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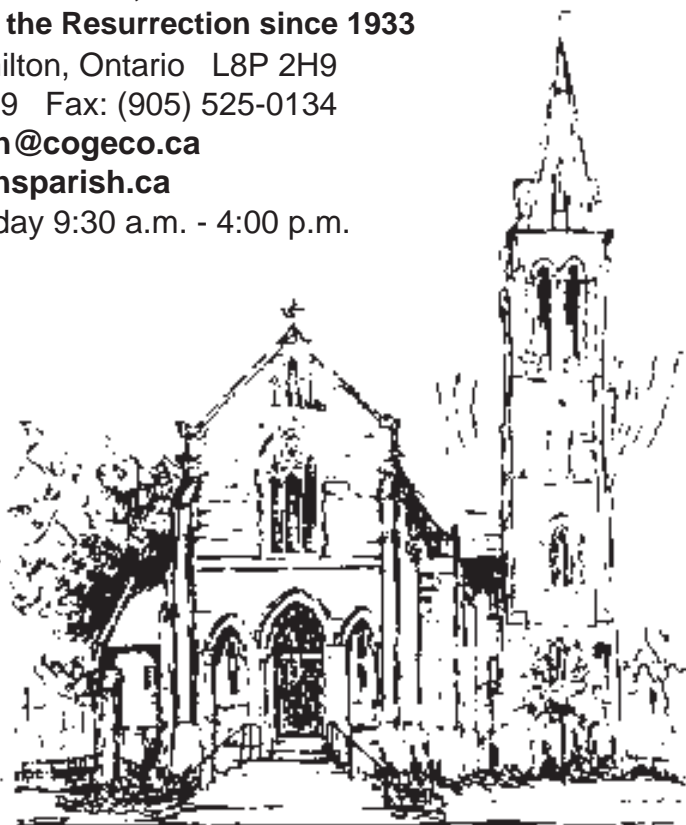
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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements for Baptismal Preparation two months in advance. All baptisms are celebrated on the following dates:

Jan 14/15	Feb 11/12	Mar No Baptism (Lent)
Apr 14/15	May 12/13	Jun 16/17
Jul 7/8	Aug 18/19	Sep 15/16
Oct 13/14	Nov 10/11	Dec 8/9

Sacrament of Marriage

Call office one year prior to desired wedding date. A marriage preparation course and appointments required.

Children's Liturgies (September to June)

Children from J/K to grade 2 (pre First Eucharist age). Children's Liturgy takes place in the Parish Hall during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

Parish Council

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Vocational Information

If you wish to pursue the possibility of a Religious or Priestly vocation, please feel free to speak with any member of the parish staff or contact:

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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

LAY MINISTERS for DECEMBER 1 / 2			
	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Phyllis DeRosa Koetting Jill Lyons Leah Fuller	Patrick Reilly Cameron Nolan Mary Tompkins	Jennifer Weir Lucia Milin Adriana Rerecich
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FIRST COMMUNION / FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING

Parent Meeting For First Reconciliation/ First Communion 2013: If your child is preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion, a meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on Monday, **November 26** at 7:00 p.m. Please plan on attending with your child for this very important meeting.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS... Development and Peace invites you to reflect on Canadian International Aid, the principles that should guide it and your own expectations of what it should be. Why is international solidarity more important today than ever before? What does Development and Peace's approach to international solidarity mean to you? You could share this reflection with parish groups, family members or others or make your concerns and expectations towards international aid policies known to your member of parliament.

St. Joseph's Social Justice Group Invites you to an Advent Reflection on Development - Faith – Justice with Keynote Speaker Michael Casey, Executive Director of Development and Peace. Sunday, **December, 9** at 7 pm, at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. RSVP to: Jennifer Weir – jennyaweir@yahoo.ca All welcome to this free event. Coffee and dessert will be provided!

