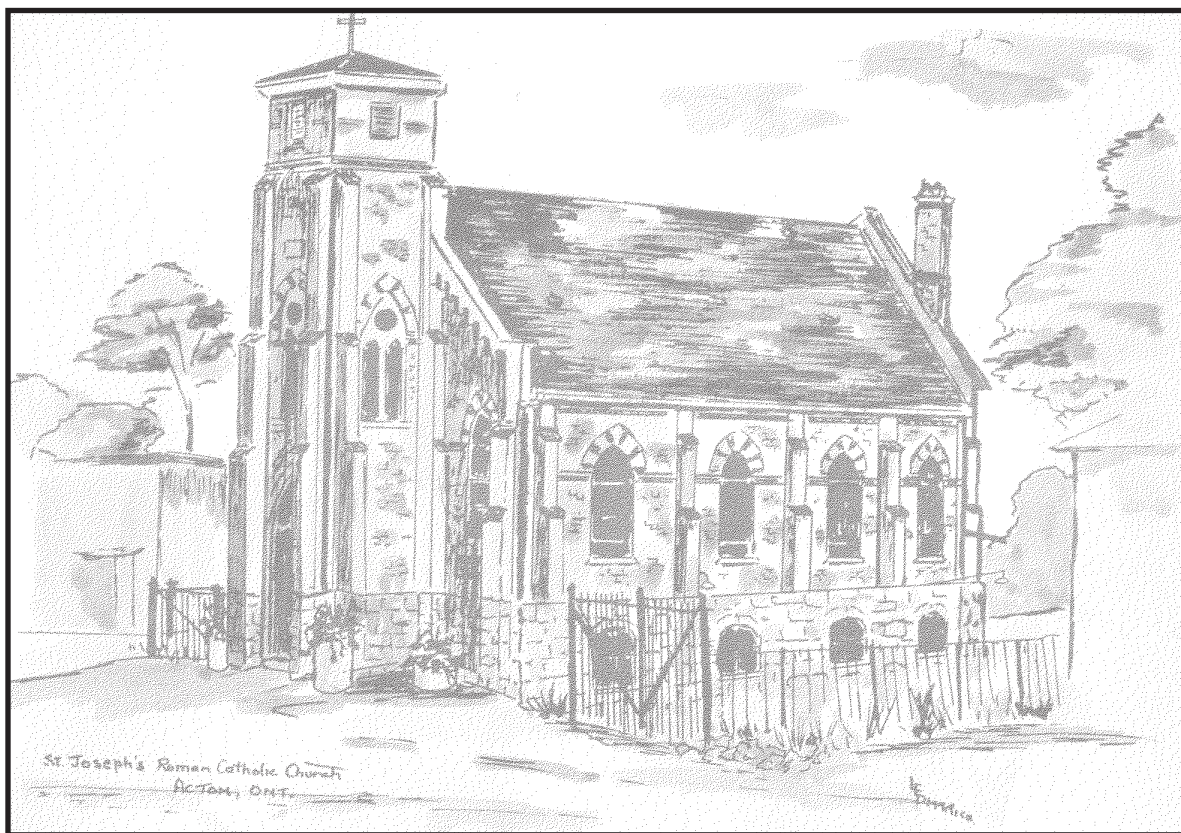


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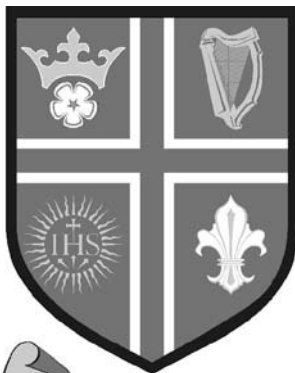
Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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
or by appointment.

SCHOOLS:

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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:

The Solemnity of Christ the King is different from other feasts in the Church's liturgical year. This Solemnity has not yet occurred, the coming of Christ in glory at the end of time. This weekend we also wrap up the Liturgical Year and complete the cycle of readings from Matthew. Next week, the first Sunday of Advent, we begin to read from the Gospel of St. Mark.

On this Feast Day of Christ the King, we may speak of endings but to be more specific, what we really celebrate is completion, the completion of the work of Christ and of the Church. The Church is not perfect, but the Church is Holy. She is made Holy by her mission to complete the work of Christ by being a sign of the Kingdom already present.

As we come to this weekend, we need to remind ourselves that the central task of the mission is to build the Kingdom, and the Eucharist is the Church's primary tool of unity. At each Mass, heaven and earth meet at the Altar. It may not always seem to be this way, given the human reality that not every Mass is as beautiful and as spiritual as we wish. People may be distracted, the homily may not be good, the music may not be the greatest. Despite all, Our Lord Jesus Christ comes and sits with each of us at every single Mass.

On this feast day of Christ the King, we are called to give ourselves over to our King who becomes visible at the Altar. In all that we think, day, or do, we are to call to mind Christ. He is the King who we are to believe in and follow.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

If we put into practice our love for our neighbor, according to the Gospel message, we then pave the way for the lordship of God, and His kingdom is realized by means of us. If instead each one thinks only of his own interests, the world can't help but go forward in ruins.
– Pope Benedict XVI

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Susan Lindsay,
Laura Kupferschmidt,
Susan McGilloway Robson***



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

***Daleman, Darrall, Dayao, DeBruyn,
Demelo, deSouza***

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.

St. Joseph, Patron of Canada Parish Bazaar
The Catholic Women's League will be holding a Bazaar **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 will go to various CWL charities! As always, we appreciate **donations of baked goods** and preserves, etc. **They can be dropped off on Friday Dec 8th from 7 till 8PM or on Saturday morning from 9 till 9:30 AM**. 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

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (November 27 – December 3)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Edward Deevey	MacDonald Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Czeslawa Hercyk	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of</i> Mariellen Penrose	Janine Milton
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Aurelio Pietro Ferro	Spencer Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Suzanne Blanchet Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of</i> the Bell Family	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

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.

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.)

CHRISTMAS MASSES – Since Christmas and New Years Day fall on Mondays this year, Masses for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve and our regular Sunday Masses will be on the same days. Please note **there will be only one Mass on Christmas morning.**

Christmas Eve: 9:00 a.m. Regular Mass
 11:00 a.m. Regular Mass
 4:00 p.m. Christmas Mass
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Mass
 Midnight Christmas Mass

Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.

New Years Eve: 9:00 a.m. Regular Mass
 11:00 a.m. Regular Mass
 5:00 a.m. New Year

New Years Day: 9:00 a.m. New Year
 11:00 a.m. New Year

Information on Reconciliation times is not yet available.



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