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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:

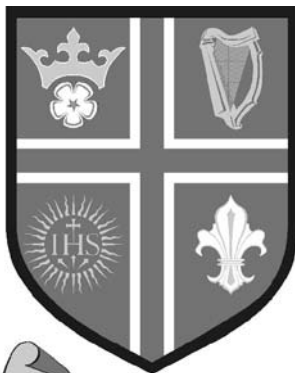
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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:

We begin Ordinary Time this week and begin to read and pray the Gospel of St. Matthew throughout the year. Matthew's Gospel is about discipleship. It's about being called and about what discipleship means. As we explore Matthew's Gospel, we will discover that there is a cost to discipleship, however, if we come to know Jesus, then it will be worth the price.

With Christmas being shorter this year, we did not celebrate a Sunday for the Baptism of the Lord, it was celebrated the day after the Epiphany. Still, this Sunday we revisit the scene of Jesus' Baptism. If we were to read the baptismal story of Jesus in the Gospel of St Matthew, one would notice that the one who testifies about the identity of Jesus is the Father, "a voice came from the heavens." In the Gospel of this weekend from John, not Matthew, God remains silent. It is the voice of John the Baptist who testifies about the identity of Jesus. The difference has implications for us as well.

Many of us will attest to hearing a call and to acting upon it. We may call it a 'vocation'. One may come to believe that he or she is call by God to some kind of religious life. Some may hear a 'call' to married life, or even a 'call' to Christian single life. Yes, these are calls, although the reality is that these calls only provide a lifestyle in which our real call can be lived.

What is the 'call' upon which we should be focused? It is more than a call from God, than being a religious, married or single individual. Rather, we are called individually and uniquely to serve God and His Kingdom. How we do that as a religious, married person, or a single person will be as unique as each person is unique.

All of us have been called for the purpose of serving God. Baptism is the invitation to live our personal call in the context of the Church. When we are praying and discerning our personal and unique vocation of making God known to the people around us. As members of the Body of Christ, we start with this shared vocation.

As the Baptism ceremony states, "we are to walk always as children of the light keeping the flame of Earth burning brightly within our hearts." With this belief in mind, we are called to explore our personal calling, how we are to uniquely participate in being a "light to the nations".

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"If we put into practice our love for our neighbor, according to the Gospel message, we then pave the way for the lordship of God, and his kingdom is realized by means of us. If instead each one thinks only of his own interests, the world can't help but go forward in ruins"

– Pope Benedict XVI

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Susan Lindsay, Gonti Chelliah,
Laura Kupferschmidt***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

In Search of Voices: If you are interested in being in a choir at the 11:00 Sunday Mass, please contact me - **Christie deSouza** at bluemoon@lartist.com or text/call at **519-400-6012**. I'm hoping for Saturday practice (in the choir loft) for the Sunday Mass, so **any age** will be able to join us. If we have enough people who would like to commit to joining our new choir, we can even get started on planning for Lent and Easter music. I'm excited for this new start and would love to "make a joyful noise" with you! Please note: "joyful noise" means *anyone* can sing. God gave you a voice. Give it back to him with joy and thanksgiving!

CWL Members – Just a gentle reminder that membership fees are now due for 2023.

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISING DINNER: A Taste of Portugal - The Diocesan WYD Planning Team warmly invites you to join us for A Taste of Portugal, a fundraising dinner in support of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to WYD Lisbon this coming summer. Hosted at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Saturday, February 04, 2023 at 6:30pm, this dinner promises to be a feast for the senses, with Portuguese food, dancing and music to enjoy! Tickets are on sale for \$75.00 each and can be purchased by emailing us at: wyd@hamiltondiocese.com. Looking forward to having you join us!

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - FEBRUARY 4TH - GUELPH - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 4th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

JANUARY 15, 2023

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (January 16 – January 22)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Helen and Dusan Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Raul and Cecilia Mendes
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Eileen Smith-Sloan	Mary Smith
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Kristin McCarthy</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Jose Calfoforo and Remedios Calfoforo	Josie Dayo
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



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:

***Simovic, Slowiak, Smith,
Sokolowski, South, Spencer***



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

From the Parish Office:

2023 envelopes are still available for pickup in the hall.

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.

Religious Articles and Gifts for all Occasions

Please call Geralda 905-691-9082

JOIN THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL for a special discussion and film screening to raise awareness and understanding of Indigenous Reconciliation, January 26, 2023 7:00 PM – 9:00 p.m. . The film **Doctrine of Discovery, Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts** is a challenging, truthful documentary, meant to educate people about the historic policy, which established a justification for colonization and seizure of land. The legacy of the Doctrine and the impact on the current state of Indigenous affairs is discussed. Understanding the Doctrine of Discovery and its manifestations are important as we strive for reconciliation. Special discussion following the screening with Rev. Val Kerr, Indigenous Elder, and former Archdeacon for Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Ministry for the Anglican Diocese of Niagara, Sarah Guinta, Coordinator Office of Justice and Peace, Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, and Christina Mines, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis, Diocese of Hamilton. The screening and discussion will be hosted online. R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at: <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice.





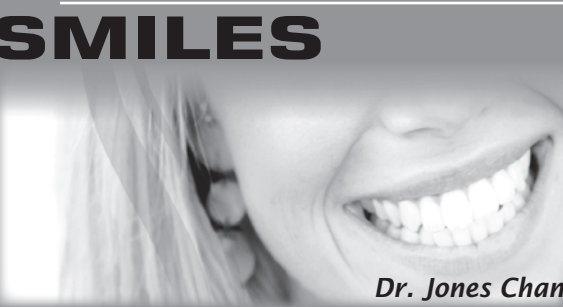
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