasons are beginning to change. It is light late in the evening, in fact, in three weeks we change our clocks to give us even more evening light.

If this upcoming Wednesday was not Ash Wednesday, we would be celebrating the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. With Christian tradition this date is seen as the end of the 'dead of winter'. His period begins with the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul which was celebrated on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, we know that winter is in its final stages.

The manual titled "The Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year" written by Bishop Peter J. Elliott provides us with a beautiful statement of the meaning of Lent as it begins. The Bishop writes:

"In these forty days, Mother Church vests herself simply in violet. Her sacred halls are bare, and much of her gracious music is muted. Flowers at her altars and shrines are set aside and at the end of the season, the lamps will be extinguished, the bells will fall silent, and her altars will be stripped. But this is her true springtime, when her children grow in grace, in ways often imperceptible, subtle, and varied. Lent thus reminds us that the great graces are given by God, not when our senses perceive them or when our hearts are full of consolations, but in the silence and stillness of 'the night'."

This quote perfectly illustrates how to prepare for the upcoming Lenten season. The voice of God is calling us to make a conscious decision to serve the Lord and to do what is pleasing to Him.

This is not so much a season for going off things, but rather an opportunity for returning to the things of God we have

neglected. We need to realize that good habits are hard to keep and easy to lose. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the order of the season. Through these gifts we can become more united in our lives in Christ.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank you, the parishioners of St. Joseph's for your best wishes, lovely cards and generous gifts on my birthday last week. Thank you again.

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves."

- St. Francis de Sales

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Gerry Cronin, Jean Smith,  
Donna Mae Zacheriah***

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**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

**From the Parish Office:** Tax Receipts are available this weekend. 2023 envelopes are still available for pickup in the hall.

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***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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**Movie Nights** - Thursday evenings in the hall following 7pm Mass. All are welcome, popcorn and drinks available for a donation.

**February 23rd – Blessed Dun Scotus:**

***Defender of the Immaculate Conception***  
**(1hr20min)**

**March 2nd – Saint Anthony: Miracle of Padua – sub-titles (1hr40min)**

**March 9th – The Reluctant Saint –B/W**  
**(1hr45min)**

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DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (February 20 – February 26)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Grace Mendes	Raul and Cecilia Mendes
Ash 9:00 a.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	People of Turkey and Syria Lenten Intentions of our Parish	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Arline Coultrup	Coultrup Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo Jack South	South Family



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](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)  
 K of C: Marc MacDonald: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony**

Father Mark arranges all Baptisms and Marriages personally, by appointment. Please see Father after Mass to set a time for an interview. Marriages must be arranged one year in advance. Completion of a marriage preparation course is required. Application forms may be obtained from Father Mark

**Lenten Lunches**

Beginning at noon on Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Salvation Army Church, join all the Christian Churches in Acton as we journey through Lent. Father Mark will preach at this first Lenten gathering and the CWL will be providing lunch there following.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

**Ancker, Arbic, Atkinson,  
 Baginski, Banks, Bartczak**

**Bible Study with the series The Chosen**

Thursday afternoons in the basement hall, we will be showing the hit drama series "The Chosen" and have discussion following. "The Chosen" follows the life of Christ, bringing well-known people of the Bible enacted. Come have a coffee and experience a Bible Study with the New Testament in a different way. Thursday February 16th, 23rd to begin. **Please sign up at the back of the church AND PICK UP THE WORKSHEET SO YOU CAN BE PREPARED.**

Religious Articles and Gifts for all Occasions  
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**ASH WEDNESDAY**



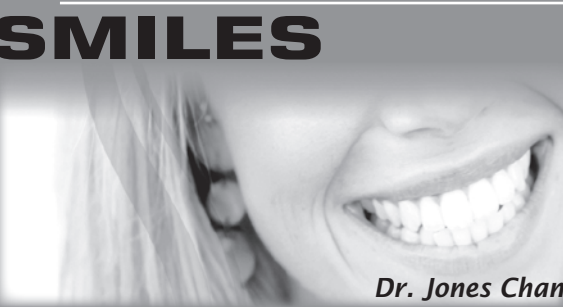
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