

# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

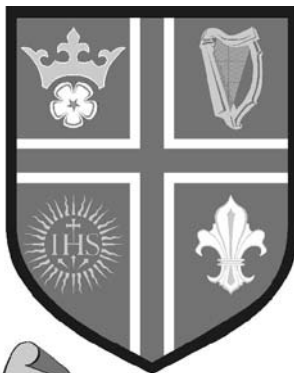
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
11:00 am

## 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:

**W**e are blessed this weekend to welcome Deacon Carlos Diaz to serve at our Sunday Masses and preach the Homily. Deacon Carlos is finishing up his studies at St Peter's Seminary in London and will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Hamilton on Saturday May the 6<sup>th</sup> next year.

Since Deacon Carlos is with us this weekend it is a good opportunity to talk about the Diaconate. We can start with a Scripture passage from St. Paul to Timothy: "Deacons likewise must be serious not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money, they must hold fast to the mystery of the Faith with a clear conscience. And let them first be tested, then if they prove themselves blameless, let them serve as deacons." (Timothy 2: 8-10)

This passage gives us the knowledge that the Diaconate was a very early sign in the Church of service. The word 'deacon' is from the Greek and means 'to serve' and this image continues to this very day in our Church.

What a deacon does today in the Church includes many duties and responsibilities. At Mass he prepares the altar and helps the priest throughout the liturgy. During the Mass he may preach the Homily, help with the distribution of Communion. He also intones parts of the Mass as well. If one observes what the deacon does during the Mass, one will get the sense that there is a certain 'rhythm' to what he does. In fact, if the congregation does not realize or notice the deacon during the Mass, then he has performed his duties in a proper and reverent way.

Some questions that people may have about the diaconate pertain to the two levels of it. Deacon Diaz was ordained to what is called the 'transitional' Diaconate. He was ordained to this back in June He will be ordained to the priesthood next May as I mentioned earlier. His Diaconate is just a specific period of time until someone is ordained as a priest. One must be ordained a minimum of six months before they become a priest.

The other level is known as the Permanent Diaconate. This stage is what it states, an individual has no desire to become a priest, he stays as a deacon. In the Diocese of Hamilton, it has only been the last twenty years that we have seen many Permanent Deacons being ordained. Most deacons are assigned to a specific parish by the Bishop to serve the people and meet the needs of the

community. Some deacons will have other duties as well, for example as prison or hospital chaplains. We have a deacon in charge of our Liturgy Office. Whatever the case may be, deacons serve an important role in the Church.

Let us pray for Deacon Diaz as he finishes his studies towards ordination. As well, let us pray for the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation which we celebrate this upcoming Wednesday November 2.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business, and, in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbours worthy."  
- Thomas Merton

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:

**Jean Smith, Brendan Ryan,  
Cecilia Tracy**

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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:

**Hickey, Himeshazi, Humenyk,  
Jakob, Jakubiec, James**

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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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OCTOBER 30, 2022

| DAY & TIME                   | MASS INTENTIONS (October 31- November 6)                   | REQUESTED BY:      |
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| Tues. 9:00 a.m.<br>7:00 p.m. | (All Saints)<br>People of Ukraine                          |                    |
| Wed. 9:00 a.m.<br>12:00 p.m. | <i>Intentions of St. Joseph</i> Confirmandi<br>(All Souls) |                    |
| Thurs. 7:00 p.m.             | John and Delores Cronin                                    | Mary Smith         |
| Fri. 9:00 a.m.               | <i>Intentions of Marcin Jakubiec</i>                       | Kwiatkowski Family |
| Sat. 5:00 p.m.               | Charles Spencer  | Spencer Family     |
| Sun. 9:00 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m. | Stan and Rose Smycnuik<br>Pro populo                       | Gallagher Family   |



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.



#### 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.

#### From the CWL: The CWL Bazaar is Back!

There will be a box at the back of the Church next week (Saturday November 5th and Sunday November 6th) to collect Canadian Tire Money or cash. This will be used to purchase prizes for the Bazaar's Penny Table.

**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.

#### MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops

Wed. 8:00 p.m. AA






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