

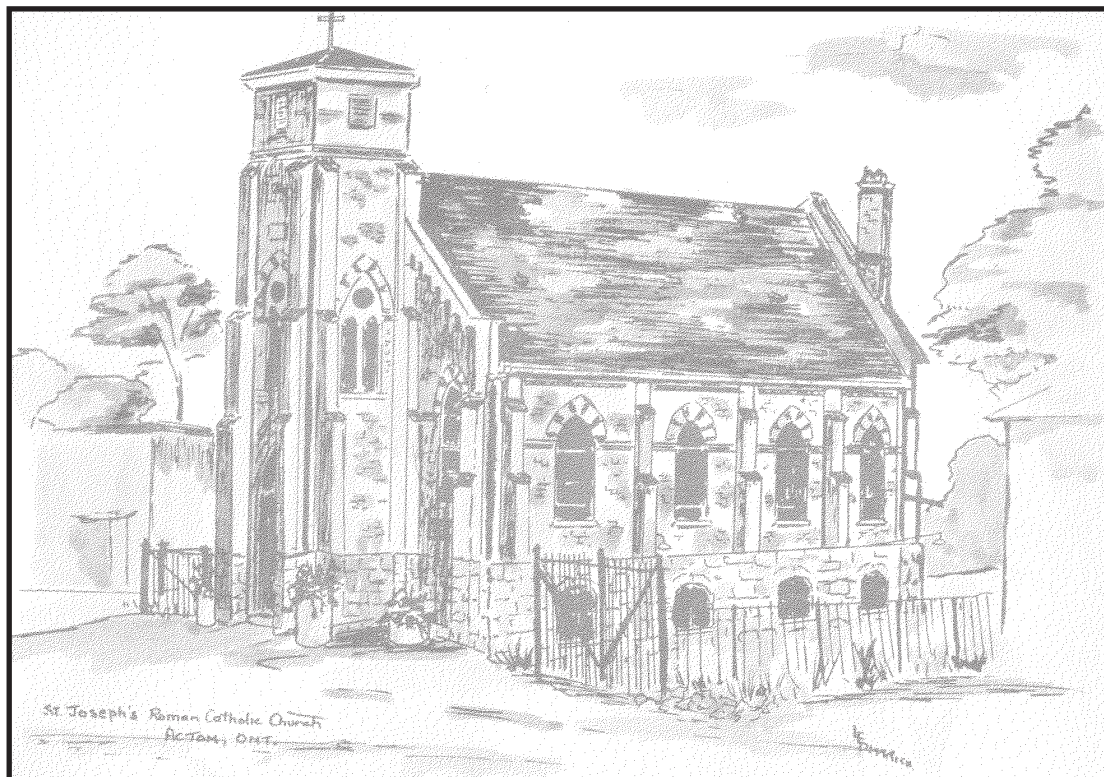
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

## EXPOSITION:

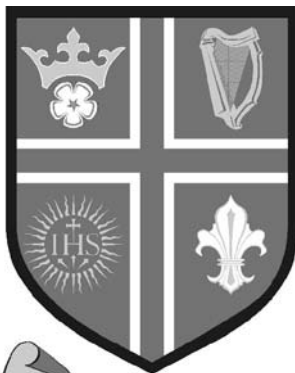
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

## 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.

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## A Word From Our Pastor:

**T**his weekend, the Church year draws to a close on a sombre note with a Gospel scene from Good Friday. One might wonder why the Church would choose a Gospel passage like this for the Feast of Christ the King, but we must remind ourselves that Christ is a King who rules from the Cross unlike earthly kings who rule from palaces. His Kingdom is not a place, but rather, a people who give their hearts lovingly to Him by shaping their lives according to His will. All that is good and elevated in our human nature flows from Calvary where He became Saviour of the World and won for us a life of eternal joy with God.

The Feast of Christ the King provides an excellent opportunity to review the quality of our Christian commitment. What effort have we been making to allow Christ's Kingdom to come alive in our hearts and in our community? Jesus is calling us to rise above the basic instincts of selfishness, bitterness, and pride to pledge our lives in this service because it is God's world although we might not think so now. In our better moments we realize Christ is the way. The effort invested in rising above a worldly level of behaviour does not come easily and brings us no end of trouble and frustration.

The Gospel of John offers us a picture of how things should really be. Pilate is obviously disturbed, clearly under pressure, a victim of indecision, but anxious to avoid trouble. Jesus, standing before Pilate, was aware of the man's brutality and ruthlessness. Jesus was also aware that Pilate did believe Him to be an innocent man. This could have been used by Jesus to His own advantage if he had only been willing to back off just a little. This was not the way of Jesus. He decided to take a stand against Pilate and therefore, against the Empire itself. His stand against Pilate demonstrates real Kingship.

Today we celebrate a point in time yet to come – the end of time. It will be marked by the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory. Though that is a day to come, we are also reminded that He is King now. This knowledge and this faith can give us the courage to stand up to the Pilates in our lives. We must remember who we really serve. Jesus sacrificed everything to stand up for the Father. This is our example, our call, and our courage.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

– Martin Luther King Jr.

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Harold Ryerse, Karin Brozic,  
Fran Walters***

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**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** – Christmas Mass times will be unchanged from last year but this year we will be restricted to 50% capacity, under mask mandate and following physical distancing protocols. Seating will be assigned by ushers so that we can make best use of the limited space. To follow guidelines from the Diocese and in line with current public health rules, we will require booking for all Masses. Mass will also be streamed.

Masses will be celebrated as follows:

**Christmas Eve:** 4:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.  
Midnight

**Christmas Day:** 10:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.

Instruction on how to reserve a spot will be in the November 28 bulletin and will also be announced by Father Mark.

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## **Novena of Masses for the Immaculate Conception**

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Novena Masses will be held at 7:00 pm from November 29 to December 8 inclusive.

**Father Mark will be celebrating the Novena Mass on Friday December 3.** 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.

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NOVEMBER 21, 2021

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (November 22 - November 28)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 6:00 p.m.	Intentions of Shirley Braida	CWL
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Dr. Dave DeMelo	Hannah Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Leo Smith	Mary Smith
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Duval Sr.	Pat South
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	Pro populo	



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.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

### **Wolfer, Zions, Zylstra**

**CWL Christmas Dinner** - Let's celebrate the season together on Tuesday, November 23, at Tanner's Restaurant **after a 6:00 p.m. Mass**. Tickets will be \$30, which includes a turkey dinner, apple crumble dessert, tea/coffee as well as a tip. Proof of double vaccination (either on paper or QR code on phone) will be needed to enter, and masks must be worn until seated. Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses.

**CWL Request for Christmas Cookie Tins** - The ladies of CWL will be selling Christmas cookies as a fundraiser. If you have tins you can spare, please drop them off in the basement. Many thanks!

**Snuggle Up to Christmas** - There are many needy people in our town. This Christmas, we would like to give each of them a new warm blanket to snuggle up in.

Let's make Christmas warm for everyone in Acton. Please drop off your donation of a new blanket on the CWL table downstairs. Thank you for your kindness!

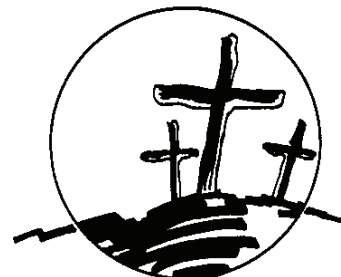


#### **CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C**


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: [cwl@lartist.com](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)  
K of C: Sean Saunders: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

The 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.








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