St. Joseph's Social Justice Group also invites you to join them at their next meeting. **November 27 at 6:30 p.m.**

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Celebrate the Year of Faith in the Land of the Bible - join us where it all began! Our parish is organizing a **pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan from April 27 to May 7, 2013**. For more details see the posters and brochures in the church, contact Fr. Michal at: fr.michal.cr@gmail.com, or Melanie (Boreal Tours) at: mel@borealtours.com or 1 877 271 1230, ext. 27 (toll free). The total cost of the pilgrimage is \$ **3,100**; deadline to register: **December 21, 2012** (down payment of \$ 500; remaining payment until mid March 2013). Our second informative meeting will take place on **Monday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. See you there!

A Service of Evensong with the O Antiphons featuring the three choirs of the parish will take place again this year. This beautiful, meditative service is scheduled for Sunday, **December 16** at 4:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

Magnum Mysterium, the Parish Choir's compact disc recording of Christmas music is still available and still the perfect Christmas gift. It may be purchased for \$15. through the week at the Parish office, and on weekends from any member of the Parish Choir.

C.W.L. NEWS – Join us for our next Card party on Thursday, **November 29**, at 1 p.m. Join us in the Parish Hall for an afternoon of cards, fun and a light lunch.

Mark your calendar for our Evening of Reflection - December 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish hall - Guest Speaker Ann Jamieson will speak on *"What Can Be Brought to Birth in You!!* Bring your friends for this wonderful evening.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS DINNER - Tuesday, **December 11** at 6:30 p.m. Catholic Women's League members Christmas Dinner, in the Parish Hall. Menu details on the CWL bulletin board. Catered by Luigi. Cost \$15.

Please put a cheque payable to the St. Joseph's CWL or cash into an envelope, put your name and telephone number on the outside and put in collection basket. **Deadline is Nov 27.**

Any questions, call Linda Pandzich at 905-528-8470.

YOUTH NEWS!!!

Youth Drop-In Program: every Tuesday after school, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Room (entrance through the Rectory). Come and spend some quality time with your friends!

Christmas Party with Mr. Bean – youth of all ages come and join us (and Mr. Bean!) for a Christmas Party with pizza, desserts, snacks and many other surprises on **Saturday, Dec. 15, at 6.30 pm.** (after the evening Mass). Bring your friends!

Have you ever seen the interior of a police squad car? Hopefully not...Come and meet **Officer Clarke** who will visit us to talk about his life and vocation to serve as a police officer. Join us for **pizza and snacks** as Officer Clarke will answer **your questions** and demonstrate how his car looks like (inside!) and works. Meet us at the Parish Hall on **Tuesday, December 4, at 4 p.m.!**

Join us for the Pizza and Movie Night on Saturday, Dec. 8, after the evening mass (6.30 pm). Bring your friends and watch a good movie in a good company! All are welcome!

Hey youth in grades 9-12! Are you interested in discussing your beliefs, asking tough questions, and challenging your understandings of our faith and Church? Join other high school-age youth for a **discussion and study group**, meeting every-other Sunday at **10:30am** (between the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses).

Our next meeting is on Sunday, Dec. 2. Please contact us if you are interested, 905-719-6746 or joes.youthministry101@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

If you are planning to provide a food hamper to assist Our Neighbours in Need, please complete the form inserted in last weekend's bulletin and return it to the collection basket or to the Parish office by the first weekend of December. Extra forms are available by the doors of the church.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

NO MORNING MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 Intentions of the Keliacius Family
 Nick Mationo Audra Gimzauskas
 Catherine Mationo

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 Intentions of Michael Marecki
 Peter John Montour Bernice Clark

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 Deceased members of the Krbavac Family
 Edda Starai
 George Petrunas Jim Higgins & Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00 Rae Sloan Liam & Joan Scanlan
 Evelyn Oliver Margaret Webster

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:00 Giovanni Criminisi Grace Criminisi & Family
 Joanne Fortier Betty & Barry Taylor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:30 Bruce MacKinnon The MacKinnon Family
 Robert McHarg Joan Paxton O'Brien
 11:30 For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish

Desk Scribbles . . . Christ the King . . . Nov 25, 2012 . . . Jim Link, CR Dan 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rev 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

The late paleontologist, mystic, poet, Jesuit priest, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) wrestled with the fact that religion and science often seemed to be at opposite poles to each other. How, he asked could he plunge fully into his work as a scientist and still keep his faith in Jesus Christ. Eventually he came to the decision that if he pre-adhered to Christ he could plunge into science and not lose anything. What happened, he said, is that he re-discovered Christ as the heartbeat of the universe. It was confirmation of what St. Paul wrote many centuries ago, that the secret has been revealed: Christ is the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega, of everything. Everything starts with Christ and is heading for fulfillment in him (Eph. 1:3-14).

