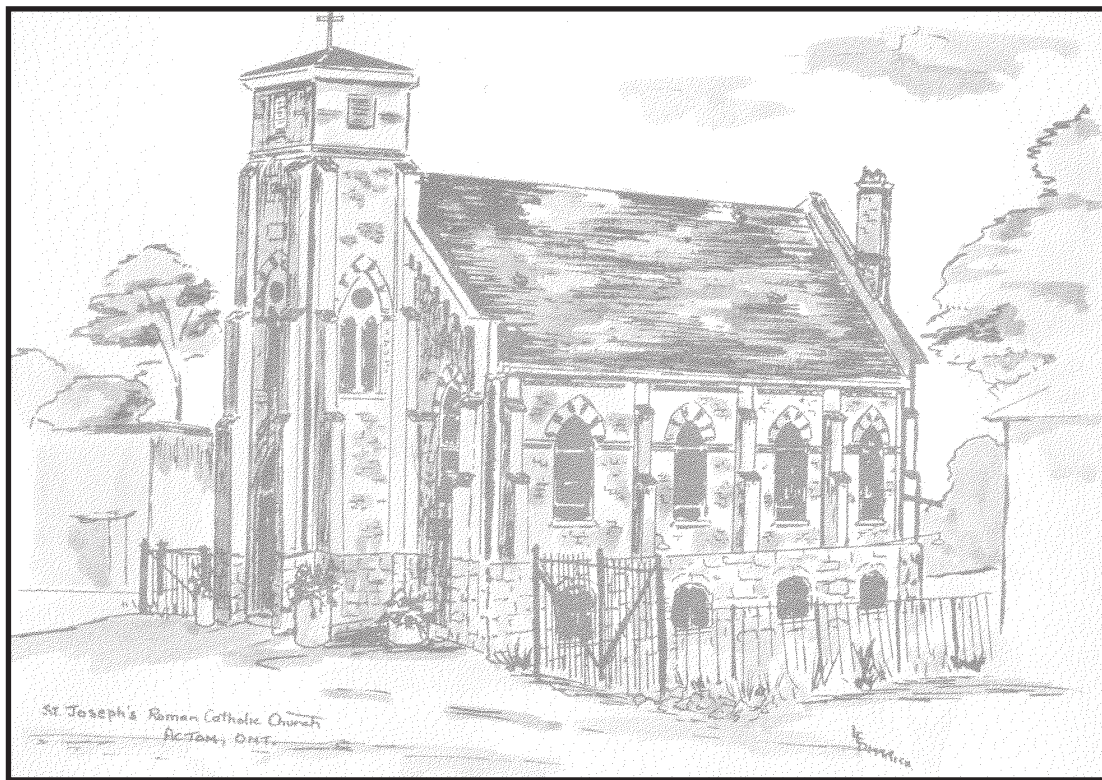


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SUNDAY MASSES:

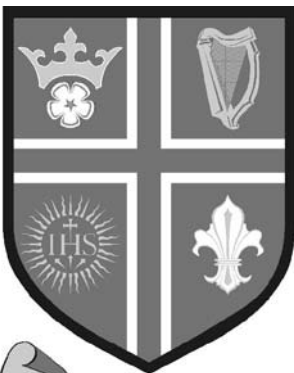
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

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:

It is a pleasure and joy to be able to once again write a weekly parish message for the parishioners of St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish. Our last one was for Christmas! Now we are at basically the halfway point of Lent with Spring rapidly approaching. This week's Gospel from St. John paints an image of Jesus being angry with the money changers in the Temple. In clearing the Temple, Jesus shows great reverence for the House of the Lord and leaves us an example of how we should respect our own places of worship and look upon them as sanctuaries of genuine prayer.

In the Gospel passage, the Temple was no better than a noisy marketplace of buyers and sellers which anyone may attend on a Saturday morning. The traders were guilty of using God's dwelling for their own selfish purposes of making money. All their commotion and activity showed little regard for the spirit of true worship. We see the image of Jesus showing fierce reverence for His Father's name and for God's house because the whole transaction had become an empty ritual, which obscured the true function of the Temple.

The challenge for us today is to recognize whether our Sunday worship to become an empty ritual, a social outing or something we do because it is expected of us. Many see the Church as being a place which only suits their needs when they want something or to be entertained. The Sunday should make us appreciate the God above us, the world he has given us, and the people around us. God waits and desires us to worship Him with more than words and external behaviour. Worship means saying to God: "How great Thou art."

Once again it is a joy to be able to share these cards with you. Let us pray for our Parish and parishioners during these difficult times.

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Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive."

- C. S. Lewis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Bev Boisvenue, Austin Hunak,
Ian Munday***

Stations of the Cross will be said on Fridays in Lent at 4:30 p.m. There will not be Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Divine Deeper into Fratelli Tutti - *Fratelli Tutti* is an Encyclical letter written by Pope Francis to "all people of good will." Let's dive a little deeper into its meaning and content over a five session series during Lent. Join us on Zoom for one or all of the 90-minute sessions:

Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 (afternoon session 1:30-3:00 pm or evening session 7:00-8:30pm) Registration is required. **No charge to participate.**

Knights of Columbus Fish and Chips – See the St. Joseph Patron of Canada website for ordering information. Your order will be brought right to your car in the church parking lot.

Please remember:

No Fish and Chips on Good Friday!

Struggling After an Abortion? - Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, and find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

Anniversary Mass 2021 Registration - The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com, simply click on the Anniversary Mass icon on the home page. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. If you have questions contact familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Bulletins are available online at:

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

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (March 8 – March 14)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Fatima Alphonso	Monteiro Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Joseph Slobodnik Jr.*	Helen Klemencic
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Andrzej Szczesny</i>	Podsada Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup*	Gorjup Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Marg Carney*</i>	CWL
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Helen Fowler</i>	CWL

*Postponed from Lockdown



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.



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

MEETINGS

Currently Suspended



This week we pray especially for the following families:

Agnes, Aitkin, Alac, Albano, Albert, Ancker

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 are found at the back of the church.






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