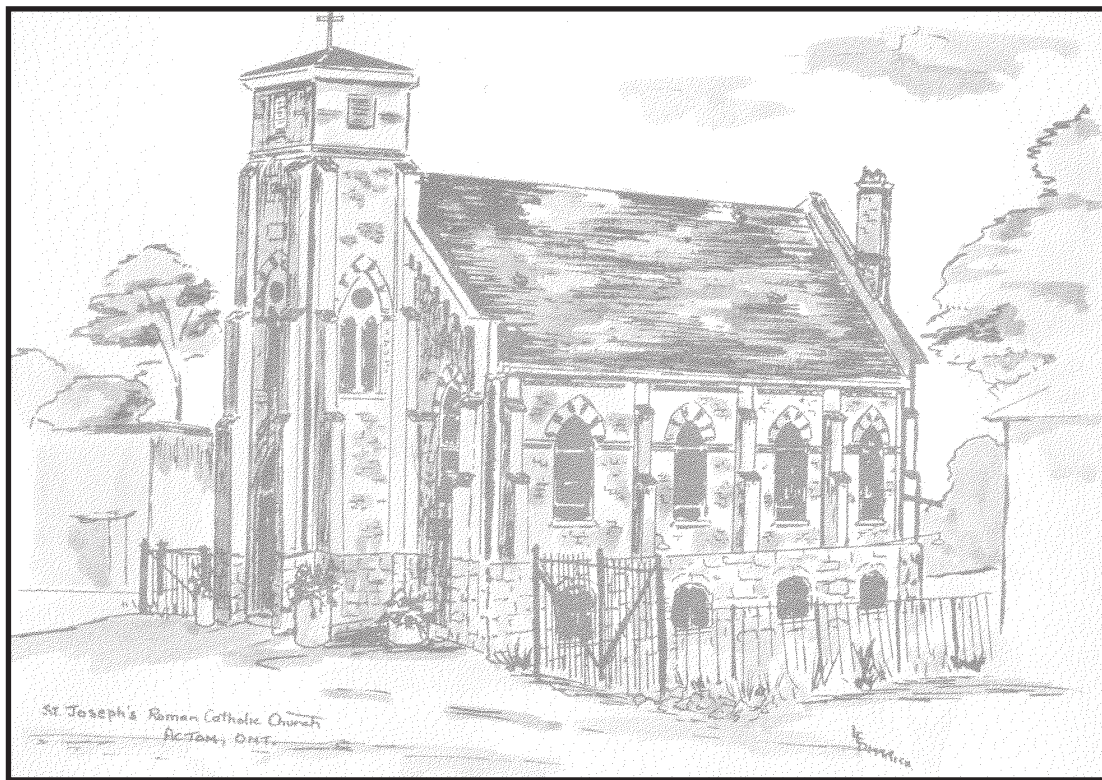


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SUNDAY MASSES:

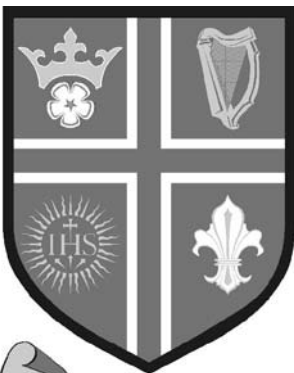
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

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:

Advent offers us a time for reflection and the promise of hope. This Second Sunday of Advent we look back at the Advent thoughts of Pope Benedict XVI:

“Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us, signs of the attention he has for each one of us.”

*--Homily at First Vespers of Advent,
November 28, 2009*

“The question is: Is the humanity of our time still waiting for a Savior? One has the feeling that many consider God as foreign to their own interests. Apparently, they do not need him. They live as though he did not exist and, worse still, as though he were an “obstacle” to remove in order to fulfill themselves. Even among believers—we are sure of it—some let themselves be attracted by enticing dreams and distracted by misleading doctrines that suggest deceptive shortcuts to happiness. Yet, despite its contradictions, worries and tragedies, and perhaps precisely because of them, humanity today seeks a path of renewal, of salvation, it seeks a Savior and awaits, sometimes unconsciously, the coming of the Savior who renews the world and our life, the coming of Christ, the one true Redeemer of man and of the whole of man.”

---Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience December 20, 2006

During this Advent season, let us always be ready and willing to accept the Word of God and to be able to welcome Christ into our own lives.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“God could, had He pleased, have been incarnate in a man of iron nerves, the Stoic sort who lets no sigh escape Him. Of His great humility He chose to be incarnate in a man of delicate sensibilities who wept at the grave of Lazarus and sweated blood in Gethsemane.”
- C.S. Lewis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Jean Smith, Ronald Parker,
Harold Ryerse**

Bulletins are available online at:

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES – Christmas Mass times will be changed this year and as per regulations we will be restricted to 30% capacity, under mask mandate and following physical distancing protocols. Seating will be assigned by ushers so that we can make best use of the limited space. To follow guidelines from the Diocese and in line with current public health rules, we will 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:

www.stjosephprayforus.ca or book via the Parish office at: 519-853-0784.

Church Bulletin Advertising - Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2021 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at: 1-800-268-2637.

To assist you as you prepare for the coming of our Lord, register for daily Advent messages with **FORMED.org**. A truly informative and peace-filled journey awaits.

Update on Acton Christmas Hamper Programme - Certainly much has changed this year, but the need to support our community has not. This year the Acton Christmas Hamper committee has developed a system to ensure those that need support this Christmas season will receive it, by providing families with grocery cards. The safety of all of our volunteers, who make this programme possible, was essential in this decision, and with schools not permitted to have food drives this year, and the significant protocols that would have to be in place, physical hampers were just not possible this year. But with the generous support of the St. Joseph parish we are able to help those in need in our community at Christmas and throughout the year.

Acton Foodshare continues to provide food and can receive donations at Acton No Frills, Sobeys and Giant Tiger. For more information, please visit their website

<https://www.actonfoodshare.com/>

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (December 7-December 13)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Advent intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners</i>	
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Karolina Lesar	Helen Klemencic
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Adam Dyczkowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Elda Cechin	Luisetto Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	Maria Amarelo	Pereira Family



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:

**Reynolds, Richardson,
 Ryan, Sammit, Savoie,
 Scheepers-Nevins**

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 can 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: cwl@lartist.com
 K of C: Sean Saunders: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

From the Pastoral Minister - We may be unable to celebrate the gift of giving through our Jesse Tree this year, but the need remains! Please assist our low-income individuals and families by purchasing gift cards to Shoppers Drug Mart and Giant Tiger in particular. These two stores offer a variety (clothing, over the counter medication and personal needs etc.). Any amount is appreciated. Please drop your gift cards into the collection over Advent. God bless your generosity!

MEETINGS

Currently Suspended





Knights of Columbus
St. Joseph's Council #8050
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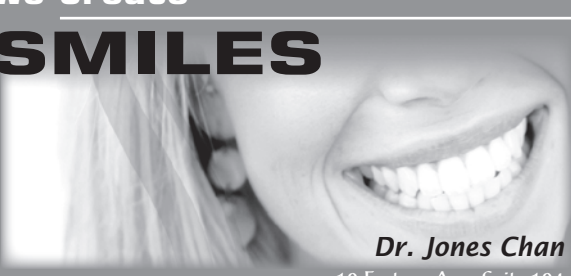


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