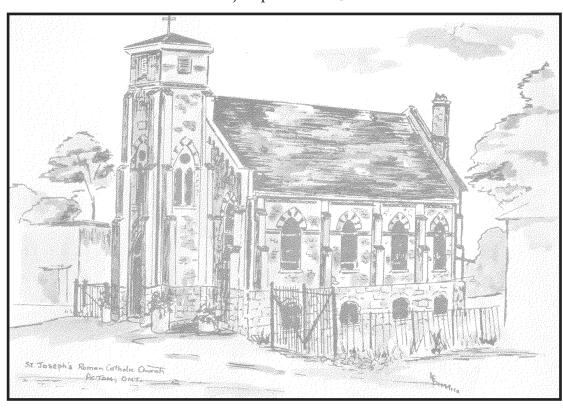
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

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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:

t is always informative to learn about names from the Bible. This week we can touch upon the name of Melchisedek. We hear his name in the Eucharistic Prayer 1 with the words "bread and wine offered by Your Priest Melchizedek". He is a mysterious figure in the Old Testament.

Melchisedek is mentioned in Genesis as being the King of Salem, which is said to have been Jerusalem, and he is called a "priest of God most high". Abraham had won a great victory over several Kings and Melchizedek had honoured him by presenting bread and wine and blessing him. With this, what is clear is that Melchizedek became a precursor of the priesthood of Jesus Christ who is both Priest and King.

When we think of the high priests of the Temple, often we are influenced by the biblical epic movies of the 1950's when the high priests are made out to be conniving, arrogant, and deceitful. Just as not every priest today is holy, by and large the priests of the Temple were good and holy men. Yes, some were sinful, but the majority served the people well. Their purpose was to be mediators, offering sacrifice for the people and intervening with God on the peoples' behalf. In the modern-day priesthood, this is expressed through the sacraments as the priest acts in 'persona Christi' (in the person of Christ), sharing God's grace.

In the letter to the Hebrews, we see Jesus being described as our "Great High Priest". This affords us an opportunity to reflect upon what it is to be a priest in the line of Jesus Christ. While there is the ordained, ministerial priesthood, every person who is baptized becomes a part of the priesthood of believers. We are all called to ministry, i.e. For service to God.

In our Gospel, we have a beautiful example of Jesus showing what and how a 'high priest' should act. James and John came to Jesus looking for power and authority, however, Jesus showed them that proper ruling involves judgement seen through compassion and mercy. Knowing this, Hebrews tells us that

we should "approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help". Christ's compassion leads Him to want to help us, not to judge us.

James and John did not understand what they were asking. They were thinking in terms of ruling and authority. They did not realize that Christ's Kingship is to be understood in terms of His priesthood. He is a King who serves the needs of His people, not one looking for authority and power. We need to remind ourselves of this in our lives.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"One of the principal rules of religion is, to lose no occasion of serving God. And, since He is invisible to our eyes, we are to serve Him in our neighbour, which He receives as if done to Himself in person, standing visibly before us."

— John Wesley

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

Susan McGilloway Robson, Roberto Luisetto, Colleen Decarlis



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

Richardson, Rosenmeier, Ryan, Sammit, Savoie, Scheepers-Nevins

Message from the Diocese of Hamilton:

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

		MASS INTENTIONS (Oct 18-24)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of our Parish	
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Regena Whaling	Mary Smith
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada	
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family



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.

Bulletins are available online at:

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

ReStart: A Separation and Divorce Recovery Program - Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office - (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses - Do your children attend public or private school or do you home-school?

If you are wondering how to support their ongoing formation in religious education, the Diocese of Hamilton offers Catechetical Correspondence Programs for every age and stage from Kindergarten through to High School including programs specially designed to assist children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Contact Sybil at 905-528-7988 x2339 or email: catechesis@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

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Unpacking UNPLANNED: Bringing Hope and Healing - Hamilton Right to Life and the Diocesan Family Ministry Office are partnering to bring you an online information session regarding UNPLANNED, the story of Abby Johnson, the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic director in the U.S., and how she changed her mind on abortion. The Zoom event will combine video, questions and discussion. Join us on Oct. 27th from 7-8:30pm as Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (MRE), Director of Family Ministry, will share how individuals and groups can spread the pro-life message. The session is free, but donations will be accepted during registration. Call Hamilton Right to Life at 905-528-3065.

October is the month of the Rosary





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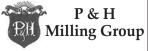
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