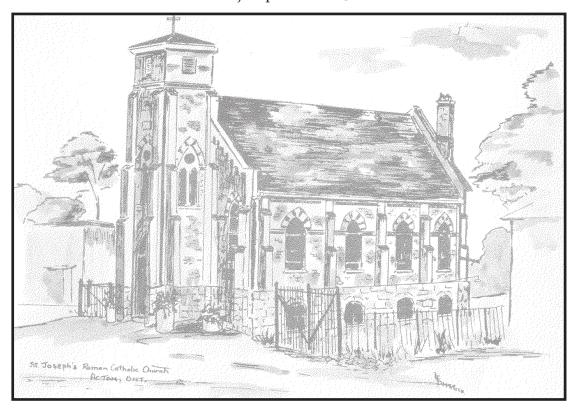
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

 his upcoming week we, as a Church, celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin (November 21). Unlike the Feast Day of the Presentation of Our Lord, which we celebrate in February, this Feast Day is only known through non-biblical sources While the Presentation of Our Lord is relayed through the words of both Simeon and Anna foretelling the life of Christ and the coming of God, the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin celebrates Mary's offering of herself to God in infancy, under the influence of the Holy Spirit. With equal right we can think of it as celebrating a moment when her parents, St. Joachim and St Ann, offered her to God in the temple as well.

The scenario might be of either the Blessed Virgin, or her holy parents, presenting her to God with the hope and prayer that she will use her gifts to serve God and God's people. We are called on this Feast Day to follow the hope that Mary and her parents possessed; that we use our gifts, our time, talents, and energy to rededicating ourselves to the commitment of Baptism. What we offer to God when we come to Mass must be intentionally developed and used now, not to be put aside or used for personal gains but rather to serve God or help others to come closer to our loving Father. If we do not allow this to mature through Faith, then our offering may remain simply an idle hope or an ineffective gesture. We are called, as we near the end of the liturgical year, to be inspired by both the Blessed Virgin and her Son.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."

– St. Augustine

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

Pat Haffey, Corrie Derksen, Anita Garel

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MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - As winter approaches, we move into maintenance mode: we clear the gutters on the roof so water can flow freely, we change to winter tires to prepare for the coming cold and snow and we gather and store outdoor summer items from the yard to keep safe for next year. Do we take the time to offer maintenance to our most important relationship? Do we discuss shifting roles as our family changes and then discuss what we both need to stay happy and healthy? Do we check to see if we have prioritized each other instead of everything else? Do we spend time making sure our finances are in order? Do we pray together for patience, love, kindness, and compassion to grow and strengthen in our relationship? Maintenance takes time, but for love to thrive, it is so necessary.

Novena of Masses for the Immaculate **Conception** - In its capacity as our Diocese's Shrine to the Blessed Mother, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting Novena of Masses leading up to the а Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This will seek the intercession Novena and protection of the Mother of God, and Mother of the Church, for our Diocese during the coronavirus pandemic. Novena Masses will be 7:00pm from November 29 held at to December 7 inclusive. Mass for the Solemnity the Immaculate Conception will of be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 8. All the faithful of the Diocese are welcome to take part in this Novena. Please note that all Diocesan COVID-19 protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. Even if you cannot come to the Basilica of Our Lady in person, please join this Novena in prayer from your home. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.

DAY & TIME		MASS INTENTIONS (November 16 - November 22)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues	7:00 p.m.	Joan Smith	St. Joseph CWL
Wed	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Kamila Jakubiec	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Jean Doucette	Doucette Family
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Marta Kusmierczak	Podsada Family
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Manuel Pereira	Pereira Family



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:

South, Stade, Stewart, Stoltz, Swain, Tanney

Coping with the Holidays - Christmas is an especially difficult season for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. For many, this will be complicated even further when the loss occurred during the COVID-19 shut down. Have you lost a loved one and find yourself struggling with the thought of the upcoming Christmas season? Are you trying to figure out how you can cope? We can help. Join us on Monday, November 30th at 7 P.M. for a one-hour evening session on Zoom offering reflection and practical strategies for coping at Christmas. To register please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext.2249, or register online at:

https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support/coping-with-the-holidays.

The day before the session we will send a zoom invitation by e-mail to all those who have registered so you can join by video or phone.

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 can be obtained from Father Mark. **Liturgical Publications** 3171 LENWORTH DR. #12 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 1-800-268-2637

