

St. Joseph's Parish



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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:

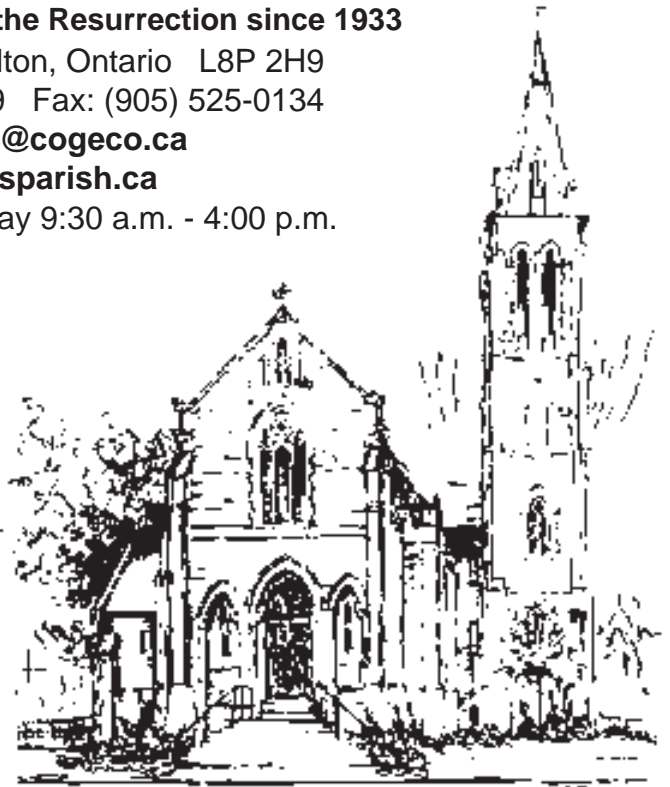
Jan 8/9	February 12/13	March 5/6
April No Baptisms	May 14/15	June 11/12
August 13/14	September 17/18	October 22/23
November 12/13	December 10/11	

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.



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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:

Father Toby Collins, C.R.
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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

LAY MINISTERS for NOVEMBER 26 / 27

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Joyce Taylor Lynda Narducci Leah Fuller	Christine Weir Verdi Gough Larry Bomford	Jennifer Weir Confirmandi Confirmandi
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeannie Milani Sheila Corr	Lynne Adams Judi Santi-DeRubeis	Ann-Elizabeth Beattie Emily McDonald Bernice Clark Paul Linger
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C.W.L. NEWS

There will be no card Party in November but we will be back on **Thursday, December 1**.

Join us on Tuesday, **November 22** at 7:30 p.m. in the parish Hall for our General Meeting. All women of the parish are welcome.

On Monday, **November 28**, the Catholic Women's League is sponsoring an Evening of Reflection for ALL women of the parish. David Dayler from the Chancery Office will be presenting **Women, the Heartbeat of the Home**. To be followed by a Social. Join us at 7 p.m. in the parish Hall. This is a wonderful way to begin Advent.

On Monday, **December 5** Members of the Catholic Women's League are invited to a Christmas Dinner at Karolina's Restaurant. Reservation is required and seating is limited so please call Linda Pandzich at 905.528.8470 if you plan to attend.

ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR

Thank you to all who have worked so hard to prepare for this year's Bazaar and to all who have been so supportive in your donations. Be sure to stop by for some family fun after Sunday Mass.

ATTEND SEPARATE SCHOOLS CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES AND HOMESTUDY PROGRAMS

There are two programs in place for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Visit the diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the parish office for more information and / or registration forms.

CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

A reminder that the Christmas Hamper forms should be returned to the collection basket or the office by the first weekend of December. Extra forms are available at all the doors of the church. Thanks to those who have already offered to help but we still need ore hampers.