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King as we bring our liturgical year to a close. It was a feast established by Pope Leo XXIII in 1925 in an attempt to guard against the extremes of modern laicism and the clericalism of previous generations. In the best sense, it is a feast that can help us establish a balanced Church-world relationship.

In the gospel story today, Pilate's questions and Jesus' responses help to clarify what kind of king Jesus really saw himself as. Clearly, his kingship was not a political one, although even the disciples kept wondering when Jesus would restore Israel to its former status and glory. The kingship of Jesus was a spiritual one but one that was not other worldly or disconnected from life. As a baptised community we share in the kingship of Christ. By virtue of baptism we are members of a royal priesthood. This identity requires a fine balancing act. On one hand, there is a danger of wanting to cash in on our heritage by claiming a position of status, privilege and entitlement. No doubt all of us in the church can cite our own examples of Christians --- leaders or otherwise --- who abuse or have abused their positions of power and authority. And history is full of times when the Church confused the kingship of Christ with an earthly kingship and thought she should enjoy political power. A truer understanding of Christ's kingship should have led her to remind earthly kings of the limitations and true purpose of their transient power.

On the other hand, there is a danger that we since this kingship is not political we can divorce ourselves from the responsibility of addressing the issues of injustice and evil in the world while focusing totally

on the things of heaven alone. Adrian Nocent [*The Liturgical Year*, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN: 1977] writes: "It will always be necessary for the Church to study anew the impact Christ's kingship should have on this world. She is not to seek domination herself, but rather is always to encourage as best she can the concrete efforts being made to liberate the weak and the oppressed. The Church does not do honor to Christ's kingship by seeking any form of earthly supremacy, but by encouraging those engaged in the political order to keep ever before them the one, true, eternal King and his eternal rule." And in a similar vein, Thierry Maertens & Jean Frisque [*Guide for the Christian Assembly*, Fides Pub. Inc., Notre Dame, IN: 1972] wrote: "The Church's royal state extends to her members too. Such is the dignity baptism confers. We are all called, through our link with Christ, to play our part in promoting God's creation plan for the universe, and drawing all things into the paschal rhythm. Our responsibility is indeed a cosmic one; all that we do because of Jesus Christ, reverberated universally."

These thoughts can seem fairly heady and removed but from a practical and personal spiritual point of view I think it all begins by each of us acknowledging that Christ is not only the universal king but our king. So, we need to examine ourselves to see if there are any areas of our personal life and behavior over which we do not let Christ be king. Once we acknowledge Jesus as king and that --- through baptism --- we are members of his royal family, we face the challenge of exploring how our royal status commits to a life of service to the world. It is here that our love and action can help --- as we pray in the *Our Father* --- God's kingdom to come.

Here is the essay written by Ezra who won our essay contest "What does it mean to be Jesus' disciple today?" The first place prize is a \$25 gift card of his choice, publication in our bulletin and the essay will be posted on the Youth Ministry Board in the church. Congratulations, Ezra!

Over two-thousand years ago, Jesus said to his first followers, "If you are to be My disciples, then you must pick up your cross, and follow me." Today, in the twenty-first century, we, as Catholics, must pledge our lives to Jesus and follow in his footsteps wherever he may lead. To be a disciple of Jesus means to be unselfish with things of the world and immerse oneself in the Way of Christ. Jesus loves us infinitely, and we must repay that love in our respect for God. First, we must honor God, second, others, and lastly, ourselves. We should receive the sacraments often, go to mass on a regular basis, and pray with fervor. We must serve our neighbour and be kind to all. This is the way of Christ.
 Ezra, age 13

On December 8 & 9, we will be having a sale of beautiful art presented by Holy Land Wood Art. The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem - the Birth Place of Jesus - is selling their hand crated olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism. Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land, and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the church of the Nativity. We encourage all of our parishioners to support Holy Land Wood Art in their efforts to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.



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