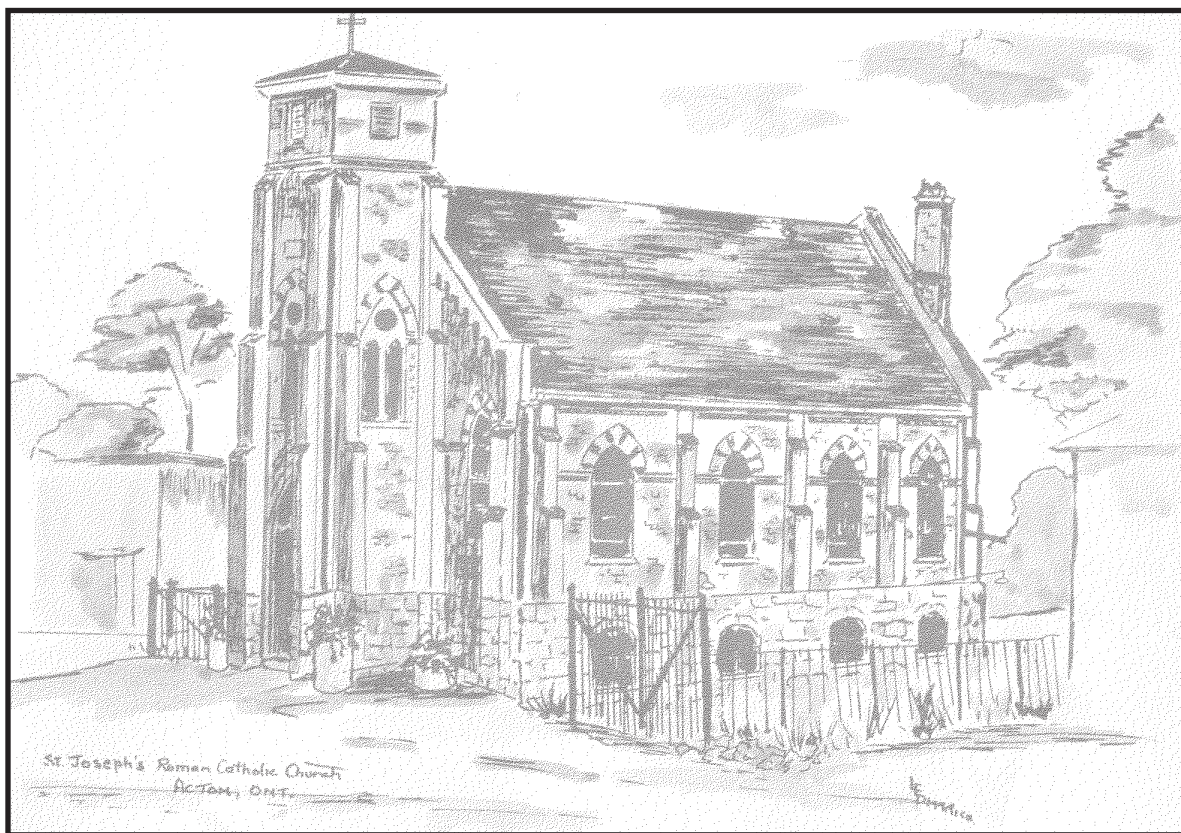


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

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

## A Word From Our Pastor:

**T**his Sunday, we begin to read the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Gospel of Mark. In the previous Chapter 5, we see Jesus cast out a demon from a man. He then crosses the Sea of Galilee with the Apostles to return to the Jewish side, when, while underway, a storm threatens to sink their boat. Jesus ends the storm and calms the water.

Last Sunday we heard how the power of Jesus cured a woman who had suffered hemorrhaging for 12 years and how He raised a 12-year-old girl from the dead. All those around Jesus, including His Apostles, were amazed at what He had accomplished. They proclaimed the divine power which He possessed. This was the usual response to God's self-revelation.

Today, however, after all the displays of power which He showed to the people, He was dismissed as merely the son of a lowly carpenter.

