

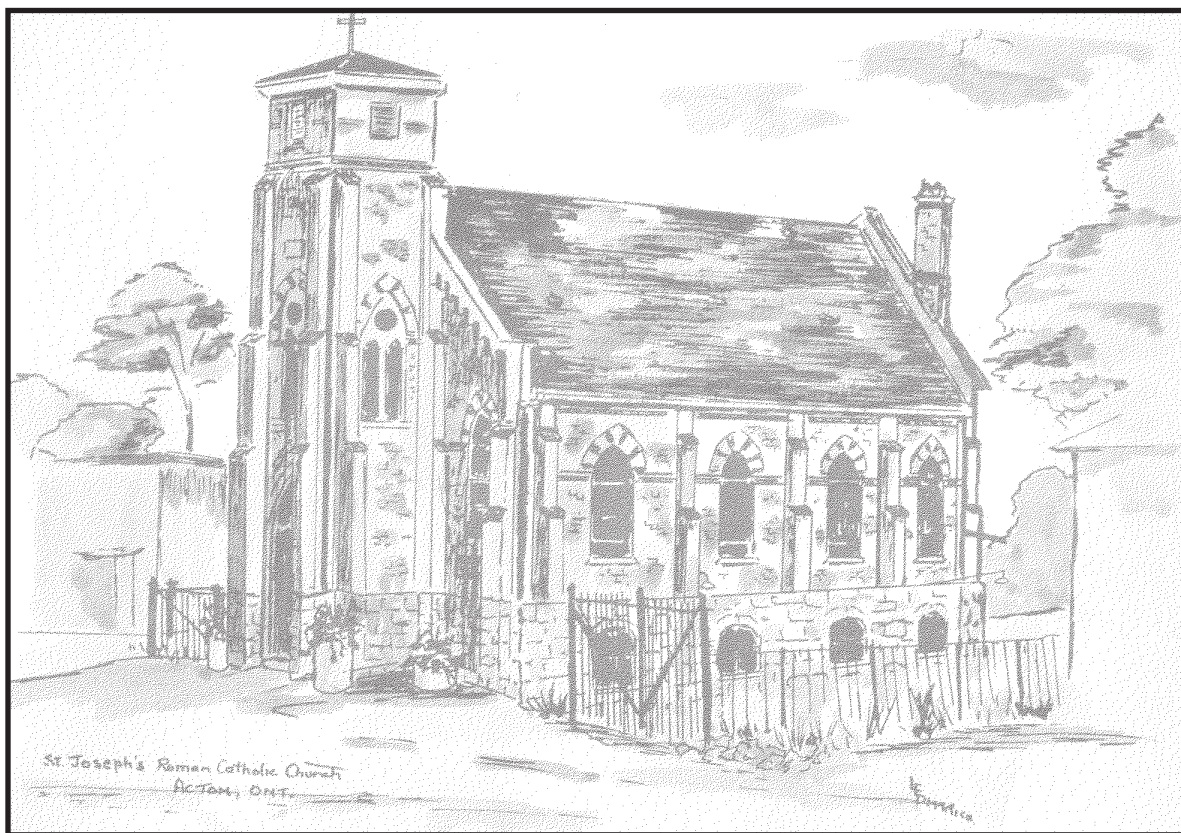
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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  
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## 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:

Each Sunday at Mass we are called to profess our Faith with the words from either the Nicene or the Apostles' Creed. When we profess these words, we are focused on the 'Four Marks' of the Church, that it is "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic". What many miss is that when professing the third mark: catholic, the word is not capitalized. What does this mean?

St. Ignatius, one of the Fathers of the Church, referred to the 'catholic church' for the first time in about 110 A.D. He wrote "wheresoever the bishop shall appear, there let the people be, even as where Jesus may be, there is the catholic church."

At the time when Ignatius wrote these words, he meant the one and only church. We have come to believe that catholic mean 'universal' and this is what some have come to express. Many however, only identify the word with Rome, but there are over 30 churches which use the word catholic in professing their beliefs. What we should challenge ourselves with is the question, "Are we truly catholic?"

