

# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

## EXPOSITION:

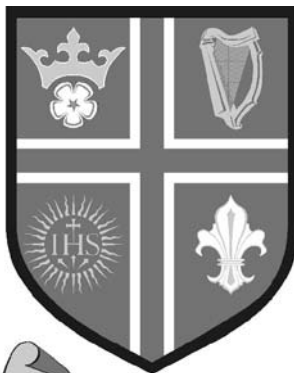
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

## 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

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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:**

**W**ith the restrictions which we have been dealing with these last 18 months, many have not been attending Mass on Sundays. At this moment in the Diocese of Hamilton, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended by Bishop Crosby for the time being. Many did not realize that there was previously an obligation to attend Sunday Mass on a regular basis. There are many who feel that this is 'old-fashioned' or is not proper anymore.

If people would take the opportunity to read the Gospel of this Sunday, they would discover two concerns that are important. The first concern is about membership in the Body of Christ, the Church. The second concern addresses the quality of membership required to be a member in good standing.

We tend to separate our relationship with God from our relationship with His Church. Many will say that they do not need to be a member of a church to have a good relationship with God. However, those who might think or say these things are at odds with the teaching of Jesus Christ.

While many will separate their relationship with God from their relationship with the Church, Jesus saw the two as being synonymous. For Jesus, being a member of the community of faith and its seriousness of membership cannot be separated from one's relationship with God. Jesus was being serious when He said "Wherever two or three are gathered, that is where I am." He taught that being absent from the community in prayer was to be absent from God.

Many would attempt to 'twist' the words of Christ to appease their own agendas and beliefs, but this is wrong. Jesus is serious about how we are called to live our faith lives, and how we are to follow Him so we may enter the Kingdom of God.

Many will say that this is punishment, but it is not. It is about loss, about what we will lose if we do not take our membership in the Body of Christ more seriously than anything else.

*Fr. Mark*

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

"Man does not weave this web of life. He is merely a strand of it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself".

Chief Seattle,  
Chief of the Suquamish and Duwamish Tribes

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

This week please pray especially for:

**Bev Boisvenue, Austin Hunak,  
Ian Munday**



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

**Oliveira, Osman, Paisley,  
Palmateer, Pek, Penrose**

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 27-Oct 4)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Czesia Hercyk</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of: the Indigenous People of Canada</i>	
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Antonio Zago	Luisetto Family
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	LaSelva Family
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of Ray and Rena Arbic	CWL



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.

**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.

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Chancery Office and Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, September 30, 2021, to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a new national statutory holiday.

This day is set aside to commemorate the history and ongoing trauma caused by residential schools and to honour the survivors, families, and communities who continue to grieve for those who were lost.

A special Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. and you are encouraged to join our Parish community in prayer on that day.

### Bulletins are available online at:

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

**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!

### 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](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)  
 K of C: Sean Saunders: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto: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.




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