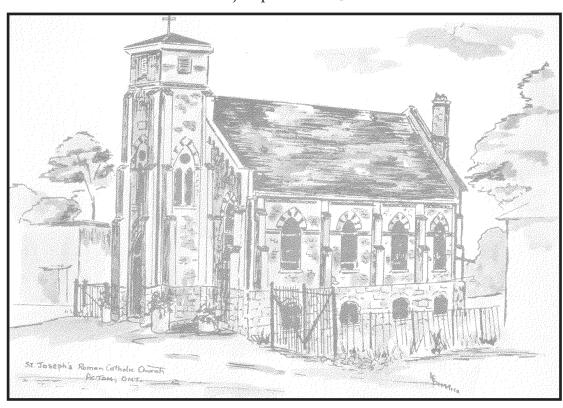
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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.

#### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

s the Church's year draws to a close and another year of life slips quietly by, our thoughts are directed towards the end of time. Jesus paints a picture foretelling the end of the world in terms of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers in the meantime to be prepared for tension, conflict, and a difficult struggle ahead.

Our readings of this Sunday remind us to prepare for the Lord's coming. Next Sunday we end this liturgical year with readings which will be filled with the glory of the Son of God and the celebration at the fullness of the Kingdom. However, that is next week, this Sunday our readings offer a warning that life will be difficult. What we are challenged to do today is to turn our finger toward ourselves and ask truthfully, "Am I ready?" How are we preparing for the 'Day of the Lord', the day that we will see Jesus face to face?

The Book of Malachi which we read from today is an interesting book. Malachi which means 'my messenger', is the name taken by an anonymous writer in the Old Testament. Why did the author take on an anonymous name? Because his words were tough and demanding. Those in the positions of authority were offended by his words. The people were suffering grave injustices while the leaders lived in luxury. There was severe political corruption everywhere.

What Malachi wrote was that God was in charge and that He would set things straight. It is this reminder that helps people to endure. Of course, there is more in the book to offer hope, but he reminded the people that while things are bad in the world, we are not really of this world. We ourselves can be reminded of this belief that we can endure because this life is not the one we were born for. We were born for the world that we will celebrate next Sunday on the Feast of Christ the King.

No doubt we have great fears in the world of today, they may be overwhelming in some ways, but we are reminded and are called to believe that Jesus is with us. We are still here. The world might be different, but Jesus has seen to it that we are still here. These are words of comfort, hope, and encouragement for endurance.

The words from the reading this Sunday are words for us. Christ will stand with us until the end of time. The 'Day of the Lord' will come, so how shall we live? We live by staying faithful and remaining joyful.

Fr. Mark

#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:

Danielle Little, Eileen Quackenbush,

Helen Garrett

**Bulletins** are available online at:

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



We are praying especially for the following families of our parish:

Kilby, Knapton, Kolosko, Kolosvari, Kosir, Kozubal

WYD FUNDRAISING DINNER: A Taste of Portugal... Save the Date! The Diocesan World Youth Day Planning Team warmly invites you to a fundraising dinner at St. Mary's Church in Hamilton on Saturday, February 04, 2023. Join us and celebrate the delegation of young people who will be attending World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal this summer while enjoying fine Portuguese food, music and cultural dance! Tickets will be available soon and full tables are available to purchase for families. Please contact our office for more details or to reserve tickets: wyd@hamiltondiocese.com

#### MOUNT MARY IMMACULATE RETREAT CENTRE

(437 Wilson St. E, Ancaster ON) is hosting an Open House and Christmas Market December 10th from 10:00 am-4:00pm. Guests are welcome to tour the grounds and buildings, enjoy seasonal refreshments and do some Christmas shopping. Admission is free, and all are welcome! For more information about Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre please visit: www.mountmarv.ca

#### **NOVEMBER 13, 2022**

DAY & TIME Tues.		MASS INTENTIONS (November 14 - 20) No Mass	REQUESTED BY:
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Paul Miller	Mary Smith and Family
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Lynne Spencer	Spencer Family
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Peter Charles Spencer	Spencer Family
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Greg Saldanha	Clive and Simona Gomes
	11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



We have returned to our Lector/Extraordinary Minister schedule. 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 K of C: Marc MacDonald: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Religious Articles and Gifts for all Occasions Please call Geralda 905-691-9082

#### 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.

#### **MEETINGS**

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops Wed. 8:00 p.m. AA St. Joseph's Patron of Canada CWL Christmas Bazaar November 26 from 10 am to 2 pm. in the Church Hall. There will be a penny sale, religious articles, caricatures by artist Lar, homemade baking with Christmas cookie plates and meat pies.

All proceeds to the charities of the CWL.

As always, donations of baked goods are appreciated and can be dropped off in the Church Hall Friday evening Nov.25,7-8 pm or Saturday November 26, 9-10 am.

#### **Bazaar Penny Table**

A box is still at the back of the Church this week to collect Canadian Tire Money or cash. These donations will be used to purchase prizes for the Bazaar's Penny Table.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - 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). Saturday, December 3rd 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

**COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS...When you have Lost a Loved One -** Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. You are also welcome to join the session by zoom. The event is FREE of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or e-mail her at **familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com** (You are welcome to attend even if you have not registered in advance.)



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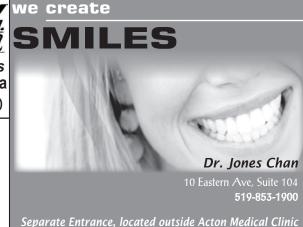
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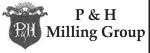
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