



## *Heart to Heart*

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**THE RENOVATED ST. ELIZABETH CHAPEL** at St. Elizabeth Village in Hamilton will have its first Mass NEXT Friday, (the Friday before Palm Sunday)! Father Mark Gatto, Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, the parish in which the Chapel is located, will be the presider for the Mass. Father Wallace Metcalf will celebrate on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The renovated space is brighter and provides space for wheelchairs and walkers!

**TODAY'S FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**, during this *YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH*, is the occasion for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to launch a [special page](#) on their website with a variety of helpful resources to promote the special year throughout the country. Pastors are welcome to make use of the resources as needed.

**VACCINES FOR COVID-19** are being administered throughout the Province. Priests of Hamilton Diocese have been included in the roll-out in several Deaneries, specifically: Halton, Waterloo, Wellington, Brant, and in Hamilton at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton for "on-call" Priests. Thanks to the Deans for keeping us informed about vaccination opportunities – it provides reassurance and relief!

**THE MOST REVEREND HECTOR VILA**, Bishop of Whitehorse, (Yukon Territory), has sent a [posting](#) for the position of a Catholic School Principal at the Vanier Catholic Secondary School in the Diocese of Whitehorse. The deadline to apply is 11:30 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time), April 11, 2021. It is an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people! If you know of an apt candidate, share the information!

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT IS ALSO SOLIDARITY SUNDAY**, a perfect time to support the Global South through contributions to the *Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace - CCODP/Caritas Internationalis*. A suggestion is made for gainfully employed persons to offer \$1 for each day of Lent = \$40, "to prepare the table for all, and to ask that there be ONE table for all!" (Pope Francis). Please be generous!

**A SAINT PATRICK'S DAY QUIP** from Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI. Father Rolheiser is the President Emeritus of Oblate College in San Antonio, Texas, which puts the story into proper context! An Irish couple are touring in Texas. At one point their guide says: "You know the entire country of Ireland would fit into Texas!" The Irish wife replied: "Aye, and wouldn't that be grand improvement to the place!" Indeed it would!

**PLANS ARE MOVING FORWARD** for the celebration of this year's Mass of Christm in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. Invitations have been sent to Priests in the Diocese. Thank you to those who have sent in the RSVP's indicating their intention to participate or not; it is a courtesy. This year's ceremony will be FOR THE PRIESTS ONLY because of COVID-19 restrictions. All will wear masks and will be physically distanced throughout the Cathedral. At the conclusion of the Mass, Pastors will be invited to collect the OILS for their Parish which will be prepared for them at the front (Altar area). Thanks to Father David Wynen, Rector of the Cathedral, and to Cathedral staff for assuring that all is well-prepared!

St. Joseph, Patron of Canada and of the Universal Church, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI