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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:

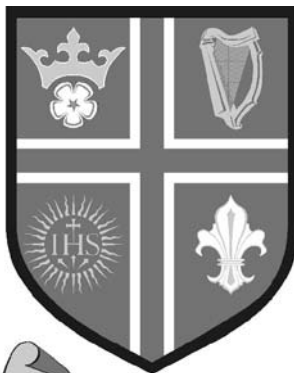
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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:

The Diocese of Hamilton has designated this Sunday as 'Bible Sunday'. The Diocese has provided numerous articles and study guides to promote the reading and praying of Scripture. One can look up the Diocesan website for further information.

This Sunday is also the Word of God Sunday or Ecumenical Sunday throughout the Church's world. In our town we are blessed to be celebrating 'Unity Sunday' today, where all of the Christian churches in Acton will come together to celebrate our common baptism for the first time in three years.

It is interesting that we celebrate 'Unity' and yet the readings of this Sunday contain elements of conflict. The Second Reading of Paul to the Corinthians in particular, shows real conflict which can show how a church or parish can be divided and may eventually be destroyed. Paul is basically giving the church of Corinth a 'pep talk'.

The people had divided into two groups in the Church, those with wealth and those who were poor or slaves. Paul reminded the people that there is no division or conflict if one is united in Christ. He uses the image of the body, where there are many parts, but Christ must be seen as the head. The Greek people would have understood this image because they were always striving to achieve the perfect body. A defect in the body was seen as being a defect in the person. Paul reminds them that if there is a defect in the community, then it affects the holiness of the unity called by Christ.

It is almost comical to also read where there was an issue in the rivalry between preachers in Corinth. Rhetoric was held in high esteem, and the better the rhetorician, the bigger the following. Paul stresses that people must change their objects or attachments. Their objective must be professing Christ and living in unity with Him. We can see this type of image in our parishes or faith communities. One priest can be popular, or he is a good preacher. He can attract parishioners or followers; however, this priest may be transferred and the priest who comes in next is not as popular and may not be a skilled homilist. The people might start comparing the new priest to the old. I have seen this destroy the priest and divide a parish.

On this 'Unity Sunday', let us remind ourselves that unity is the goal of our faith in Jesus. We must see that in our parishes and with other Christian Faith groups. Christ came to restore unity. This is the Gospel of the Kingdom wherein the body is cured of every disease and illness. It must be seen as being perfect.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"We are to be re-made. All the rabbit in us is to disappear-and then, surprisingly, we shall find underneath it all a thing we have never yet imagined: a real Man, an ageless god, a son of God, strong, radiant, wise, beautiful, and drenched in joy." - C.S. Lewis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Susan McGilloway Robson,
Roberto Luisetto, Paul Kavanagh***

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 22, 2023

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (January 23 – January 29)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Rezi Zitnik	Kosir Family
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Hein Westerbroos	Siena Ancker
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Margaret MacLellan	Mary Smith
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Cecilia and Steve Wlazlowski</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Martina deSouza	CWL
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	MacDonald Family
11:00 a.m.	Edward Lacosta	



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:

Spinotti, Stade, Stewart, Stoltz, Swain, Tanney



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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