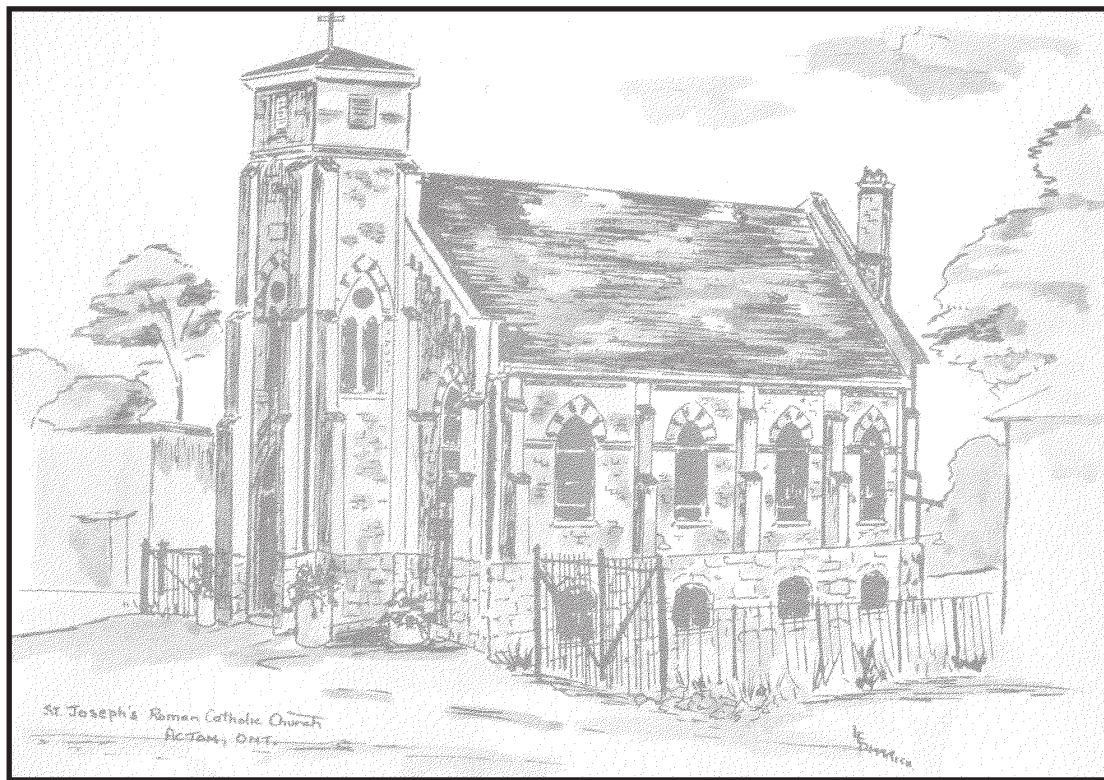


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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:**

**O**n this Sunday we are blessed to celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. This feast is always celebrated on August 6<sup>th</sup> and so this year it overrides the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time.

This feast was first declared in 1457 by Pope Callistus III. It occurs 40 days before the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross (September 14). One may be caught off guard by the fact that it was proclaimed to celebrate, of all things, a military victory! The Crusades had defeated the Turks at Belgrade a few weeks earlier. An historical fact that many would not know.

This feast is celebrated in all the Gospels, and it is the second of three times that we hear a voice declaring who Jesus is. When He was baptised in the Jordan by John, as He came out from the waters there was an image whereby the “heavens were being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him. A voice came from the heavens “You’re my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased”. This was the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry.

Today, at the beginning of Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem and to His death, we hear God, a voice from the cloud, say not to Jesus, but to Peter, James, and John, “This is My beloved Son. Listen to Him.”

Finally, we hear a human voice at His death proclaim as He entered into His glory, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!” It was a centurion, a pagan, who recognized who Jesus was. All three images truly state who Jesus was and how we are called to hear the voice of God and other voices as well.

The moment of the Transfiguration is not one in which Jesus is ‘changed’ and then ‘reverted’ back to His earthly form, rather, Matthew says that Peter, James, and John are granted a view of Jesus as He is in His divinity. They see His real form. The Transfiguration offers all of us a message of hope and encouragement. In moments of doubt and despair we are called to listen to God’s consoling words about His Son: “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

I also wish to mention that the Diocese is inviting priests and parishioners to attend meetings on the future of the Diocese as we continue to come out of the pandemic. The Diocese will host meetings based on deaneries. Because the Halton one falls on Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>, I will be attending the session of Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> at St

Joseph’s Church in Guelph. The Diocese also wishes to have six parishioners attend the sessions as well. We already have two parishioners who have committed to this particular Saturday. If you are interested in attending, please feel free to contact me.

*Fr. Mark*

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**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

“None of us knows what might happen even the next minute, yet still we go forward. Because we trust. Because we have Faith.”

– Paulo Coelho, *Brida*

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**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

This week and next please pray especially for:

**Colleen Decarlis Lisa Fuller,  
Roberto Luisetto, Madeline Ainsworth,  
Susan McGilloway Robson,  
Laura Kupferschmidt**



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

Week of August 7– August 13:

**Quackenbush, Querques, Raats,  
Ramalho, Rea, Reinhardt,**

Week of August 14 – August 20:

**Richardson, Rosenmeier, Ryan,  
Saftic, Sammit, Samson**

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**ReSTART: Moving Forward** – Our 10-week program offers support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions are from Sept. 19-Nov. 28 from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or via our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or register online at ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton ([hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)).

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**FRASSATI Leadership Program** – Young people entering grade 10 in September are invited to register for the Frassati leadership program. This year long program is designed for young Catholics wishing to expand their Catholic leadership skills and grow in their relationship with Christ and their communities. For registration and more information please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/youth-ministry/frassati>

**AUGUST 6, 2023**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (August 7- August 13)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	People of Ukraine	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Deceased of the Hutchison Family	Janet Raats
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Maria and Giuseppe Querques	Spehar and Querques Families
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of the Spencer Family</i>	B. Spencer
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Therese Girouard	Geralda Savoie
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Manuel Pereira	Joe and Maria Pereira
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (August 14 – Aug 20)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Maria Querques	Hannah Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Helen and Dusan Klemencic	Estate of H. Klemencic
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	The Sick of Our Parish	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Wilfred Duval	His Children



<b>Sat. Aug 12</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	
Ex. Minister	Nancy	
Lector	Andrew	
Music	Martin	
Usher	Baldwin	
<b>Sun. Aug 13</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
Ex. Minister	Penny	Lar
Lector	Catherine	Andrew
Music		Christie
Usher	Decio	Paul H.
<b>Sat. Aug 19</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	
Ex. Minister	Baldwin	
Lector	Chris	
Music	Martin	
Usher	Roberto	
<b>Sun. Aug 20</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
Ex. Minister	Penny	Ann
Lector	Catherine	Elijah
Music		Christie
Usher	Decio	Paul H.

The Children's Liturgy returns in the Fall.

**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

**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.



**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: Marc MacDonald: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**Summer Bulletin Schedule:** Please note the bulletin will not be published each week throughout the summer. The next bulletin will be published for the weekend of August 20.



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