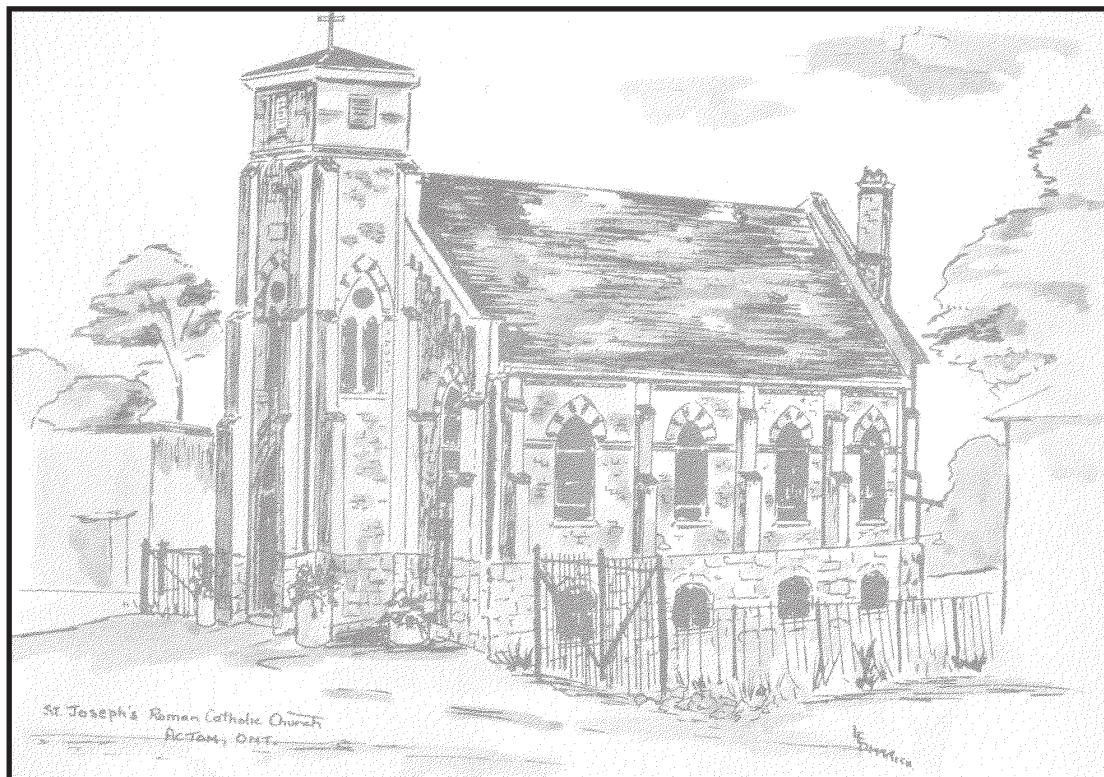


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

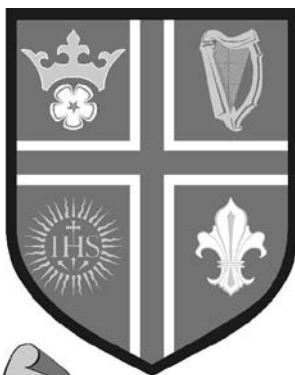
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
11:00 am

## 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.

## A Word From Our Pastor:

**W**e are very blessed this year at St. Joseph's because we have two opportunities to pray and encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

On the weekend of June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> we will have the opportunity to hear Father Mark Morley at all our masses. Father Morley was appointed as our new Vocations Director last summer by Bishop Crosby. Many of you would know him previously as the Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus in Rockwood which is course one of our neighbouring parishes. I will speak more about that upcoming weekend as it approaches.

This weekend we celebrate Vocations Sunday which is proclaimed throughout the Church's world. All of us, no matter our ages, have a call to pray, promote and encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Each of us has a vocation. It can be as a parent, a married spouse, or through a single life. Many of us have vocations to certain careers in the secular world which allow us to help others in need and to offer hope.

However, a vocation to the religious life is a very unique call, for it truly comes from God. Jesus as our 'Good Shepherd', gives the perfect example of striving to seek out a religious vocation. Even if one is not considering a religious vocation, one is called to encourage and act upon the call from Christ to pray for vocations.

The Gospel of John not only shows Jesus as being the Good Shepherd, but also that He is both the Gatekeeper and the Gate. We must see that Christianity is different from other religions and faiths. It is a faith based on the notion of sacrifice. Unlike ancient religions which sacrificed animals, Jesus offered Himself for sacrifice. He became the Sacrificial Lamb for the forgiveness of sins. He calls us to understand what He did for us and to follow Him.

To be a Catholic, to be a Christian, is to practice sacrificial love. We follow and lead through our life of sacrifice. Jesus is the Shepherd who leads us away from predators, however, we must recognize the voice of the

only Shepherd who can save us. Ultimately, we must follow Jesus through the sheep gate, becoming sacrificial lambs ourselves. We do this by going through Jesus, the Gate.

On this Vocations Sunday, we are called to know the Shepherd's voice. Sometimes the Good Shepherd's voice sounds like our own when we dare to ask "Have you considered being a priest?" We know the Shepherd's voice. We must pray that there will be someone to open the gate for us.

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: "Go down again - I dwell among the people."

- Saint John Henry Newman

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Austin Hunak, Helen Fowler, David Champagne***

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**Young Adults Night – May 6, 2023 – Hamilton-** Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church and Chaplaincy, 1349 Main Street West, Hamilton Ontario. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

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**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 129** - Easter provides us with a clear picture of how much God loves us, since he sent his son to die on the Cross so we could have eternal life. Easter highlights the importance of forgiveness and our call as Catholics to forgive both ourselves and others. Marriage is an essential place to put this call to forgive into action. Forgiveness means we let go of issues, after discussing and working them out, and then move forward in love. It means showing mercy when mistakes are made and remembering that forgiving allows us to put love first. So, remember to forgive in your marriages so you can both find a place of peace. Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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APRIL 30, 2023

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May 1 – May 7)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Shane MacDonald	MacDonald Family
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Adam Dyczkowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	People of Ukraine	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Charlie McEwen	Kosir Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo Wilfred and Marguerite Duval	Yvonne Caswell



Please see Eddie MacDonald if you have any questions or are interested in joining the team.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

*Gouveia, Grabauskas, Graham, Gualitieri, Hanlon, Hannah*



#### 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@artist.com](mailto:cwl@artist.com)

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

**Separated or Divorced? Looking for some learning, support and fun on a Friday evening?** Join our RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive group held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person at 700 King St. W, Hamilton, or by Zoom. No registration required. For Zoom contact Sarah: [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com) or at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

#### 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 may be obtained from Father Mark

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