

# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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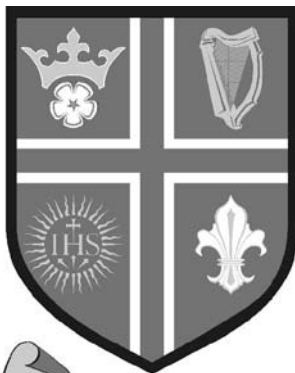
Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

## 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:**

**T**his upcoming week, on Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. On this Feast Day we are asked to look to the Cross as a guide for our lives.

One of the verses from the Gospel of John on the Feast's Day Mass is the famous line of John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

This passage reminds us that God has intervened into our lives. Our business is God's business. Why? God loves us and He does not want to lose any one of us. This is what sacrificial love is. This is what we are called to practice. A sacrificial love that makes us realize that we must see that the lives of others are more important than our own.

The belief in sacrificial love is very prevalent in the reading for this Sunday. Ezekiel states in the First Reading that he was appointed "watchman for the House of Israel; you shall warn them for Me. I will hold you responsible."

These words should make us ponder how we are to respond to them. When we think of a watchman, we think of someone who protects property after everyone has gone home. Watchmen in the days of Ezekiel were not concerned about property, for many didn't own anything, but they were charged to protect people themselves. Since it was the watchman's responsibility to protect lives, Ezekiel being made the watchman for the House of Israel, implies that everyone, through Baptism has accepted this responsibility as well.

St. Paul, in our Second Reading from the Romans echoes this belief. Paul states that we are never to owe anything to anyone. This means we pay our debts and do so promptly. There is one thing, however, that we will always own other people, and that is love. This love is not how we feel about other people. In fact, there are some people for whom we have no feelings either good or bad. Paul is speaking about a special kind of love, which is call "agape". This type of love is not a feeling, but rather is an attitude that not only wishes well for another but is willing to do something to help the other.

These readings remind us that we make a commitment to agape at Baptism and we are

reminded of this commitment when we renew our Baptismal promises. We must respect not only our own commitment to live Christ's sacrificial love, but also to remind others to do the same. We are to be watchmen and to make sure we watch over and care for one another.

*Fr. Mark*

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

"Do you wish to be great? Then begin by being. Do you desire to construct a vast and lofty fabric? Think first about the foundations of humility. The higher your structure is to be, the deeper must be its foundation."  
- Saint Augustine

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

This week please pray especially for:

***Gerry Cronin, Curtis Golden,  
Donna Mae Zacheriah***



This week we pray especially for the following families of our parish:

***Taradan, Taylor, Toledo,  
Torres, Umbrello, VanAsseldonk***

**Acton Fall Fair - Your HELP is NEEDED!** The Fall Fair is near! The Knights will manage the set-up, parking, security, front gate, and teardown. The CWL will manage the round house, selling tickets. Student volunteers are needed for stamping and finally, baking/sandwiches/crock pot dishes to feed our many volunteers is also requested.

Parish participation earns a share of the Fair proceeds and is the biggest fundraiser of the year. **Your help is truly needed.** High School Students can earn community hours. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. Contacts are Grand Knight Ian Nolan and Penny McCabe.

**From The Parish Office:** The office will be closed from Sept 18 through Oct 2. No bulletins will be published for the weekends of September 23 and September 30. While the office is closed telephone messages will be monitored. If necessary, Father Mark can be reached by email at **msullivan@hamiltondiocese.com**

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DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 11- Sept 17)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Eddie MacDonald</i>	Janet Raats
Wed.	People of Ukraine	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Lianna Reinhardt
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Mario Baginski	Leonora Baginski and Family
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	

**From the CWL:** There will be a General meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.

**Children's Liturgy:** We are still looking for a few more volunteers, please speak to Father Mark if you are interested in this ministry.

**YOUTH MINISTERS RETREAT-** The annual Youth Ministers' Retreat for the Diocese of Hamilton will be held the weekend of Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Mount Mary Retreat Centre. The retreat is open to all those who minister to young people within the diocese. Information and registration about the retreat can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> or contacting [youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com)

**From the Fall Fair Committee:**

Here are links to documents calling for volunteers for the Fall Fair complete with a QR code that will take you to the signup genius.

Adult Volunteers

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nf2nIDaWneO8y2HGnThF-WfI14RiI1J6\\_m5tPMWvx7o/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nf2nIDaWneO8y2HGnThF-WfI14RiI1J6_m5tPMWvx7o/edit?usp=sharing)

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Volunteers

**Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony**  
 Father Mark arranges 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. Applications may be obtained from Father Mark.

**FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM -** The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes September 30<sup>th</sup> and can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/>

**Bulletins** are available online at:  
<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

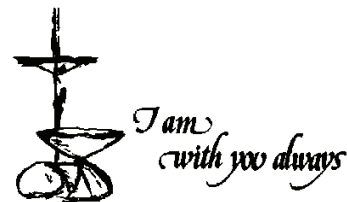


**CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C**

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](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)

K of C: Ian Nolan: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)





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