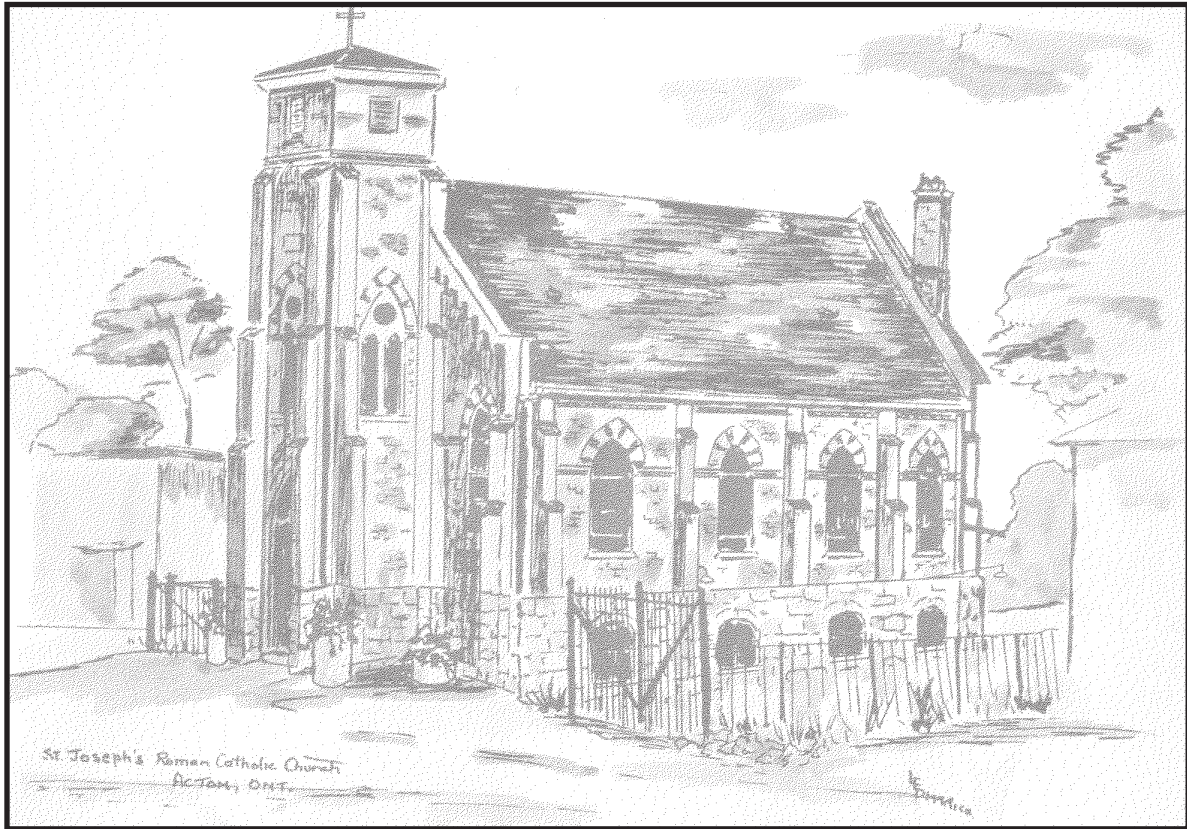


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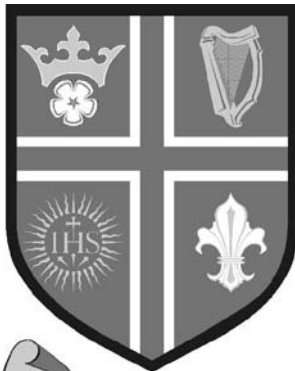
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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
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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:

As we come near the end of this liturgical year, we are once again faced with readings which depict the end of time.

The Gospel this Sunday reminds us of the truth that the gifts of God are not ours to dispense with as we please. Neither does it suffice to hide them away leave them unused or allow them to wither. As Catholics, we are in the business of sharing the Kingdom of God. Christ came to serve, and our service to others helps us to grow in His image and likeness. Whatever our gifts happen to be, and we all have a variety, we are expected to make full use of them for God's glory. This is a call to be energetic in living the Gospel.

