

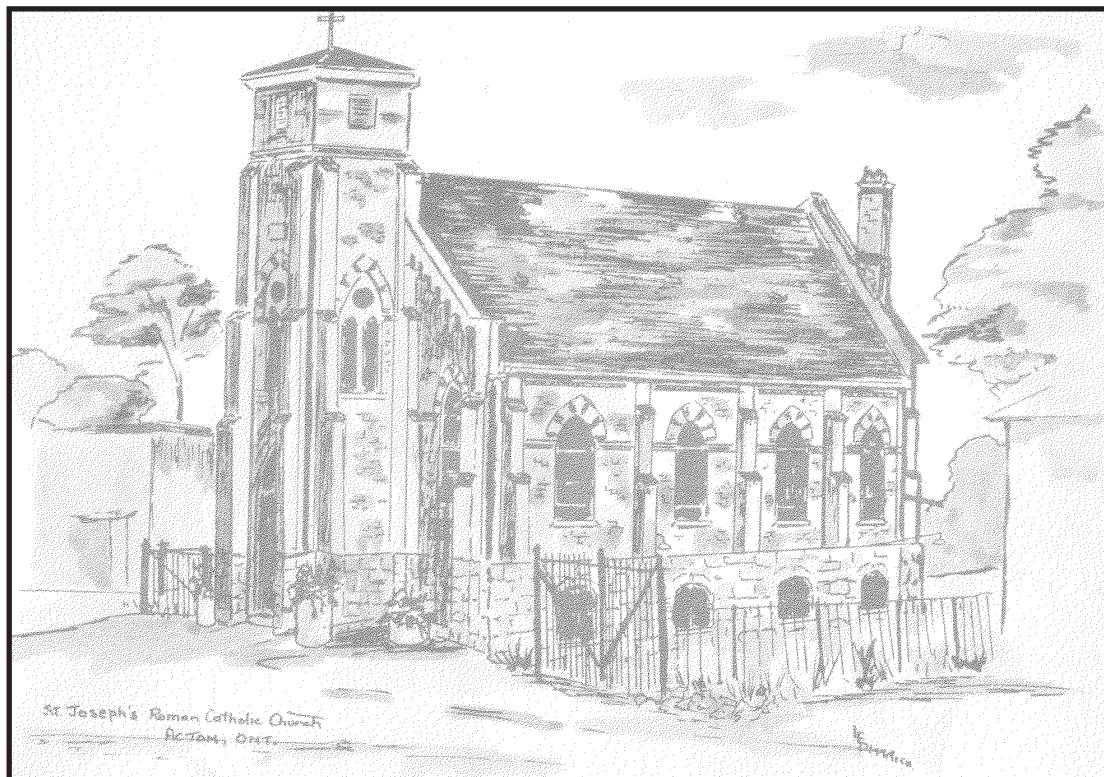
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

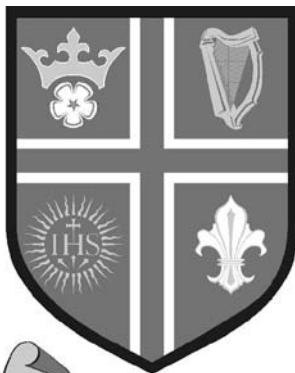
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus

St. Vincent Charities



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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:

As we return to reading from the Gospel of Mark this week, we are reminded of the word 'freedom' and what it means in a Christian context.

There is presently, in our society, much talk of vaccine restrictions/passports etc. We hear of people stating it is against their 'rights' and that their 'freedom' is being challenged. It is interesting that we do so much in the name of freedom, yet all too often we have a misunderstanding of it. For many, freedom means being able to do what we want to do, when we want to do it and without interference. This is far from the Christian understanding of freedom.

For the Christian, freedom rarely means freedom from something, apart from 'freedom from sin'. For the Christian, freedom is usually for something. Basically, freedom is for the purpose of being able to give up certain behaviours for the sake of our love of God. As an exercise of freedom, we choose to give up our lives for the sake of fulfilling God's law. However, even now people resist being 'told what to do', reasoning that God will excuse many human behaviours because God will understand.

The freedom we have is to choose to reject behaviour which is contrary to God's way of life and to choose holiness. The readings of this weekend illustrate for us that God's law is God's act of love for us. Embracing that law is our act of love. The irony is that choosing God's law is not a sign of oppression; rather, it is freeing.

We must always allow God's love to enter our hearts and minds. The Pharisees had allowed their relationship with God to become 'lip service'. Jesus calls on us to practice justice and charity, which makes us imitators of God.

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 please pray especially for:

***Evelyn Morel, Gerry Cronin,
Donna Mae Zacheriah***



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

***La Selva, Lampkin, Luisetto,
Lynch, MacDonald, Macfarlane***

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

Formerly called "Fridays with Father"

Interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? Join Bishop Lobsinger for "Evenings with His Excellency" on the second Friday of each month at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Canadian Martyrs Church, (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton). Each month we will methodically go through the "Catechism of the Catholic Church". There is no registration, no fee, and no homework. Come ready to learn and ask all the questions you always wanted to ask about our Catholic Faith. **The first "Evening with His Excellency" is Friday, September 10, 2021.** If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to go to <https://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com/> to watch live. (All COVID 19 protocols will be required, including masks while in the church and proper social distancing.)

From the Parish Office:

Bulletins are back on a weekly basis, and we hope soon to have the paper version available. Items to be inserted in the bulletin must be in writing or via email and received by Tuesday at noon for the upcoming weekend's publication.

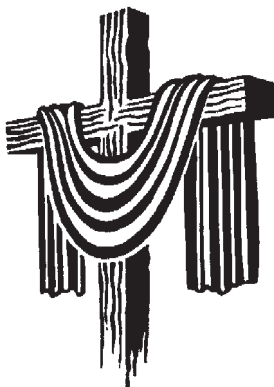
		MASS INTENTIONS (Aug 30-Sept 5)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Matthew Kwiatkowski</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	José Fernandes	Elvira Fernandes
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Helen Klemencic	Helen Fowler
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	John, Alfred, Piyu, and Polly Bonello and Andrew Vella	Theresa Bonello
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Joan Wilflin	LaSelva Family
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Pro populo	



Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and can fill in, it would be most appreciated.

Sat. 5:00 p.m.
 Sun. 8:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.

Bulletins are available online at:
<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>



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Walk for Life

Guelph & Fergus - September 11, 2021

It's not easy to stand up for life, but together, our voices can make a difference! Join the pro-life walkathons in Fergus or Guelph on Saturday, September 11th at 10:00am. Walks are approximately 45 minutes long, and signs are provided. For more information and to RSVP, visit guelphforlife.com or call Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311.



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:

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