

# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

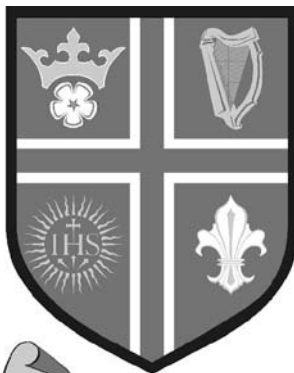
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
11:00 am

## 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.

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

**A**s we celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Our Lord presents us with an image of two people at prayer in the temple, a Pharisee, and a Tax Collector.

The Pharisee is what he claims to be in many ways. He is a good man who is better behaved than most, who keeps the law faithfully, fulfilling every precept and even going beyond what the law requires. He has staked all his life on God and has a great feeling, of security in his own uprightness. He is actually a 'poster child' for sainthood, with one exception, his pride.

Like the Pharisee, the Tax Collector knows what he says he is. He is a sinner, perhaps a big sinner. He is considered the vilest of individuals by his fellow citizens in Jerusalem. He is accused of being a traitor for working for the Roman Empire. He is conscious of his wrongdoing; the Tax Collector sorrowfully confesses his sinfulness and asks God for mercy. His humble prayer touches the heart of God and wins acceptance.

This mistake the Pharisee made was that he compared himself to the Tax Collector, rather than to God. If he had done this, then he may have had a different opinion of himself. The Tax Collector had come to the realization that if there was any hope for himself, then there had better be a merciful God.

We are reminded that we are called to measure ourselves at every Mass. We stand before the altar and ask, "How do I compare to Jesus?" It can make us feel very humbled. Some will see this as being 'Catholic guilt', but once again we must compare ourselves to God. Compared to another person we may be pretty good, but then do we become the Pharisee we so desperately want to believe we are not?

We must be careful about false humility as well. Ultimately, the Tax Collector would have had to step up to the altar as we eventually are called to do as well. He could not, as we cannot, keep our distance forever. We must always remember what real humility is and where it comes from. It comes from knowing who God is and who I am.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"With Christians, a poetical view of things is a duty. We are bid to color all things with hues of faith, to see a divine meaning in every event."

— Cardinal John Henry Newman

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:

*Ronnie Lampkin, Gerry Cronin,  
Donna Mae Zacheriah*

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**Bulletins** are available online at:

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



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

*Gualtieri, Hanlon, Hannah,  
Hansen, Heffernan, Hewit*

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**WYD 2023** - There are *limited* spots available to any young people aged 18-35 who wish to participate in the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day 2023. World Youth Day is a life-changing opportunity that gathers young Catholics from all around the world together with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, for prayer and celebration. For information about the pilgrimage and registration <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>

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The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis welcomes *Mr. David Wells* to speak to the Diocesan public on **Tuesday, November 08, 2022, at 7:00 pm** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. Hailing from the United Kingdom, David is a world-renowned catechist, educator and minister that speaks from the heart with enthusiasm and great love for the Church. David will be sharing with us his wisdom on the Church as the place of radical hospitality in a post-pandemic world. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

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**GRIEF RELIEF** - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton has grief programs to help. Find out more on the Diocesan website at

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. We have programs running in both Waterloo and Hamilton this fall.

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OCTOBER 23, 2022

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (October 24- October 30)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 6:00 p.m.	Anna Arnold	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Peter Charles Spencer	Spencer Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Ted and Beryl Coffin	Hannah Family
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 if you are interested in joining the team.

**CWL NEWS – Potluck Dinner and Pin Presentation.**  
Following 6 p.m. Mass on Tuesday October 25. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend.

### MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops  
Tues. 6:30 p.m. CWL General  
Wed. 8:00 p.m. AA



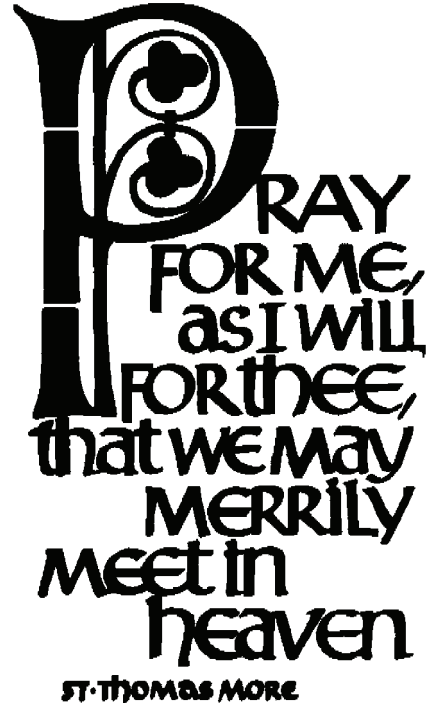
### CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C

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: Sean Saunders: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Religious Articles and Gifts for all Occasions  
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**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.





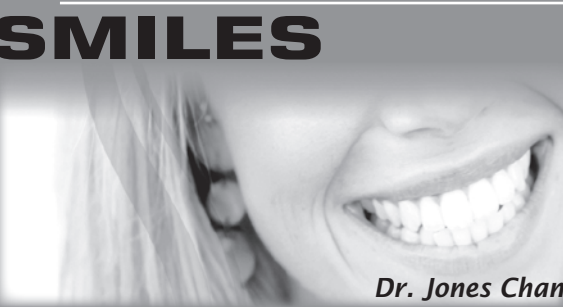
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