We must be careful with the word talent in this parable. A 'talent' cannot be equated with what we call talents today. To understand the gravity of Jesus' message, we must understand that a 'talent' in Jesus' culture was a monetary denomination, equal to about 6000 denarii. A denarius was roughly one day's wage; therefore, a talent was the equivalent of somewhere between 16 and 20 years worth of wages. Even the servant who received only one talent was given a huge responsibility.

We may find ourselves rolling our eyes at the third man's decision to bury the talent he was given. We shouldn't. This was an accepted practice protected by law. If you were given a person's valuables to protect, and if you buried them in a deep hole, then you were freed from any responsibility for these valueless. If they disappeared or were stolen, you were blameless. On the other hand, if you invested another person's money or valuables, you remained responsible for that amount for the rest of your life!

As usual, Jesus' parable turns expectations upside down. Jesus in no way intended to applaud immoral behavior, but He did wish to point out that the servants were to be admired for imitating their master. Their master was a risk taker, and so the master rewarded the servants' risk-taking while punishing the one who had played life too safely.

This gospel is a continuation of last week's gospel about the second coming. In today's passage, Jesus is teaching us about how to live as we await God's Kingdom. We are to imitate our Master. We are

to take risks with the faith with which Jesus has entrusted us, investing it so that God's Kingdom will grow.

Next Sunday, on the Feast of Christ the King, we will celebrate the second coming of Christ. As followers of God, what will we have to show for all that has been entrusted to us? Will we have been so safe that our faith accomplished nothing, or will we show a return on our investment?

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all... As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength.
— G.K. Chesterton

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Rhonda Chartrand, Marie Zions,
Sonia and Walter Malysa***



This week we pray especially for the following families of our parish:

***Champagne, Clough, Coles,
Conroy, Costley, DaCruz***

The **CWL Christmas Dinner** (hosted by the Knights) will be on **Tuesday, December 12**. That day, Mass will be at 6:00 and dinner will begin at 6:30 in the church hall. Tickets will be \$30 and sold at Masses the weekends of November 25-6 and December 2-3.

INTERPRETERS NEEDED - Do you speak Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic or Colloquial (*Ammiya*) Arabic of Iraq), Blin (Bilen), Cantonese, Croatian, Hausa, Igbo, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Thai, Tigre, Tigrinya, Vietnamese, Yoruba, or Zulu? Our diocesan marriage tribunal needs your help. In some marriage annulment cases, witnesses prefer to speak these languages when they give their formal testimony. Would you like to serve as an interpreter? To find out more, please contact Mrs. Lori Lewis at tribunal@hamiltondiocese.com. Thank you.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (November 20 – November 26)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	People of the Holy Land	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her Parents
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Maria and Giuseppe Querques	Querques and Spehar Families
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Peter Spencer	Spencer Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Leo Smith	Mary Smith and Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	Eric James Brochu	Bell Family

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges 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. Applications may be obtained from Father Mark.

Bulletins are available online at:

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



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

K of C: Ian Nolan: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

St. Joseph, Patron of Canada Parish Bazaar

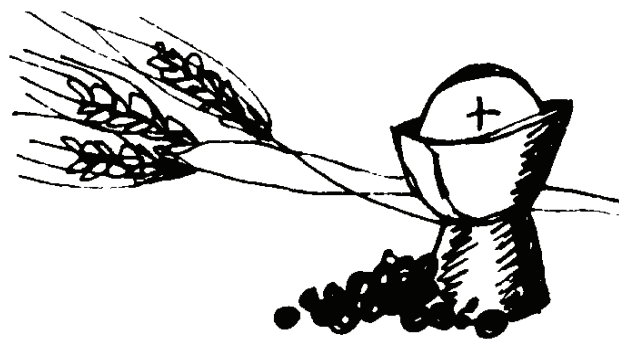
The Catholic Women's League will hold their annual Bazaar on **Saturday Dec 9th** in the church basement from 10am till 2pm. Once again, we will have a Penny Table, tasty treats at our Bake Table, Religious Books and Articles and the opportunity to have your caricature drawn by artist LAR. The proceeds go to various CWL charities! Hope you can join us!

Advent Prayer Night for Youth Ministers and Volunteers

- All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship. Join us on Wednesday, December 13th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelon for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS...WHEN YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. You are welcome to join the session in person or by zoom. The event is FREE of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/healing-and-or-counselling/coping-with-the-holidays/> (You must register to join by zoom; in person you can also walk in the day of the event.)





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