

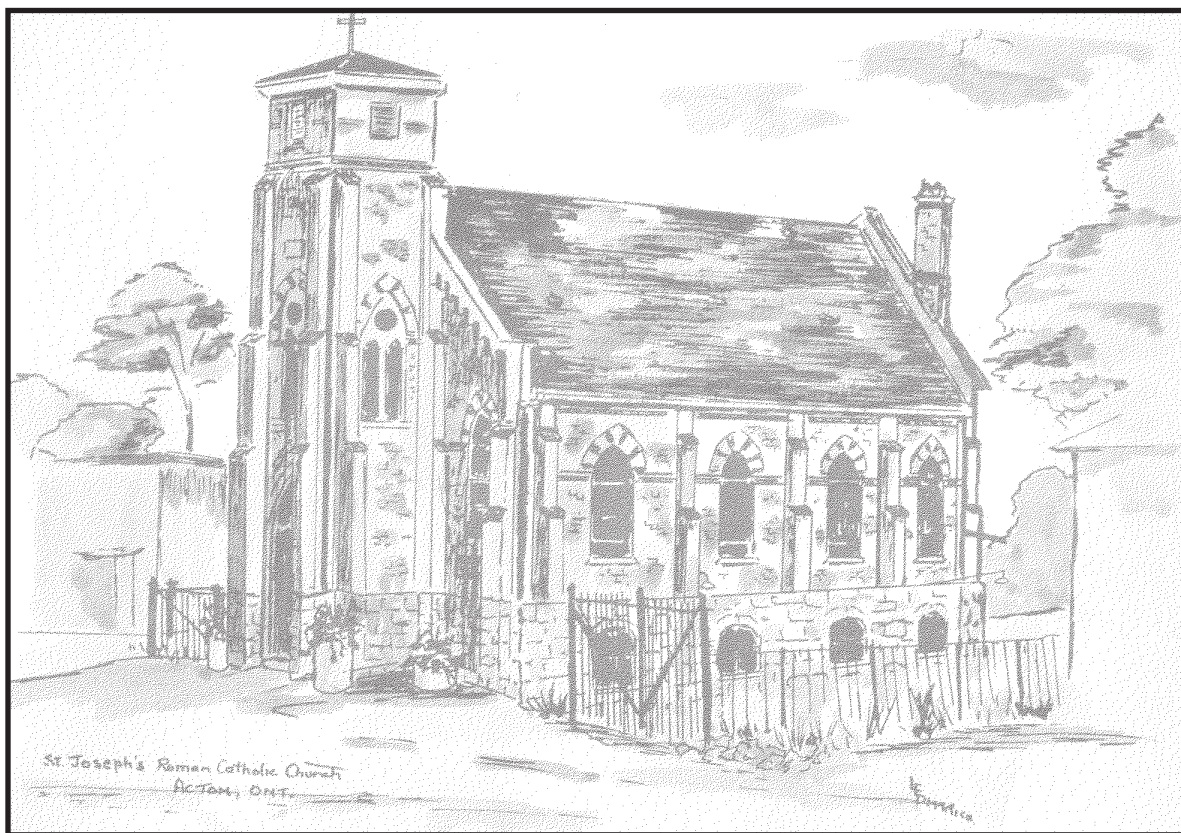
St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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 Pope Francis:

"The Gospel story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead reflects Jesus' power to bring new life and hope to people", Pope Francis said when he explored the Gospel reading in his Angelus address March 26, 2023

Let yourself be pulled out" by Jesus during "these bad moments that happen to us all," the pope said before praying the Angelus with some 35,000 visitors gathered in St. Peter's Square March 26. In his talk, Pope Francis reflected on the day's Gospel reading from St. John in which Jesus weeps and prays at Lazarus' tomb then calls to him to "Come out," bringing him back to life.

"The message is clear: Jesus gives life even when it seems that all hope has gone," the pope said.

Like the stone sealing shut Lazarus' tomb, he said, there are "moments when life seems to be a sealed tomb: everything is dark and around us we see only sorrow and despair." But Jesus' miracle at the tomb teaches "this is not the end, that in these moments we are not alone; on the contrary, it is precisely in these moments that he comes closer than ever to restore life to us," the pope said.

Even though Jesus wept for his friend's death, the pope said, he also asked that the tomb be opened and that Lazarus, "Come out!" showing that Jesus "invites us not to stop believing and hoping, not to let ourselves be crushed by negative feelings."

"Jesus says this to us, too. Take away the stone: the pain, the mistakes, even the failures, do not hide them inside you, in a dark, lonely, closed room. Take away the stone: draw out everything that is inside" without fear, the pope said.

Jesus "will not be outraged," he said, because he always says, "I am with you, I care about you, and I want you to start living again" by getting back on the right path with renewed confidence.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"(Lent) is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism." -Pope Benedict XVI

Reconciliation Opportunities:

St. Joseph Patron of Canada
 March 19, March 26: 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm
 March 23: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Susan McGilloway Robson,
 Roberto Luisetto,
 Leo Cheverie***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

Lenten Lunches: take place at the **ROXY CENTRE** every Wednesday to March 27 inclusive – beginning at 12 noon with a 20/30-minute service followed by lunch.



Family Prayer

This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Schillab, Scott, Sheppard,
 Simonian, Simovic, Slowiak***

Stations of the Cross will be said on Fridays in Lent at 5:00 p.m. There will not be Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MASS - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is available on line at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.

MARCH 17, 2024

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday March 28 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration until 10:00 p.m.
Good Friday March 29 11:00 a.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
 3:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
Holy Saturday March 30 12:00 p.m. Blessing of food baskets **in the Church**
 8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass**
Easter Sunday March 31 **Easter Masses 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (March 18 – March 24)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus 8050 and their families	K of C 8050
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her Parents
Thurs. 9:00 a.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Karl Kwiatkowski</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	Helen and Dusan Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic



Sat. Mar 23 5 p.m. Lector Patricia
 Narrator Lilli
 Extraordinary Minister Nancy
 Sun. Mar 24 9 a.m. Lector Catherine
 Narrator Ann
 Extraordinary Minister Jay
 11 a.m. Lector Lizzie
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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: Ian Nolan: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

MEETINGS

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





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