Please pray for the sick

Advent Retreat at the Cathedral of Christ the King

The Catholic Women's League at the Cathedral of Christ the King (Hamilton) is hosting an Advent Retreat in its Auditorium on Thursday, December 8th at 7 pm. Most Reverend Douglas D. Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, will be our guest speaker. The topic of his talk will be **'Journeying with Mary through Advent'**. Everyone – men, women and children alike – are invited to attend. Light refreshments will follow a 'question & answer' period after the Bishop's talk. If you require further information, please contact Georgina nnes at cwl_ckt@yahoo.ca or the parish office at 905-522-5744.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID OF HAMILTON Volunteer Drivers Needed! – Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton

CCAS is looking for **DRIVERS** for the **Volunteer Drive Department**. Drivers provide transportation for children to and from appointments, family visits, school, camp etc. An ongoing commitment is required, and times can be flexible around your schedule. Mileage will be reimbursed. If you enjoy working with children and youth, and are looking for a rewarding opportunity please contact: Lisa Hostein, Volunteer and Development Coordinator (905) 525-2012 ext. 3256 lisa.hostein@hamiltonccas.on.ca

ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTATION!
AT THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB - A Pastoral and Theological Commentary on the Mass. Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., January 16, 23, 30 & February 6 & 13 in the Parish Hall. Registration is required. We request a \$15.00 fee for the program workbook Scott Whitfield will facilitate. For more information or to register, please call the parish office at 905.528.0019.



**The OFFERTORY Collection
for NOVEMBER 12 / 13:**

\$6,548.75.

Budgeted weekly expenses - \$6,300.00

Parish Debt - \$300,000.00.

Thank you.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAYS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 Hal Greene Clara Wallman & Family
Margaret Keogh Kathleen McGarr

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 Intentions of Patrick Duff Kathleen McGarr
Michael Moran Ian & Claire Johnson & Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 Intentions of Fr Toby Collins Carol Smith & Family
Edward Cunningham David & Christina Curry

9:15 School Mass – Gianfranco Piro

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 Virginia Alavata The Family
Robert McCollum Theresa Freeman

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

12:30 p.m. Wedding – Mosher and Tim Hehenkamp
5:00 Mike Moran Joanne Venzon & David O'Connor
Marie & Harry Harper Susan Harper

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:30 For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish
11:30 Margaret Davy Daniela & Renzo Conz
Helen Sinclair Sr Michaela Sinclair

Desk Scribbles . . . Christ the King . . . Nov 20, 2011 . . . Jim Link, C.R.
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23; 1Cor 15:20,26,28; Matthew 25:31-46

"We cannot be sure if we are loving God . . . but we can know quite well if we are loving our neighbour." (St. Teresa of Avila)

The feast of Christ the King brings the liturgical year of the Church to its climax. Matthew presents the Last Judgment scene in which the kingdom of God is compared to an act of separation; those who accept the message will be saved and those who don't, clearly have made their own choice. And, for the most part, both sides made their choices without even realizing what they were doing. What is striking about the criteria the judge uses for separating the good from the others is "love."

The temptation is approaching this reading from Matthew is to use the popular humanitarian interpretation, that is, loving or not loving the poor, hungry, the naked, the imprisoned and so on is the same as loving or not loving Christ himself. I used to think that at Mass it is sometimes easier to make an act of faith that consecrated bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ than it is to believe that the person beside me in the pew is also the embodiment of Christ. If we make that acknowledgement than it means I must be in relationship with the people around me. Those relationships always come at a cost of time, energy, resources or whatever the person needs to help them.

However, as true and real as this command of love is as followers of Christ, this particular gospel story is focused on a different and narrower group of people, specifically, those who are disciples of Jesus. Scripture scholars identify the "least of these" or the "least of my brethren" with the disciples entrusted with the mission of proclaiming the kingdom of God among us. "Brethren" in Matthew always refers to the disciples and in this case, it is a reference to their weakness and poverty and the relief given them symbolizes the rejection or acceptance of them and their message. To accept or reject the messenger means to accept or reject the sender and, in this case, the sender is Christ.

