

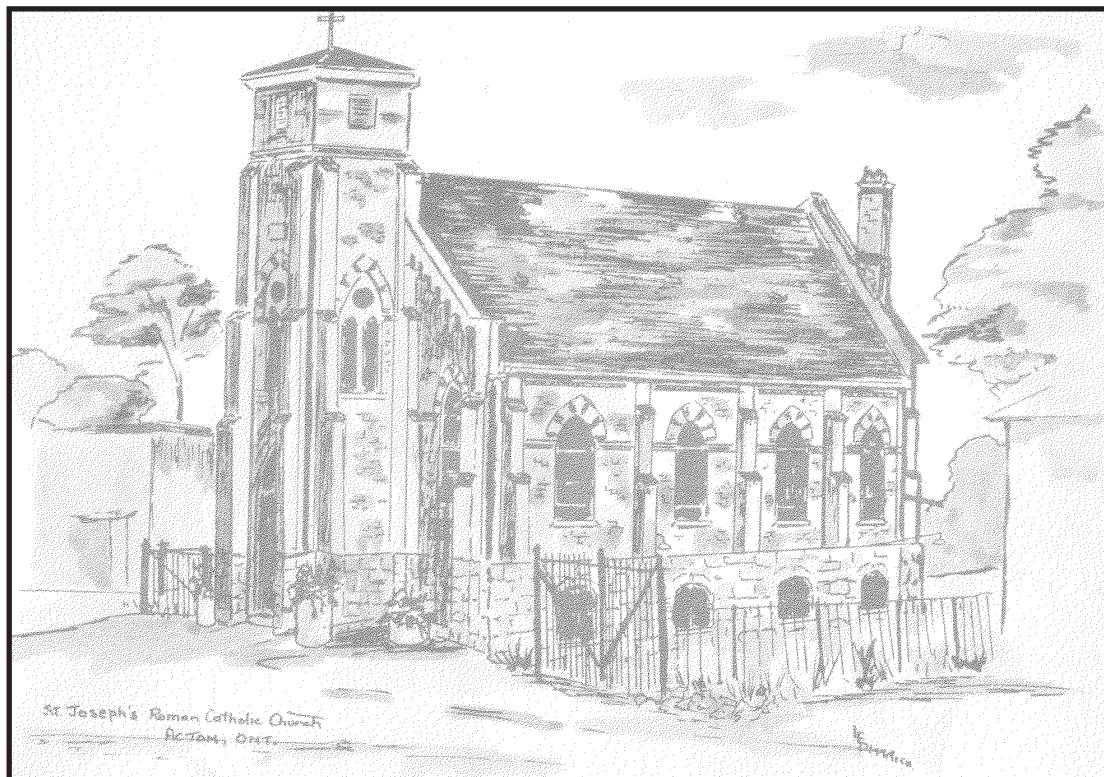
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

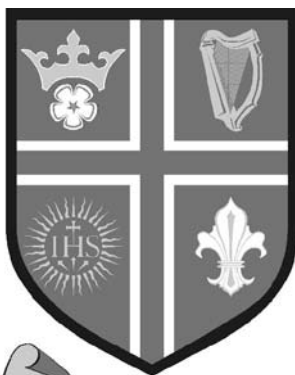
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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:

This week and for the next few weeks until Lent, we will be reading from Matthew's "Sermon on the Mount". Many believe that the Beatitudes which we hear Jesus speaking and proclaiming today is all that the sermon is about. The sermon is about far more than just the Beatitudes. They serve as a preamble to everything that follows.

In the gospels of Matthew and of Luke, which also contains the sermon, we see a summary of the values taught by Jesus. Luke's Beatitudes come later in his Gospel. Matthew, however, places his summary close to the beginning of the Gospel because everything that follows will build on this summary of Jesus's teaching.

You might say that Matthew's Beatitudes are like an orientation. Many of us have experienced an orientation program. Whether it was at the start of a new school year or program, or at a new workplace, we have been exposed to a school/workplace core of values. Sometimes they have been insightful and informative. Other times they have not been helpful in any way, shape, or form.

