

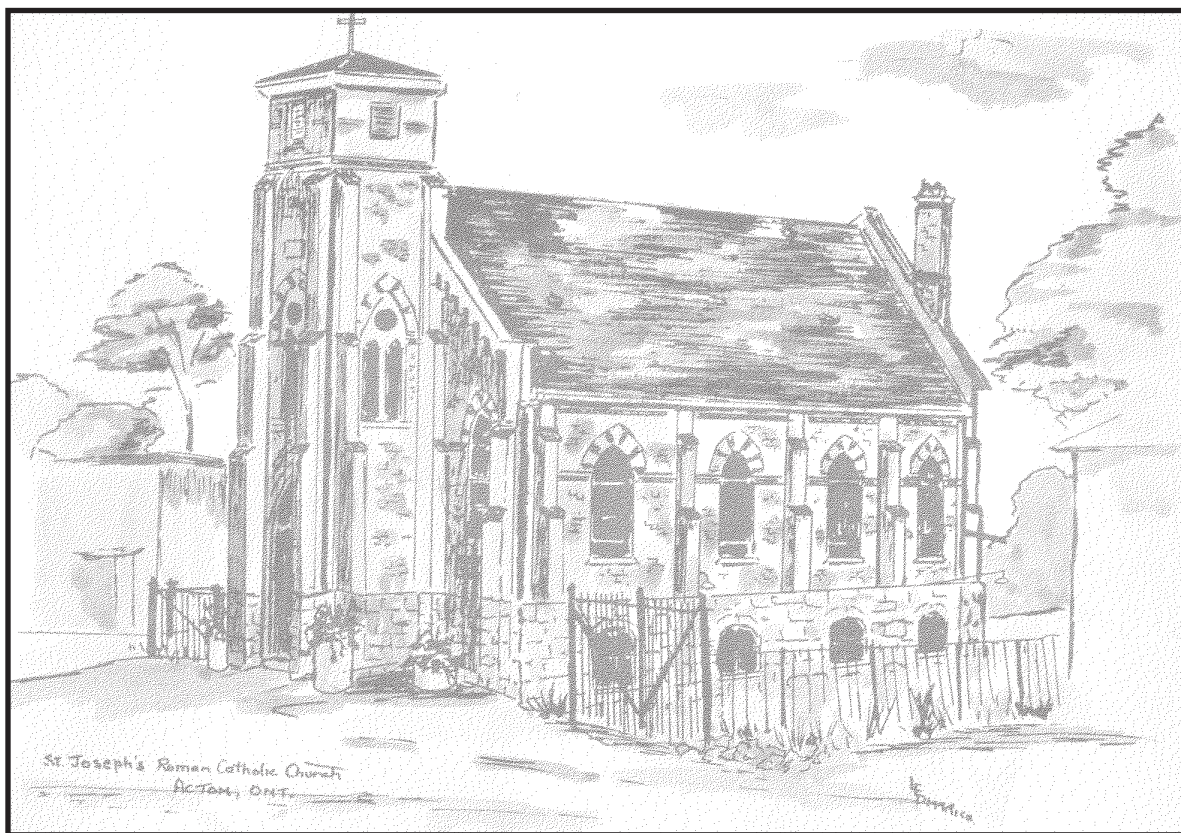
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

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

A place which I have always wanted to visit is the Trappist Monastery in Gethsemane, Kentucky. It is a place where people can make retreats throughout the year. One priest in our Diocese often goes there for retreats. He has told me on a number of occasions that it is his favourite location to attend for retreats.

Some of you may recognize the name of the monastery and its most famous resident. This is the place where Father Thomas Merton call home for many years. Father Thomas was one of the greatest Catholic voices of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century through the numerous books that he wrote and the lectures which he gave. A number of his books were requirements to read when I attended the seminary. Throughout his writings, Father Merton was honest in his thoughts on his struggles to live a proper faith life. On numerous occasions he contemplated leaving the monastic life and returning to the secular world. To read his writings, one realizes that we are not the only ones who may struggle in our relationship with God.

One time, while giving a lecture to the abbey novices, Father Thomas described to them what the word abide means. It is a word which Jesus uses in our Gospel this Sunday.

Father Thomas said: "It's like you are trying to catch a plane. You are late. You hop in your car and speed to the airport. Every delay gives you ulcers. You reach the parking lot; grab you stuff and race down the corridor to get to the right gate. You rush onto the plane, flop down in your seat, and give a sigh of relief. You made it. In one sense you have made your destination. Then the plane takes off and you are on your way to other places, going higher and faster than ever before, but now you are not frantic or worried. That's what it means to be in Christ."

In our Gospel passage, Jesus speaks of remaining in Him and allowing His word to remain in us. We may not read one of Father Thomas' books, even though they will help us in many ways, still, we must remember that to abide in someone or to abide somewhere is to

live permanently somewhere. It is to hold out in that place no matter what.

As we come closer to Pentecost Sunday, we are called to not allow ourselves to grow too far away from the true vine, which is Christ. The farther away we are, the less quality fruit we produce. If we get too far from the vine, we produce nothing of lasting value.

Just as Father Merton taught the young novices, Jesus is telling us that once we are in Him, we are practically at our spiritual destination. There is still a journey to take and will have hard moments, but Jesus encourages us to remain on the journey. We are called to abide with Him.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Just remaining quietly in the presence of God, listening to Him, being attentive to Him, requires a lot of courage and know-how.  
Thomas Merton

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Donna Mae Zacheriah,  
Judy Landry, Jean Smith***



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Anastacio, Anker, Arbic,  
Arruda, Atkins, Atkinson***

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THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED - In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, "A good marriage must be created" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 – 3:00 pm** at Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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APRIL 28, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (April 29 – May 5)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	People of the Holy Land	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	People of Ukraine	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	First Communicants of Our Parish	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Bruce Fowler	Luisetto Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo Shirley Braida	Caswell Family



Sat. May 4 5 p.m. Lector Patricia  
Extraordinary Minister Nancy

Sun. May 5 9 a.m. Lector Jay  
Extraordinary Minister Penny

11 a.m. Lector Lar  
Extraordinary Minister Marcus

### Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges all Baptisms and Marriages personally, by appointment. Please see Father after Mass to set a time for an interview. Marriages must be arranged one year in advance. Completion of a marriage preparation course is required. Application forms are found at the back of the church.



### 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: 519-400-6012 [cwl@lartist.com](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)

K of C: Ian Nolan: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

### MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops

Tues. 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)

Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing Group

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF** The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2024. Three- & five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com)

**VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024** The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024** at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Consecrated Virgins Living in the World and Permanent Deacons. Tickets: \$90pp. Contact: [serrahamilton1965@gmail.com](mailto:serrahamilton1965@gmail.com) for more details.

### NEW TO YOUTH MINISTRY NETWORKING EVENT

The Office of Youth Ministry is hosting a networking evening for those adult leaders who are new to parish youth ministry. Join us on **June 6<sup>th</sup>** at St. Benedict Parish in Milton for an evening of conversation and fellowship. Registration and additional information available on the Diocesan website:

<https://tinyurl.com/ymnetwork>



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