

# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

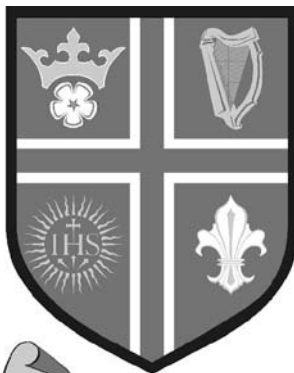
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
11:00 am

## 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:

**T**he Gospel of St. Luke is sometimes referred to as the Gospel of Social Justice because of Luke's intense concern for the poor and his references to money and the use of possessions. Today's passage is a strange one because it seems to condone dishonesty with money in the pursuit of personal comfort.

One may have heard stories where people have given large amounts of money which was earned in illegal ways or means but were given to worthy causes or with good intentions. There is a famous story in our diocese where a large amount of money was donated to the building of a church. The story was told that the money was earned not in the most proper ways. It was also said that the donor wanted to turn their life around and hence the large donation. Whether the donation was truly accepted has never been verified but it does lead to moral questions being asked, if the money had been accepted was it proper?

Today's parable, which is a little awkward since it seems to approve of dishonesty, is primarily about the mismanagement of wealth. The steward in the Gospel was entrusted to watch over the rest of the household and his master's property. The steward was in crisis because either he was dishonest or incompetent with money which was leading him to be fired from his position.

The moral lesson of the situation is not the concern of Jesus as He tells the story to the people. His concern is about the man's ability to respond to the crisis. Jesus compliments the steward by how he is able to go about to the debtors to lower their debts so that he would have a future somewhere else. Jesus basically tells His audience that the steward's actions are of a noble cause. Being dishonest was not noble, but the ability to use possessions for the sake of your future was according to Jesus.

What we need to be aware of in the Gospel is that Jesus was praising the steward for his ability to be crafty, not his actual actions which were dishonest. The complaint of Jesus was that He saw people using such craftiness for their own gain and not for the good of the Kingdom of God. This, according to Jesus' teaching, is sinful.

Considering this passage, we must ask ourselves, "Do I work harder for myself or for God?" "Have I made the connection between how I pray at Mass and what I do during the week?" "Do I use the talents which God has given me for my own good or do I use them to help my church, that is, my God?" We must always use our 'wealth' to build up the Kingdom of God.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"When you are weary of praying, and do not receive, consider how often you have heard a poor man calling, and have not listened to him."

Saint John Chrysostom

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Laura Kupferschmidt,  
Susan McGilloway Robson,  
Roberto Luisetto***



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Daleman, DeBruyn, DeMelo,  
deSouza, Dick, Doucett***

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## CWL NEWS

### **Michael House Diaper Drive in September**

The CWL will be accepting donations of diapers as well as other new-baby and new-mother needs for Michael House. Michael House provides shelter and support to pregnant and parenting women and their children in need. A table will be set up in the church basement in September. Many thanks for your generosity.

Donations to Michael House gratefully collected in the basement and at the meeting. (Michael House is a Guelph shelter and support home for pregnant and parenting women and their children in need.) Save the date! Potluck and Pin Presentation Tuesday, October 25.

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DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 19 – Sept 25)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Dave and Pat Rudan	Jane McCabe
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	People of Ukraine	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Indigenous Peoples of Canada	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Mike Kwiatkowski</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Elda Luisetto	Luisetto Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mario Baginski	Leonora Baginski and 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.

## MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops

Wed. 8:00 p.m. AA

**From the Parish Office:** The Office will be **closed from September 21<sup>st</sup> through Thanksgiving and will reopen on October 11.** Phone messages will be monitored. Please see Father Mark or Eddie MacDonald for matters that cannot wait. Father can be reached via email at:

**[msullivan@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:msullivan@hamiltondiocese.com)**

There will be no bulletin published for October 2 or October 9. Mass intentions for 3 weeks will appear in the September 25<sup>th</sup> bulletin.



### 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: Sean Saunders: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

### 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.

**Hamilton Diocese Marian Days 2022** – Join brothers and sisters from around the Diocese in honouring Our Blessed Lady for the last Marian Day of the year with Bishop Crosby on October 1, 2022, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. Join us for confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Holy Mass with Bishop Crosby at 10:00 am, the Solemn Crowning of Our Lady with Rosary at 11:00 a.m., and The Queen's Tea at 12:00 p.m., honouring the crowning of the image of our Lady. Cost for lunch is \$20.00 payable at the door. Call the Basilica to reserve your spot: (519) 824-3951.

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