With Matthew's Gospel, we can see Jesus gathering His disciples and giving them an orientation into Christianity. We are also encouraged to listen to this orientation. Matthew is telling us that this list of Beatitudes is very important.

At the core of the culture of the time of Christ, were the values of honour and shame. Having honour was more important than wealth and power and determined social standing. One was encouraged to seek honour and position at all costs. To fully appreciate the Beatitudes, we must understand that what Jesus presented as values was contrary to what the people had long accepted. In fact, what Jesus taught would have normally brought shame to the individual.

The 'poor' of Matthew's Gospel were not the economically disadvantaged, but rather, those who had lost their honour. Widows and orphans were the most common people of whom Jesus spoke. They were desperate to regain honour and were not shameless to pursue it.

Jesus teaches through the Beatitudes that Christian honour is achieved through the belief that honour comes from a dependency on God. For Jesus, a person does not gain honour on their own,

honour is something that comes from God. This is something which we should remind ourselves of often. We need to rely on God throughout our lives.

The Beatitudes give us an opportunity to grow in our relationship with Christ. It is a lesson we need to listen to and learn from.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Do you wish to be great? Then begin by being. Do you desire to construct a vast and lofty fabric? Think first about the foundations of humility. The higher your structure is to be, the deeper must be its foundation."
- Saint Augustine

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Colleen Decarlis, Lisa Fuller,
Madeline Ainsworth***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

In Search of Voices: If you are interested in being in a choir at the 11:00 Sunday Mass, please contact me - **Christie deSouza** at bluemoon@lartist.com or text/call at **519-400-6012**. I'm hoping for Saturday practice (in the choir loft) for the Sunday Mass, so **any age** will be able to join us. If we have enough people who would like to commit to joining our new choir, we can even get started on planning for Lent and Easter music. I'm excited for this new start and would love to "make a joyful noise" with you! Please note: "joyful noise" means *anyone* can sing. God gave you a voice. Give it back to him with joy and thanksgiving!

CWL Members – Just a gentle reminder that membership fees are now due for 2023.

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISING DINNER: A Taste of Portugal - The Diocesan WYD Planning Team warmly invites you to join us for A Taste of Portugal, a fundraising dinner in support of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to WYD Lisbon this coming summer. Hosted at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Saturday, February 04, 2023 at 6:30pm, this dinner promises to be a feast for the senses, with Portuguese food, dancing and music to enjoy! Tickets are on sale for \$75.00 each and can be purchased by emailing us at: wyd@hamiltondiocese.com.

JANUARY 29, 2023

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (January 30 – February 5)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Janine Milton</i>	Geralda Savoie
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Dusan and Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Margaret Carney	CWL
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	For the People of Ukraine	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo Wilfred and Jo Ann Duval	Their Children



Please see Eddie MacDonald if you have any questions or are interested in joining the team.



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

K of C: Marc MacDonald: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

From the Parish Office:

2023 envelopes are still available for pickup in the hall.

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 may be obtained from Father Mark.

Religious Articles and Gifts for all Occasions
Please call Geralda 905-691-9082



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Taradan, Taylor, Toledo,
Torres, Umbrello, van Asseldonk***



**HOLY ROSARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
VALENTINE DINNER and DANCE IN
SUPPORT OF THE TOWNSEND SMITH
FOUNDATION
Saturday, February 11th, Granite Ridge
Golf Club, Milton**

Looking to enjoy a fabulous meal and an entertaining evening of music and dancing, door prizes, draws and silent auctions and at the same time support a much-needed cause?

The Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus in support of the Townsend Smith Foundation are having a Valentine Dinner Gala. The proposed hospice will provide a calm, peaceful, home-like environment where individuals with life-limiting illness, as well as their families and loved ones are supported through the resident's final stages of life.

The event happens on Saturday February 11th, at the Granite Ridge Golf Club, tickets cost \$100 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Daniel Varanelli at dvaranelli@bellnet.ca or phone 905 875-6699.




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