

# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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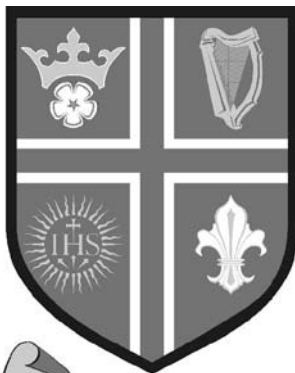
Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

## SUNDAY MASSES:

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

## 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:

**H**ow many of us have had the experience of not receiving an extension from a teacher or a professor in regards to a paper? When we come across this situation it makes us take notice and grabs our attention.

I was told on numerous occasions of a professor at a certain seminary who would remind the seminarians at the beginning of a semester that he would not grant extensions for papers or assignments. His mindset was that an extension would not improve the quality of work. The seminarians learned to accept this and to show a sense of respect to the professor.

The parable of the ten bridesmaids reminds us that being chronically late appears as rudeness, arrogance, and self-centeredness. Being on time is an act of respect. However, it is hard for a person who is the centre of their own universe to believe that the world and all its inhabitants will not wait for them.

What should be really staggering is our parable today. God won't wait for us either. When it comes to establishing our relationship with God, we can run out of time. Though we should avoid 'scare tactics' in trying to get people to come to the Lord, the message of the Gospel should scare all of us. There comes a point when God will wait no longer.

The five bridesmaids in the Gospel passage who had not brought extra oil for their lamps committed an oversight. However, this oversight was not their real failure. They knew that had to be ready for the groom. They knew they were not. When there was a delay in the groom's arrival, they failed to use the 'extra time' to prepare themselves. They were not allowed 'extra time' for the assignment. Time ran out. They were left out.

The Feast of Christ the King is in two weeks. On that day we will celebrate the moment when God's Kingdom is complete. We must remember that the oil for our lamps is our faith, but the wisdom of faith cannot be borrowed or purchased at the last minute. The parable teaches us to make the choice before it's too late. Are we ready to celebrate this upcoming feast, or might we be afraid that we haven't prepared?

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new center. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you."

- Venerable Fulton Sheen

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Ian Munday, Mary Albert,  
Brian Tanney***



This week we pray especially for the following families of our parish:

***Campbell, Cantwell, Carney,  
Cassar, Castellino, Caswell***

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The **CWL Christmas Dinner** (hosted by the Knights) will be on **Tuesday, December 12**. That day, Mass will be at 6:00 and dinner will begin at 6:30 in the church hall. Tickets will be \$30 and sold at Masses the weekends of November 25-6 and December 2-3.

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## St. Joseph, Patron of Canada Parish Bazaar

The Catholic Women's League will hold their annual Bazaar on **Saturday Dec 9th** in the church basement from 10am till 2pm. Once again, we will have a Penny Table, tasty treats at our Bake Table, Religious Books and Articles and the opportunity to have your caricature drawn by artist LAR. The proceeds will go to various CWL charities! Hope you can join us!

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## Advent Prayer Night for Youth Ministers and Volunteers

- All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship. Join us on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelon for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email [youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com)

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DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (November 13 – November 19)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. <b>No Mass</b>		
Wed. <b>No Mass</b>		
Thurs. <b>No Mass</b>		
Fri. <b>No Mass</b>		
Sat.      5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Lianna Reinhardt
Sun.      9:00 a.m.	Helen and Dusan Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	

**Please note: Father is away this week, there will be no weekday Masses.**

**Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony**

Father Mark arranges 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. Applications may be obtained from Father Mark.

**Bulletins** are available online at:  
<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>



**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: Ian Nolan: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO**

Life changes are difficult. After a separation or divorce, you may feel isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm - November 21, and December 19, 2023. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)

**STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION?** - Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

**Marriage Tip 133**

There are many strategies we use to support our partners when they are under stress, but researcher Sarah Walker of the University of Sydney and her team found that two seem to have the most impact. Receptive listening, allowing your spouse to share details about a situation without providing judgment or advice, and 'valuing' your spouse by telling them how much they matter to you, are two that can provide great benefit to your partner. Try these proven techniques and you will find a receptive and happier husband/wife in your life!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



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