

St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

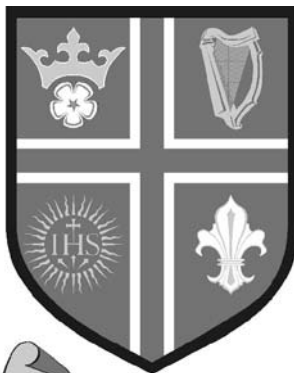
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

We have not spoken lately in our Parish Bulletin message of the lives of the Saints. There is, however, the feast day this week, of a Saint whose story ties into our Sunday readings.

On September 23rd, we honour the Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, or, as he was better known, 'Padre Pio'. He was born as Francesco Furgione in 1887 in the Italian village of Pietrelcina. He was drawn to the Priesthood at an early age and in fact became a Capuchin Novice at the age of 16! He was ordained as a priest in 1910 and took the religious name Pio (Pius).

His life was remarkable in many ways. Many would identify with him through the visible stigmata which he had from 1918 onward. Padre Pio had visible wounds like those of Christ's on his hands and feet, and the wound in his side bled for the rest of his life. The Church was very cautious for many years about Padre Pio. The Church did not want to see a 'side show' develop around Padre Pio. What he became known for as well was being a confessor. Because of his reputation as a confessor who seemed to be able to read people's hearts, crowds flocked to Pietrelcina to see him. Since his death in 1968, his international fame has continued. What ultimately set him apart was his humility. He was quoted as saying "I am a poor Franciscan who prays."

Jesus' Disciples could not understand what He was teaching them. How is it that they had Jesus with them as their Teacher and yet could not understand what He taught? It is because Jesus presented Himself as a humble servant and taught His Disciples to imitate Him in this manner. The Disciples were expecting glory in following Jesus, but He was teaching them things which were contrary to what they had expected and hoped for.

Padre Pio realized what Jesus was teaching and was expecting His Disciples to do. We too are called to serve those who have nothing to offer in return. We are to be exceedingly different from what our culture teaches us to be. We must aspire only to serve.

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:

***Eileen Quackenbush, Helen Garrett,
Jasmin Lang***



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

***Niedzielska, Nieroda, Nolan,
Nother, O'Meara, Oke***

On December 8 2020, Pope Francis declared a "**Year of St. Joseph**" marking the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as the Patron Saint of the Universal Church. This year continues until December 8, 2021, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Although we read little about St. Joseph in the Bible, we know that he holds a central role in both the life of Jesus and in salvation history. In ***Patris Corde: With a Father's Heart***, Pope Francis writes, "After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse." He is the Patron Saint of many - workers, fathers, travelers, unborn children, immigrants, dying a happy death and is the Patron Saint of Canada. His quiet strength and obedience serves as a model of faith for all.

St. Joseph was a carpenter by trade, which allowed him to support Mary and Jesus. His actions show us of his deep faith and trust in God's plan, from accepting Mary's pregnancy to becoming a refugee in Egypt to protect Jesus; he entered fully into the plan of salvation. In ***Patris Corde: With a Father's Heart***, Pope Francis highlights seven characteristics of St. Joseph, each meant to inspire us to live our own faith more deeply by emulating his qualities.

Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved, tender, and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, working father and ultimately a father in the shadows. All the characteristics show us how Joseph loved Jesus - with a father's heart. By his loving devotion, he is both a model for Christian living and a visible sign of how God loves each of us.

Pope Francis writes that, "The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal." We encourage you to read the letter and discover anew the great attributes of St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church.

		MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 20-26)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Regina J. Kim and K Augustine J. Lee	Jae Young Chong
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Halina Dyczkowska</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of St. Joseph Parish Confirmandi</i>	
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of St. Joseph Parish First Communicants</i>	
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Wayne and Ann Montgomery
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Jack South	South Family
Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Pro populo	



Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and can fill in, it would be most appreciated.

Sat. 5:00 p.m.
 Sun. 8:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.

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: cwl@lartist.com
 K of C: Sean Saunders: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Pet Blessing - On October 2, 2021, Father Mark will be blessing pets, rain or shine, behind the church at 11:00 a.m.

From the Parish Office: Bulletins are back on a weekly basis, and we hope soon to have the paper version available. Items to be inserted in the bulletin must be in writing or via email and received by Tuesday at noon for the upcoming weekend's publication.

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


BLESSING OF HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate the blessing of Holy Family Catholic Cemetery, 2523 Lower Base Line, Milton, on Saturday, September 25 at 11:00. In keeping with COVID-19 protocols, registration in advance will be required. To register, please visit holyfamilyblessing.eventbrite.ca or call 1-800-661-5985.

From the CWL: A **General Meeting** will be held in the church (upstairs) on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. All are welcome back!



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