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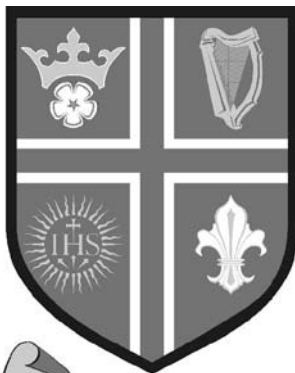
Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

SUNDAY MASSES:

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

After five weeks of reading and praying the “Bread of Life” discourse, we return to the Gospel of Mark until the end of November.

One thing about the Gospel of Mark is that it is the most practical of the four Gospels. However, I wish to talk about one of the other readings of this weekend, the Letter of James, our Second reading.

The Letter of James is unique in many ways to the Bible. It was one of the last books added to the Catholic Canon. Some Protestant groups were opposed to its teachings and passages. Martin Luther was particularly opposed to the addition of the book in the Protestant Bible he developed in the 15th Century. It was eventually added over time in that same Bible.

There has always been a dispute about who was the author of the letter. Some believed that it was written by St. James the Apostle, the brother of St. John. This notion has been disputed due to the fact that St. James was the first of the Apostles to be martyred. Therefore, the time frame would almost be impossible to achieve

Some scholars surmise that the author was Jesus’ kinsman, James. His name was mentioned at the beginning of the sixth chapter of Mark when the people questioned who Jesus was. Some feel that if he was not the author of the letter, then it could have been one of his followers.

Why were some groups opposed to this letter being added to the Bible? It is where the debate over ‘good works’ was started. Many non-Catholics even today accuse the Church of teaching that we must perform ‘good works’ in order to ‘be saved’, or to gain God’s grace. It seems to some that we are saying that we must earn grace by good works.

Of course, this is completely untrue. We cannot possibly ‘earn’ grace. We believe that Grace is a gift freely given by God. It is ours to accept or reject. Basically, it comes down to the belief that either we are in a state of grace, or we are not.

James is saying in his letter that we must “be doers of the Word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves”. He is saying that our faith, real faith, will be manifested in good works. He uses the

image of the orphans and widows, those who were the lowest individuals in their society. For James, faith must motivate us to do more. Faith without actions is empty. We must be “doers of the Word”.

Like the “Bread of Life” discourse, we will be reading from the letter of James for the next five weeks. Let us be like James who learned what true religion is in our lives. The law which Jesus teaches is one of love. It teaches us to love one another. This law teaches us to care for widows and orphans, the stranger and the oppressed, the sick and the handicapped, the isolated and the lonely, the poor and the rich. We must always make a connection between our loving God and the choices we make in our lives.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."

- Elizabeth Lawrence

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:

***Adrian Landry, Ronald Parker,
Karin Brozic***

Office Closure: The Parish office will be closed from Tuesday September 17 to Tuesday October 8. Telephone messages will be monitored. Please see Father Mark for further information.



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

***McLean, Mendes, Milton,
Monteiro, Montgomery, Munday***

Funeral Planning Talk: The CWL is hosting a talk by Michael LaBelle from the McKinnon Funeral Home on Tuesday October 8 at 7:45 (after Mass) in the Church Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (September 2 – September 8)	REQUESTED BY:
Labour Day 9:00 a.m.	<i>Members of our Parish who are Employed, Underemployed, and those Seeking Employment</i>	
Tues. No Mass**.		
Wed. No Mass**		
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Steve Iwacko	Spencer Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Thomas Sadowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Anita Garel	South Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Gustav Raats	Raats Family
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	

****Father out of Town for Seminar**



Sat. Sept 7 5 p.m.
 Lector Maria
 Ex. Minister Nancy

Sun. Sep 8 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Jay Cheryl
 Ex. Minister Marcus Lorin

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Tues. 7:30 p.m. K of C Executive
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing



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: Ian Nolan: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Bulletins are available online at:
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Annual Red Mass The "Red Mass" is the name given to the Eucharistic celebration during which the guidance of the Holy Spirit is invoked for divine wisdom for all those who plead, interpret and apply the law for the welfare of the people. The Mass takes its name from the red vestments worn by the clergy at a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, and the red robes traditionally worn by the judges. You are welcome to attend this year's Red Mass in Hamilton Diocese, which will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at St. Augustine Parish, Dundas, at 9:30 am on **Wednesday, September 11**. The Mass will be followed by a brunch, with guest speaker Mr. Sam Mercanti, the author of "Risen From the Shop Floor: Lessons from an Entrepreneur". For more information, or to register for the Brunch, e-mail Sam Garcia at sgarcea@confentegarcea.com

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH - FORMOSA

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, September 7th at Immaculate Conception Church (212 Concession Rd 12, Formosa, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>
 For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com






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