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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:

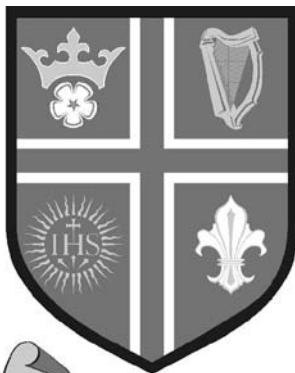
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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:

With the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are presented with four young individuals. All were individuals who, driven by their love for God, changed lives and the World. Not one of them started out life any different than any one of us.

These individuals are the prophet Jeremiah, St. Paul, St. Luke, and St John Bosco, whose feast we celebrate this upcoming week on January 31.

As a young priest, St John saw hundreds of young people in his area of Italy living on the streets and lacking education and food. These young people were considered to be troublemakers, and no good would come of having them around. John Bosco's persistence, and the effects of his love for the children, won many converts to his cause. By the time of his death, thousands of young people had been housed and had graduated from the schools which he had set up throughout his life.

Jeremiah was from a village outside of Jerusalem. As a young teen he perceived God's call. He was a reluctant volunteer for God, and in today's passage Jeremiah tells us that God had to work hard to get him to say 'yes' to his call. In describing his calling, Jeremiah reminds us that each of us have a special call from God. When it comes to God's call though, we have a choice: to follow or not to follow. If Jeremiah could cooperate with God's will, so can we. If we do, our individual lives too can affect the world.

St. Paul started out as a zealot to rid the world of the early Church; however, his zeal was turned into an asset for the Lord. His courage was extraordinary, but he started out as just a young man studying perhaps to be a rabbi or a lawyer. Only with his love for God did he become the man we remember today.

All Luke did was record some of the things that Jesus did and said, in order to both teach about Jesus and to clear up some misunderstandings and problems his community was having about the teachings of Jesus. We know little about Luke, but his writing, the Gospel that bear his name, and the Acts of the Apostles, continue to affect world.

The refrain we hear on a regular basis, is that one person cannot make a difference. There are many lives which say otherwise. The four lives we hear about this week from the Fourth Sunday give us a reminder that if one loves God and trusts in Christ, then a difference can be made in one's life and in the world.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of – throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself."

— C.S. Lewis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Ronnie Lampkin, Evelyn Morel,
Gerry Cronin***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

Collection Envelopes – Envelopes for 2022 may be picked up from the church hall.

Tax Receipts for 2021 are also available in the church hall.

Covid-19 Update – Masses continue as scheduled with our capacity limits remaining at 50 per cent for Mass. For now, all Parishioners are asked to continue to follow current Covid Protocols regarding masking and distancing.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (January 31 – February 6)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Those who are ill</i>	
Friday 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Kamila Jakubiec</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Mr. Jack South	Pat South
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	Bell Family
10:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of the Bell Family</i>	
11:30 a.m.	Pro populo	



Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and can fill in, it would be most appreciated.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

Bell, Eugenio, Fernandes

CWL Members – Just a gentle reminder that membership fees are now due for 2022.

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. For more information please visit: www.mountmary.ca

Youth ministry online learning – There are spaces open for new learners in the upcoming cycles of the Youth Ministry Certification program. If you are interested in participating in Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry – A Canadian Perspective or Relational Ministry with Youth - A Canadian Perspective, please email: nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com



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: cwl@lartist.com
 K of C: Sean Saunders: 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.






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