Throughout our reading of Mark's Gospel so far, Mark has been asking the question, "Who is Jesus?". It is a question which we need to ask ourselves. How we react to Jesus, how well we listen to His words, how well we try to live by His teaching, all depend on how we answer this question. Our answer will guide everything in our lives.

If we look at the people in Nazareth, they really knew Jesus, His family, and His friends. The town only numbered 300 people in the time of Jesus. Perhaps their familiarity made it impossible to accept His authority. We can surmise that the people were jealous or resentful of what Jesus had accomplished and how others had praised Him. Just their response of "Where did the carpenter's son get all of this?", says a lot about their reaction to Him.

Whatever reason led the people of Nazareth to dismiss Jesus, Mark tells us that because of their lack of acceptance, Jesus was rendered powerless. The powerlessness of Jesus spoken of by Mark is not saying anything about what God can and cannot do. Rather, this story is primarily about those who stand in the way of things good and holy. Not only can someone be blocking themselves from God's power, but they might also be thwarting His ability to work miracles for others as well.

How many families bring a child for Baptism, then never follow through on their promise to raise their children in the practice of the faith? How about a

couple who desire to be married in a church but really do not desire to be married in the Church? Finally, how many will state a belief in the Eucharist, but rarely show up? These are only a few of the questions one can ponder when they are considering who Jesus is in their lives.

This Sunday, we are called to see "who is Jesus" in our lives. We must see that Jesus is someone who we adore, instead of just admiring from a distance.

This weekend we observe Mission Co-op Sunday, and are blessed to welcome Father Frank Wagner, who is a priest of the Holy Cross Fathers. Father Wagner will be preaching at this weekend's Masses. He was Pastor of St Raphael's Parish in Burlington from 2015 to 2017, and currently resides in Montreal. Soon, Father Wagner will relocate to Welland to serve in a parish staffed by the Holy Cross Fathers. We pray for and welcome Father Wagner to St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish.

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved."  
- St. John of the Cross

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:

**Stephanie Lampkin, Pat Haffey,  
Fran Marcoux  
Helen Stroz, Pat O'Meara,  
Dennis DeMelo**

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**Summer Bulletin Schedule:** The next bulletin will be published for the weekend of July 21.



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

Week of July 8– July 14:

**Giliauskas, Gomes, Gouveia,  
Grabauskas, Graham, Gualtieri**

Week of July 15 – July 21:

**Halstead, Hanlon, Hannah,  
Hansen, Henschel, Hickey**

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**JULY 7 & 14, 2024**

<b>DAY &amp; TIME</b>	<b>MASS INTENTIONS (July 8 – July 14)</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY:</b>
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Holy Land</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Pope Francis</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Sick and Infirm of Our Parish</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Manuel Pereira	Pereira Family
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
<b>DAY &amp; TIME</b>	<b>MASS INTENTIONS (July 15 – July 21)</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY:</b>
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Earl Anselm	Banks Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Indigenous People of Canada</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>People of Ukraine</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus 8050 and their families	Knights of Columbus 8050



**Sat. July 13**      **5 p.m.**  
 Lector            Kathleen  
 Ex. Minister      Nancy

**Sun. July 14**      **9 a.m.**              **11 a.m.**  
 Lector            Kazi                      Lizzie  
 Ex. Minister      Penny                     Aaron

**Sat. July 20**      **5 p.m.**  
 Lector            Chris  
 Ex. Minister      Patricia

**Sun. July 21**      **9 a.m.**              **11 a.m.**  
 Lector            Andrew                    Lar  
 Ex. Minister      Ann                        Marcus

**MEETINGS**

Mon. 6:00 p.m.                      Tops  
 Tues. July 9 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)      CWL General  
                   July 16 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)      KofC General  
 Wed. 8:00 p.m.                      Acton Sharing

**DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS** - The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, the Diocesan Marian Shrine, is hosting the Diocesan Marian Days on first Saturdays to October. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at noon. The presiders for these days will be: Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki (August 3), Bishop Douglas Crosby (September 7) and Bishop Daniel Miehm (October 5). For more information, see the Diocesan website.



**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:

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