

# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

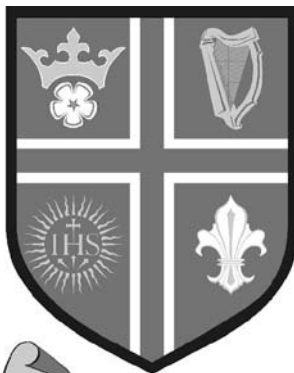
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
11:00 am

## 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:

We may not wish to admit it, but we are recognized by the friends/associations which we keep. Many of us are blessed with the friends/ company we have in our lives. We may have some friends from our school days. Some of our friendships may have been developed through work or through mutual friends. I'm sure we can all tell stories of how some of our friendships have been formed over the years.

There are also times when we may try to develop a friendship or an association with a person because we feel that they can help us to achieve something. We may also have been used by someone who took advantage of our generosity or kindness. We can feel hurt, betrayed, and feel that we should be on our guard the next time when we wish to develop a friendship.

Whatever the case may be, our associations affect us. Within the Gospel this Sunday, there is a hidden association. 'People' brought a deaf man to Jesus. It could be that the deaf man was simply being used to get Jesus to do something interesting, but these 'people' may also have been friends looking out for one of their own.

Deafness or other physical challenges, in the time of Christ, were seen as something more than physical. To society at the time, they implied a spiritual defect. Not only were handicaps associated with sin, but deafness was a particularly serious situation. If you were deaf, you could not hear the Word of God, which meant you would be forever separated from God.

These people acted despite the situation. We don't know what motivated the friends, but they took the deaf man to Jesus and begged Him to do something. We know that Jesus responded with compassion.

Despite Jesus' concerns for secrecy, these people talked about what had happened. They talked to their friends and their friends talked to their friends and so forth. Some things have not changed through time. In fact, news and information is spread even more quickly now through social media.

Today we might question our own associations. With whom do we choose to spend our time? What are our standards for making friends and keeping our friendships? How many of our friendships can be seen to be based on faith? How many are life-giving in nature? How many

associations with other people are formed just so we can gain something?

The Gospel this week offers us a vision of what proper associations can do for us. They can bring us hope, faith, and healing.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone."  
- Pope Francis

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Jean Smith, Ronald Parker,  
Harold Ryerse**



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

**MacLellan, Marchese, Marcoux,  
Masse, McCabe, McGilloway**

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**EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY** – (Formerly called "Fridays with Father"). Learn more about our Catholic Faith by joining Bishop Lobsinger on the second Friday of each month at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Canadian Martyrs Church, (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton). Each month we will methodically go through the "Catechism of the Catholic Church". There is no registration, no fee, and no homework. Come ready to learn and ask all the questions you always wanted to ask about our Faith. **The first "Evening with His Excellency" is Friday, September 10, 2021.** If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to go to <https://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com/> to watch live. (All COVID 19 protocols will be required, including masks while in the church and proper social distancing.)

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**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.

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	MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 6-12)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Staff and Students of St. Joseph School</i>	
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Mike Kwiatkowski</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Betty Ann Frewer	Agnes & Gord Byrne and Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Gustav Raats	Raats Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Mario Baginski	Leonora Baginski and Family
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
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.

**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](http://holyfamilyblessing.eventbrite.ca) or call 1-800-661-5985.



**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.


**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

**Walk for Life**

**Guelph & Fergus - September 11, 2021**

It's not easy to stand up for life, but together, our voices can make a difference! Join the pro-life walkathons in Fergus or Guelph on Saturday, September 11th at 10:00am. Walks are approximately 45 minutes long, and signs are provided. For more information and to RSVP, visit [guelphforlife.com](http://guelphforlife.com) or call Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311.




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