We may not like this interpretation but we cannot force the text to mean something it does not. For me and you, it means that we need to welcome those who are sent in Christ's name to preach the word of God to us. It means that we need to cultivate an attitude of receptivity based on faith. This is a tough one for me. Some years ago, I toyed with the idea that I had a civic duty to enter the military and serve as a chaplain. I think it was motivated by my American patriotic upbringing and the fact that my brother, my brother-in-law and most of my childhood friends spent time in the military and several of them were killed. I seriously considered this possibility for several days and then did a reality check. I remembered that I am not the most compliant or obedient person and it would not have taken me long to end up in the military jail. Even as a priest within the

Church, I rarely have blindly or unquestionably accepted many of the more controversial teachings or directives. Since I was a child, I was always one to question things, to ask why or what it was about. I figured that God gave me a mind to reason things out and I had a responsibility to use it.

I do this because I love the Church and I want to love it more and if I am going to pass it on to others, I want to do it with conviction. Luckily for me, this is actually one of the Spirit-given roles of those who belong to religious communities and to those who study theology; we are supposed to question things, to look at the Church from the prophetic and critical side. There will always be a tension but it is a tension that keeps the teaching of the Church honest and true without becoming dogmatic and dictatorial. As one of my professors in Reconciliation said, "Mercy and truth always go together, but we always begin with mercy." Thomas Aquinas said that "mercy is the chief attribute of God" and Pope John Paul II called mercy "the perfection of justice, the deep sigh in the depth of reality." Indeed the word 'mercy' comes from the Hebrew word for "womb" or "motherly." With this in mind, may we receive from God's messengers and pass on the message of the Gospel in all its fullness.

LITURGY CHANGES COMING -- 7

During the Liturgy of the Word, the only change in the assembly's words is found in the Profession of Faith. The sentence structure has been changed to match the sentence structure in the Latin. For example, in the Apostles' Creed, instead of nine sentences in the present text, we will have three sentences in the new text, to match the number of sentences in the Latin text. This has been done so that the connections between each article of the Creed are more fully expressed.

In the Apostles' Creed, the current words: *He descended to the dead* have been translated: *he descended into hell*. The word "hell" translates the Latin phrase: *ad inferos*. It does not refer to the place of the damned, or the abode of Satan. Rather, it refers to the dwelling place of the righteous who died before Christ. The Risen Lord descended to this place to draw these people up to share in his victory over sin and death. Many Eastern icons beautifully express this doctrine by depicting the Risen Lord, standing on top of the grave, reaching down to pull Adam and Eve by the hand and raise them to share in his glorious victory.

In the Nicene Creed, there are a few significant word changes. First of all, the prayer begins with: *I believe*, instead of: *We believe*. The new translation matches the Latin: *Credo*. Even though the Nicene Creed originally began with "We believe" it has traditionally begun with "I believe" when used in the liturgy. St. Thomas Aquinas explains it this way: when we pray in the liturgy, we pray as one body. Therefore, "I believe" is fitting.

Three other new words or phrases appear in the Nicene Creed. The *only Son of the Father* now reads: *the Only-Begotten Son, born of the Father before all ages*. This translates the Latin: *Filium Deo Unigenitum* and makes clear the unique sonship of Christ. We are all adopted sons and daughters by virtue of our baptism. Christ is the only-begotten Son of the Father. The second new word is "consubstantial". Instead of saying: *one in being with the Father*, we will say: *consubstantial with the Father*. This translates the Latin: *consubstantialem Patri*, and expresses the true divinity of Christ. Finally, instead of saying: *by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary*, we will say: *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary*. This translates the Latin: *Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine*. The word "incarnate" is an important theological word which expresses our belief in the humanity of Christ and echoes the words of the prologue of St. John's Gospel: And the Word became flesh and lived among us (John 1.14).

During the Preparation of the Gifts, the words of the priest have been slightly altered. However, the only change in the assembly's responses is found in the last line of the concluding prayer. The word "holy" has been added to match the Latin text: *Ecclesiae suae sanctae*.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS Please pray for the following: Fr. James Petrie, Fr. Martin Vallelly, Felician Sisters (C.S.S.F), Fr. Stephen Crowley, Fr. David Weise, and Fr. Joseph Durkacz.

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