

St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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SUNDAY MASSES:

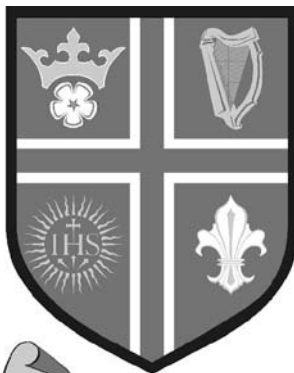
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

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:

The First Sunday of Advent is with us again, a curtain raiser, ushering in the New Year of the Church. The Season of Advent has a two-fold character. It is a preparation for celebrating Christ's birth among us and a reminder of His coming in glory at the end of time.

Advent means to be at the beginning of something. Our life with Christ has already begun. The Incarnation has already happened, and we celebrate it every Christmas. We may ask: at what, then are we at the beginning of? We need to look at last week when we celebrated the Solemnity of Christ on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Though Christ the King is an especially important feast, it does not have its own season but in some sense, Advent fills this role. We may even call it Christ the King Season.

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas, but it is not just this. Advent also serves to remind us that we are waiting for Christ to come again. Preparing for Christmas during Advent should teach us to prepare for the second coming.

The Feast of Christ the King is the celebration that anticipates Christ coming again. Yes, we celebrated this just last week, still this should help shape our Advent. As we begin a new liturgical year on this First Sunday of Advent, having celebrated Christ the King just last week reminds us that we are beginning the circle once more. Yes, we celebrate Advent this Sunday, it also points us to the next Feast of Christ the King, and more, it helps us to look at the real event of Christ's coming in glory.

Obviously with Christmas approaching, we easily identify it with giving. People give gifts and many are more charitable at this time of the year. We need to see it as more than just giving. We need to show a sense of gratitude as well. God so loves us that He sent us a Saviour. We are called to imitate God in the fact that God gives, so we also give.

As we put up our Christmas decorations, we can hopefully express the belief that God promises us the joy of the Season. It is through His Son that this promise can be achieved.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord, on coming into the Virgin's womb, willed to appear despised, needy, and poor in this world, so that men who were in dire poverty and suffering great need of heavenly food might be made rich in him."

- St. Clare of Assisi

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Danielle Little, Helen Garrett
Eileen Quackenbush***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES – Christmas Mass times will be unchanged from last year. This year we are restricted to 50% capacity, under mask mandate and following physical distancing protocols. Seating will be assigned by ushers to make best use of space. To follow guidelines from the Diocese and in line with current public health rules, we require booking for all Masses. Mass will also be streamed. Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
Midnight

Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

Book your spot via our website **beginning December 4:** www.stjosephprayforus.ca or book via the Parish office at: 519-853-0784. Please do not try to book before December 4th as the booking system will not be live until then. Even if you are booking through the Parish office by telephone please wait until December 4th as we are using the Eventbrite system for phone bookings as well.

Novena of Masses for the Immaculate Conception - The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph is hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Novena Masses will be held at 7:00 pm from November 29 to December 8 inclusive. **Father Mark will be celebrating the Novena Mass on Friday December 3.** All the faithful of the Diocese are welcome to take part. Please note that Diocesan COVID-19 protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. If you cannot attend the Basilica of Our Lady in person, please join this Novena in prayer from your home. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (November 29 – December 5)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Pope Francis</i>	
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Advent intentions of our Parish</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Eileen Quackenbush	Tova Schmidt
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Elaine Arbic Malcolm	Ray and Rena Arbic
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 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.

Sat. 5:00 p.m.
 Sun. 8:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

Any Families new to the Parish or who may have been missed

CWL Request for Christmas Cookie Tins - The ladies of CWL will be selling Christmas cookies as a fundraiser. If you have tins you can spare, please drop them off in the basement. Many thanks!

Snuggle Up to Christmas - There are many needy people in our town. This Christmas, we would like to give each of them a new warm blanket to snuggle up in. Let's make Christmas warm for everyone in Acton. Please drop off your donation of a new blanket on the CWL table downstairs. Thank you for your kindness!



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

The 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>






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