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is confronted by a Canaanite woman. She is a Gentile, an outsider in many ways. This woman is determined to have Jesus near her and to heal her daughter. Acting according to cultural norm, Jesus mirrors the behaviour of His fellow Jews by attempting to ignore her. When He finally speaks to her, He offers the standard response towards Gentiles by saying "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

When Jesus starts to debate the woman, we may be uncomfortable with His responses to her. What we must realize is that the 'dogs' Jesus refers to are not the scavengers that run the streets wild. These are 'puppies'. He is referring to, our 'house dogs'. The woman quickly picks up on the tone of Jesus and responds in a positive way. This is not a put down. This is a statement of faith.

In this Gospel, Matthew truly shows that all have a place in God's plan. Not only do they have a place, but the only time Matthew shows Jesus publicly complimenting a person's 'great faith' is with two outsiders.; the Canaanite woman of this Gospel and the Centurion at Capernaum.

On this Sunday, we are challenged. "Are we catholic?" Are we truly universal? Do we find a place at the table for all who seek to sit with us? The people around Jesus did not trust outsiders, but Jesus taught by action that the Gospel is for all.

*Fr. Mark*

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"If a thing is free to be good, it is also free to be bad. And free will is what has made evil possible. Why, then, did God give them free will? Because free will, though it makes evil possible, is also the only thing that makes possible any love or goodness or joy worth having."  
- C.S. Lewis

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:

**Corrie Derksen, Pat Haffey, Pat O'Meara,  
Mary Humenyk, Joe Humenyk,  
Ronnie Lampkin, Nora McCabe**



We are praying especially for the following families of our parish:

Week of August 21– August 27:

**Savoie, Scheepers-Nevins, Schillab,  
Scott, Sheppard, Simonian**

Week of August 28 – Sept 3:

**Simovic, Slowiak, Smith,  
Sokolowski, South, Spencer**

**The Future of Hamilton Diocese:** The Diocese invites priests and parishioners to attend meetings on the future of the Diocese. Father Mark will attend the session of Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> at St Joseph's Church in Guelph. The Diocese would like to have six parishioners attend as well. If you are interested, please speak to Father Mark.

## Acton Fall Fair - Your HELP is NEEDED!

The Fall Fair is near! The Knights will manage the set-up, parking, security, front gate, and teardown. The CWL will manage the round house, selling tickets. Student volunteers are needed for stamping and finally, baking/sandwiches/crock pot dishes to feed our many volunteers is also requested.

Our parish participation at the Fair earns a share of the proceeds. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year, and **your help is truly needed**. High School Students are needed as well and can earn community hours. Please look for a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Contacts are Grand Knight Ian Nolan and Penny McCabe. Further information to come.

**Farewell Party for Eddie MacDonald:** After 11:00 Mass on September 3 we will be wishing Eddie well in her new position in the North. Parishioners are invited to gather in celebration with a BBQ and cake. We will miss her caring ministry.

**AUGUST 20 & 27, 2023**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (August 21- August 27)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Montgomery Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her Parents
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Maria and Giuseppe Querques	Querques and Spehar Families
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Steve Ivacko	Spencer Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Lianna Reinhardt
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Maria Amarello	Joe and Maria Pereira
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (August 28 – Sept 3)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. <b>No Mass</b>		
Wed. <b>No Mass</b>		
Thurs. <b>No Mass</b>		
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Aurelio Pietro Ferro	Spencer Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Nora McCabe</i>	McCabe Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Molly Baillie	deSouza Family



<b>Sat. Aug 26</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	
Ex. Minister	Chris	
Lector	Eddie	
Usher	Baldwin	
<b>Sun. Aug 27</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
Ex. Minister	Marcus	Lorin
Lector	Andrew	Gita
Usher	Decio	Paul H.
<b>Sat. Sept 2</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	
Ex. Minister	Nancy	
Lector	Patricia	
Usher	Roberto	
<b>Sun. Sept 3</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
Ex. Minister	Penny	Lar
Lector	Catherine	Lizzie
Usher	Decio	Paul H.

The Children's Liturgy returns in the Fall.

**Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony**

Father Mark arranges 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. Applications may be obtained from Father Mark.

**Please note: There will be no weekday Masses when Father Mark is away from August 26 through August 31.**

**Bulletins** are available online at:

<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>



**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)

**From the CWL:** There will be a General meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.

**Children's Liturgy:** We are still looking for a few more volunteers, please speak to Father Mark if you are interested in this ministry.



**Knights of Columbus**

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