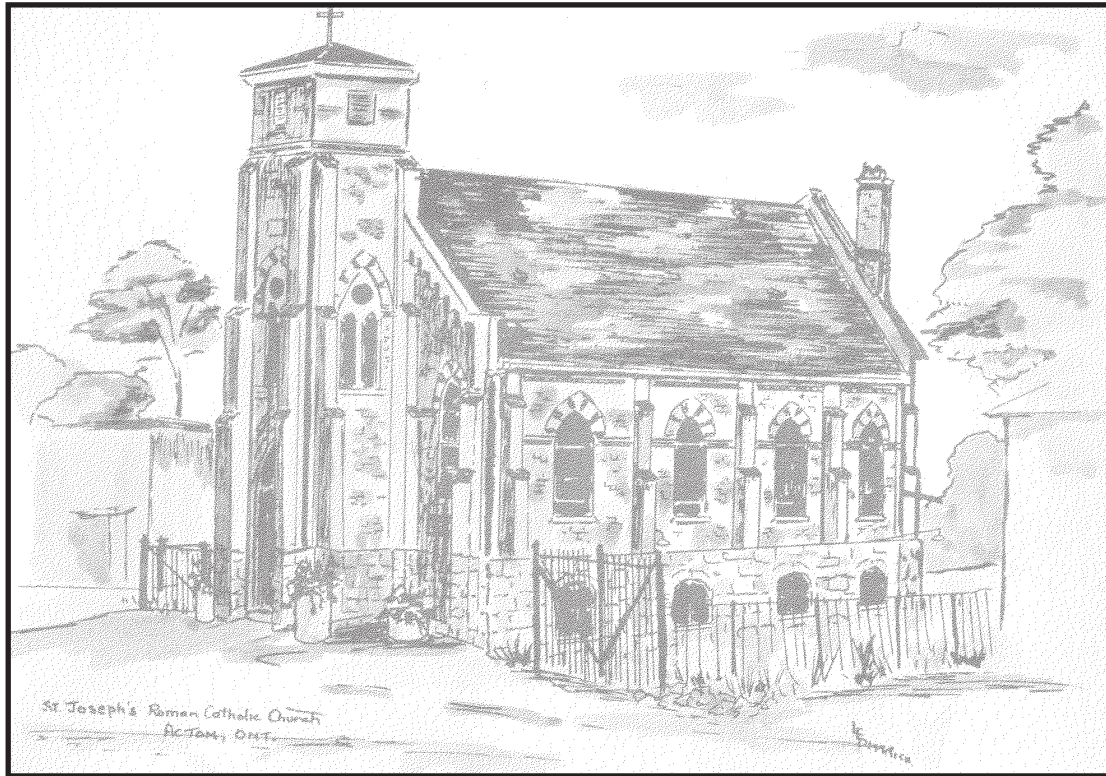


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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:

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is an important feast in the liturgical year, but it is one of the less emphasized feasts which people celebrate during the year. Over the years, Church leaders in different countries have shifted the date from exactly 40 days after Easter, to the following Sunday. In Canada this has been the norm for many years. However, in countries like the United States they have for the most part kept the Solemnity as the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter. This year it falls on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

How often in our lives have we been told that we must have faith in a certain matter or a certain individual? We must learn that our life of faith in our relationship with God is not a life of certainty. Our faith is our willingness to believe despite our uncertainty. It is a life of believing and ultimately acting on that belief.

When Jesus says goodbye to His Apostles, He tells them that they will be witnesses to Him. When we think of a witness, we think of a court case. Rather, we must learn that a witness in court is not a person who simply had heard about something occurring. A witness must be seen as being a part of the experience. Jesus asked the Apostles as He asks us to share our experience of Him with the world. In doing so, the believer begins to endure hardship. It is no small wonder that 'witness' and 'martyr' come from the same word.

On the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, we are given a gift from Jesus. What is this gift? It is that through Jesus, heaven is open to us. With this gift, we need to realize that the hardship of fulfilling the mission which Jesus has given us, is worth the price.

Yes, this may be 'heady stuff' which we read and hear today in our Sunday readings, but it is to remind us that Jesus' return to the Father is a blessing for us. It enables the coming of the Holy Spirit which allow us to carry on the work of Jesus. To carry on the work of Jesus is to become aware of His continuing presence. Through the gift of Baptism which we have received, we are allowed to offer the gift to others as well.

On this Ascension Sunday let us have the courage to express the gift which Jesus has given us. Where He has gone, we hope to follow. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will work within us to achieve our goal.

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Christ is already in that place of peace, which is all in all. He is on the right hand of God. He is hidden in the brightness of the radiance which issues from the everlasting throne. He is in the very abyss of peace, where there is no voice of tumult or distress, but a deep stillness--stillness, that greatest and most awful of all goods which we can fancy; that most perfect of joys, the utter profound, ineffable tranquillity of the Divine Essence. He has entered into His rest. That is our home; here we are on a pilgrimage, and Christ calls us to His many mansions which He has prepared.

Saint John Henry, Cardinal Newman

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Young Adults Night – June 3, 2023 – Acton/Halton Hills- 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, June 3rd at St. Joseph, Patron of Canada (64 Church Street East, Acton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

For more information: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

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### COFFEE CAKES FOR FATHER'S DAY!

After the Masses on June 17 and 18, the CWL will be selling coffee cakes in the Church Hall. Volunteers to bake coffee cakes would be greatly appreciated. If you can, please contact Christie at [cwl@lartist.com](mailto:cwl@lartist.com) or text/call at 519-400-6012.

Drop-off of cakes will be in the morning of Saturday, June 17 in the Hall.

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### CWL General Meeting: Potluck and Pins!

Tuesday, June 13. Mass at 6:00, dinner in the hall at 6:30.

Pins will be presented to people who have hit milestones in their membership.

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MAY 21, 2023

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May 22 – May 28)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon. 9:00 a.m.	Roy and Helen Sullivan	Father Mark
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	People of Ukraine	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her parents
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Steve and Cecile Wlazlowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Edward Deevey	MacDonald Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Helen Klemencic Pro populo	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey



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](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)

K of C: Marc MacDonald: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

#### 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  
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Bulletins are available online at:

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This week we pray especially for the following families:

*Jones, Joseph, Jowett,  
Kavanagh, Kelly, Kilby*

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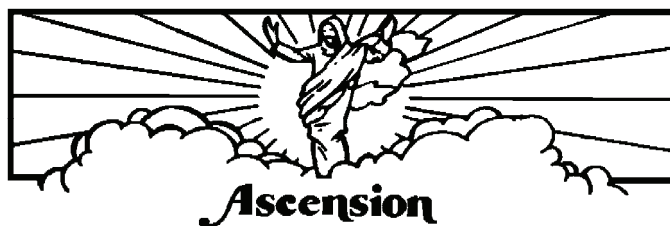
[stjosephacton@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stjosephacton@hamiltondiocese.com)

TO INFORM, ENCOURAGE AND HEAL - June is Indigenous History Month in Canada. We invite you take time in this season to learn more about the Catholic Church's commitment to ongoing reconciliation efforts with Indigenous communities through a four-week learning opportunity through the VLCFF (Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation). To learn more about this study, please visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com)

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

*Gonti Chelliah, Roberto Luisetto,  
Susan McGilloway Robson*







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