

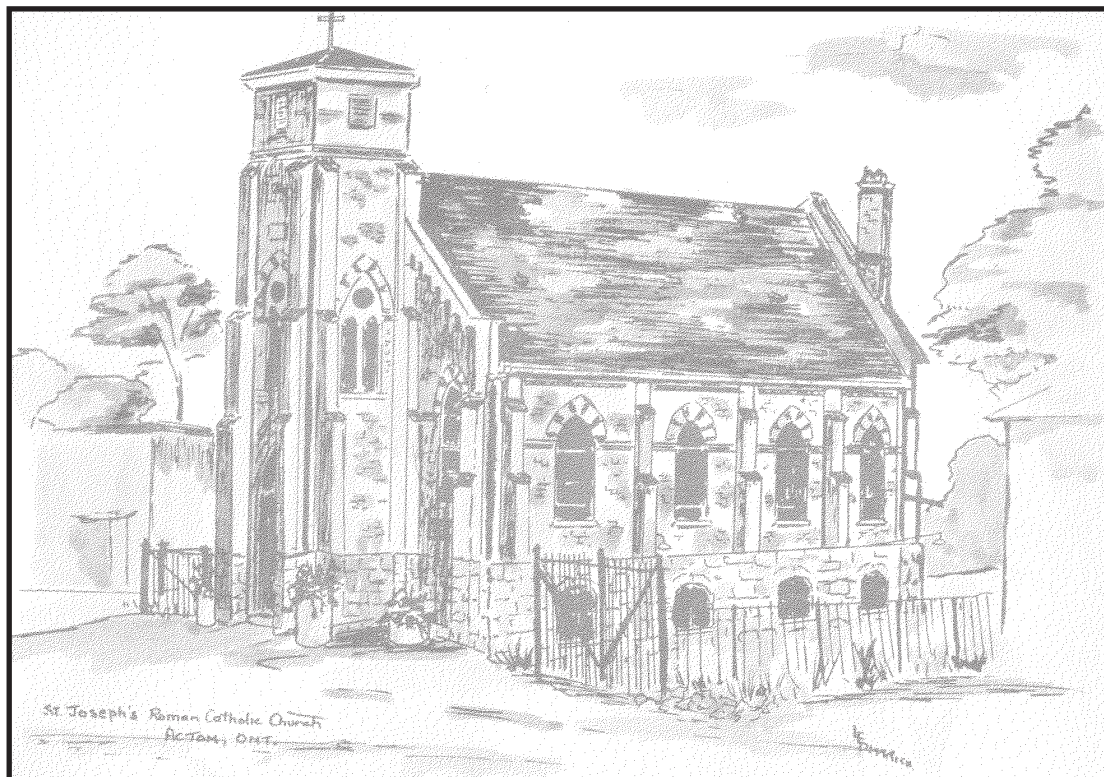
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

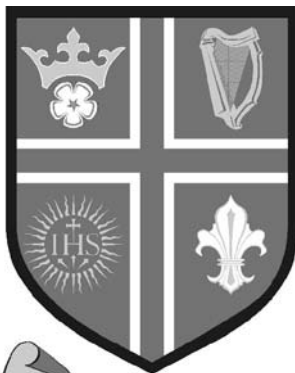
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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:

We are coming to the end of another Christmas Season. This year because of the way the calendar is, we are celebrating a shorter season. We were blessed to have a full four weeks of Advent with Christmas being celebrated on Sunday. Regarding the Christmas Season, when the Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated on the 7th or 8th of January, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord follows the very next day, unlike the following Sunday, hence we lose out on a full week of the Christmas Season. We have the same scenario next year when the Epiphany is celebrated on the 8th.

With the Epiphany and Baptism being closely celebrated this year, it is a good opportunity to attempt to connect both the Solemnity and the Feast. With the death of Pope Benedict XVI this past week, I had the opportunity to locate words which the late Holy Father spoke in a homily in 2009 about the events which we celebrate this week. "These are all signs through which the Lord never tires of repeating: 'Yes, I am here. I know you. I love you. There is a path that leads from me to you. And there is a path that rises from you to me.'"

The celebration of our Christmas events which end this week, should cause us to reflect upon how God has entered the world and what that means to us. The presence of God in the world was announced to Mary by the Angel Gabriel. His coming was announced by John the Baptist. The angels announced His birth to the shepherds, those who needed God. The Epiphany speaks to us of the star that guided the Magi to the Lord. We are called recognize the presence of Christ in our hearts and in our lives.

Both the Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord bring the Lord closer to us. We are given the opportunity to look at our identity, a chance to know who God is and who we are, an opportunity to be called Christian.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, the Parishioners of Saint Joseph's, for your cards, generous gifts, and delicious goodies which I have received in the past two weeks. Thank you to all. I look forward to another year to serve you as your Parish Priest. May God bless all of you and let us pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict who served the Church faithfully throughout his life.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly, they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man."

— St John Chrysostom

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Eileen Sloan, Paul Kavanagh,
Marie Zions***

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 will have its General meeting in the Church Hall after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, January 10. Members are encouraged to join us in important discussions regarding the future of our CWL chapter at St. Joseph's.

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. Looking forward to having you join us!

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - FEBRUARY 4TH - GUELPH - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 4th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

JANUARY 8, 2023

| DAY & TIME | MASS INTENTIONS (January 9 – January 15) | REQUESTED BY: |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Tues 7:00 p.m. | Ronnie Lampkin | CWL |
| Wed 9:00 a.m. | <i>Intentions of Maria and Antony Pozniak</i> | Kwiatkowski Family |
| Thurs. 7:00 p.m. | Doug Sooley | Mary Smith |
| Fri. 9:00 a.m. | <i>Intentions of the Spencer Family</i> | Spencer Family |
| Sat. 5:00 p.m. | Margaret Carney | Carney Family |
| Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Pro populo Alroy Jacob | Pereira Family |



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@artist.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

Family Prayer

This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Samson, Savoie, Scott,
Scheepers-Nevins, Sheppard,
Simonian***

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY- Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month 7 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.



*Our God has appeared on the earth,
and lived among us.*



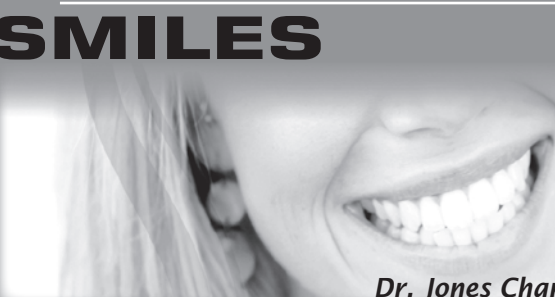
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Catholic Women's League



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