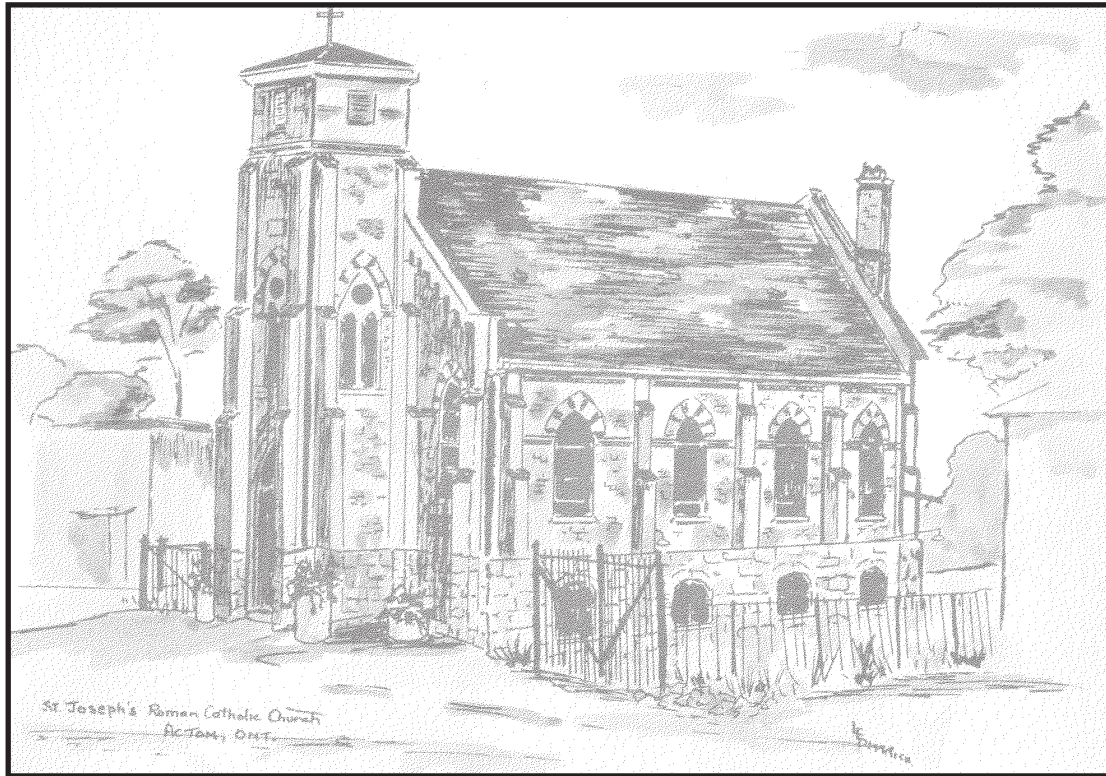


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

## 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

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## 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:

**T**his upcoming week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8). Mary is a beautiful model throughout the Advent season. At a given moment in Salvation history, God asked Her to mother His Son. It was a demanding invitation and one which troubled Her greatly. When She gave Her reply to the Angel Gabriel, "let it be done to me according to your word," the Salvation progress began and from Her humanity came His Flesh and Blood.

To be worthy of such an honour, God graced Her with freedom from original sin from the first moment of Her conception. Mary had to be Immaculate, untouched by sin from the first moment of Her birth. The Mother who was carrying God's Son, not for Herself but for a world in need, could have no hand, act, or part, in sin. Mary became Christ's first Disciple, and the very model of what discipleship means.

The privilege of the Immaculate Conception did not protect Her from doubt or from the anguish and darkness that we are all heir to. She knew how to cope with sorrow and trouble and turn it into hope and joy. At Calvary, when not even His close followers were present or believed in Him, Mary stood steadfast at the foot of the Cross, under the tree of redemption, faithful to the last.

It is the presence of Mary that allows Christ's suffering to enter and dwell in the human heart. We must always see that Mary's life gives us comfort and great hope. This Solemnity is a proper preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord. God calls each of us like Mary, to welcome Jesus and to make room for Him in our lives. If we can say 'yes' like Mary did, then we can live His Word and carry His Cross in a way that can change the world and bring about His Kingdom.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Into this world, this demented inn in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited."  
- Thomas Merton.

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Jasmin Lang, Bev Boisvenue,  
Austin Hunak***

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**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** – Christmas Mass times are unchanged from last year. We are restricted to 50% capacity, under mask mandate and following physical distancing protocols. Seating will be assigned by ushers to make best use of space. Following guidelines from the Diocese and in line with current public health rules, we require booking for all Masses. Mass will also be streamed. Masses will be celebrated as follows:

**Christmas Eve:** 4:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.  
Midnight

**Christmas Day:** 10:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.

Book your spot via our website **beginning December 4:** [www.stjosephprayforus.ca](http://www.stjosephprayforus.ca) or book via the Parish office at: 519-853-0784. Please do not try to book before December 4<sup>th</sup> as the booking system will not be live until then. Even if you are booking through the Parish office by telephone please wait until December 4<sup>th</sup> as we are using the Eventbrite system for phone bookings as well.

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**Novena of Masses for the Immaculate Conception** - The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph is hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Novena Masses will be held at 7:00 pm from November 29 to December 8 inclusive. **Father Mark will be celebrating the Novena Mass on Friday December 3.** All are welcome to take part. Please note that Diocesan COVID-19 protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. If you cannot attend the Basilica of Our Lady in person, please join this Novena in prayer from your home. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.

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**The 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops** brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (December 6 – December 12)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Pat South</i>	CWL
Wed 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of The Bell Family</i>	Bell Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Jose Fernandes	Elvira Fernandes
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Jean Marcoux	Raats Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Abel Castellino	Castellino Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Wilfred and Jo Ann Duval	Duval Family
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.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Agnes, Aitken, Alac,  
Albano, Albert, Ancker***

**CWL Request for Christmas Cookie Tins** - The ladies of CWL will be selling Christmas cookies as a fundraiser. If you have tins you can spare, please drop them off in the basement. Many thanks!

**Snuggle Up to Christmas** - There are many needy people in our town. This Christmas, we would like to give each of them a new warm blanket to snuggle up in. Let's make Christmas warm for everyone in Acton. Please drop off your donation of a new blanket on the CWL table downstairs. Thank you for your kindness!



**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: [cwl@lartist.com](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)  
K of C: Sean Saunders: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)


**UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON** - The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has produced a video showcasing the wonderful ministry of our Diocesan University Chaplaincy Centres. Do share this video with a young person in your life who may be preparing for post-secondary education, or someone who is looking for a faith community on campus within the Diocese. Special thanks to the Priests Chaplains, campus ministers and students who helped make this project possible. To view the video, visit:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/young-adult-ministry>



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