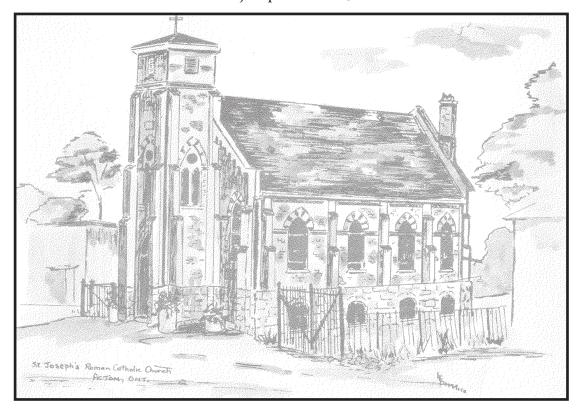
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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

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:

he new Church year begins with the Season of Advent. It is primarily a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas - the Feast which celebrates the birth of Christ and the beginning of our salvation. This is a time blessed by God which summons us to stay awake and to prepare in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Advent is invitation to renew our Christian an commitment and to start living the life that Christ's first coming 2,000 years ago made possible, in order to prepare for His final coming at the end of time.

If the meaning of Christmas is to be kept in the forefront of our hearts and minds, a conscious decision must be made to embrace the proper spirit of Advent. In the Gospel of this First Sunday of Advent, as we begin to read the Gospel of Matthew, the call of conversion is always seen on this Sunday. This call of conversion is addressed to all of us because God wants us to grow closer to Him and to experience the warmth of His love more deeply. We do this by opening our hearts to receive His Son, Jesus Christ into our lives.

Before we can welcome God into our lives, we must remove any obstacles which prevent His birth in our souls. Casting off any deeds of darkness or any acts of behavior which are unworthy of our Christian calling affords us the opportunity to live in the light of the Gospel. Let us as a parish community be renewed this Advent to be strengthened by the promise made 2,000 years ago and to share this with those around us.

Fr. Mark

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord, on coming into the Virgin's womb, willed to appear despised, needy, and poor in this world, so that men who were in dire poverty and suffering great need of heavenly food might be made rich in him."

- St. Clare of Assisi

#### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

This week please pray especially for:

## Ronald Parker, Karin Brozic, Fran Walters

Bulletins are available online at: http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** – Christmas Mass will not be reserved this year and no capacity restrictions are in place. The wearing of masks is not currently required but we ask that respect be given to individual choices.

Christmas Eve:	4:00 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.
	Midnight
Christmas Day:	10:00 a.m.
	11:30 a.m.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation -

Tuesday	December 20	6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Thursday	December 23	6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Friday	December 30	9:45 a.m 11:00 a.m.

**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 for the Diocese. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. You are also welcome to join the session 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 email her at **familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com** (You are welcome to attend even if you have not registered in advance.)

DAY & T	IME	MASS INTENTIONS (November 28 – December 4)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues	7:00 p.m.	Ann Young	Hannah Family
Wed	9:00 a.m.	Edward Deevey	Raats Family
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Theresa Regier	Mary Smith and Family
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Kristin McCarthy	Kosir Family
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Vincencia Kosir	Maria Berlingieri
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We have returned to our Lector/Extraordinary Minister schedule. 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 <u>cwl@lartist.com</u> K of C: Marc MacDonald: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

# MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Wed. 8:00 p.m.

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## 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 and require completion of a marriage preparation course. Application forms are found at the back of the church.

> Religious Articles and Gifts for all Occasions Please call Geralda 905-691-9082



This week we pray especially for the following families:

#### MacDonald, Macfarlane, Marchese, Marcoux, Masse, McCabe

CWL Christmas Dinner December 13<sup>th</sup>

Church Hall at 6:30 pm Tickets will be \$25 for this delicious turkey dinner cooked and served to the ladies by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets will be available after mass on Nov. 19 & 20, Nov. 27& 28 & Dec. 3&4. Also you can call Cathy Coles 905-864-2404 for a ticket or to arrange a ride to the dinner.



