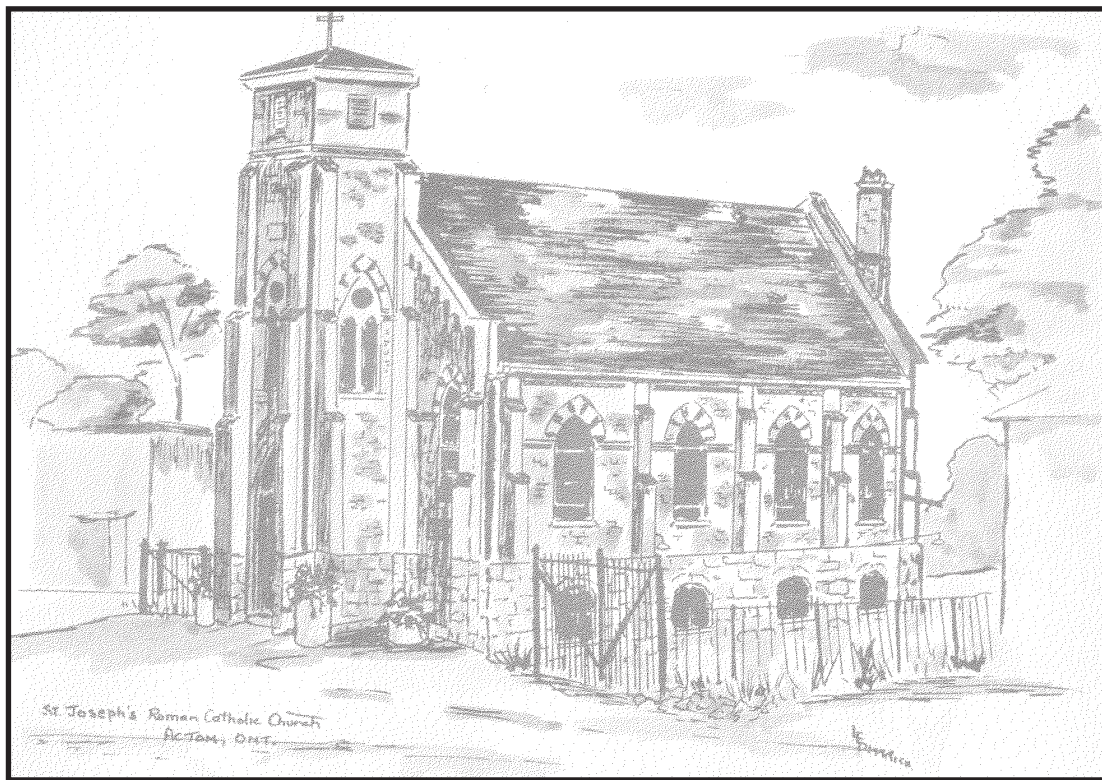


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SUNDAY MASSES:

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



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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Word From Our Pastor:

With the beginning of a new liturgical year this weekend, and as we welcome the Season of Advent, there are different words which can be used to describe this holy season. One word, which is very appropriate for the times in which we are living, is the word 'wait'. It reminds us of the time Israel had to wait for a Messiah. During Advent we will review the prophecies that the Messiah would come, so that we can fully appreciate the Feast of the Incarnation, the arrival of the Messiah. Also of significance, is its proximity to the Feast of Christ the King, which we celebrated last week. We are reminded that we are still a people that waits.

Advent teaches us how to wait and perhaps more than ever this year we are reminded of this need to wait. Whether we are waiting in lines outside of stores or waiting for the return to a sense of normalcy in our lives after this pandemic, we are people who wait. Some cannot wait for anything whether through the pandemic or before it. Others have shown a remarkable sense of realizing that waiting can be a gift of time in which something can be accomplished.

All waiting is about anticipating something. It can be something which is exciting or something that can make us extremely nervous. The birth of a child can bring along such contrasting feelings. The coming of a baby changes everyone involved, the parents, grandparents, other family members, and friends. There will be new life, and all concerned want that life to be welcomed into the best possible world. Some will not see the hope of belief, but we are called to do so in our lives.

Advent is very much the same as when a child is soon to be born. It is a time which can change us as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. We are people who wait, and Jesus reminds us to be watchful as well. It is a time that will change us when we allow it to happen.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Our happiest times are those in which we forget ourselves, usually in being kind to someone else. That tiny moment of self-abdication is an act of true humility: the man who loses himself finds himself and finds his happiness." - Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Evelyn Morel, Gerry Cronin,
Donna Mae Zacheriah***

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CHRISTMAS MASSES – Christmas Mass times will be changed this year and as per regulations we will be restricted to 30% 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.

You can book your spot after November 29 via our website: www.stjosephprayforus.ca or by calling the Parish office at: 519-853-0784.

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NOVEMBER 29, 2020

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (November 30 – December 6)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Karl Kwiatkowski</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Joseph Slobodnik Jr.	Helen Klemencic
Thurs.	No Mass	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Galdino Ghegin	Luisetto Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Deceased of the Bottero Family	Bottero Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Marianna Podsada</i>	Podsada 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.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Scott, Sells, Sheppard,
Sicard, Silveira, Simonian***

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.



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
 K of C: Sean Saunders: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

MEETINGS
 Currently Suspended

From the Pastoral Minister - We may not be able to celebrate the gift of giving through our Jesse Tree this year, but the need is still there! Please assist our low-income individuals and families by purchasing gift cards to Shoppers Drug Mart and Giant Tiger in particular. These two stores offer a variety (clothing, over the counter medication and personal needs etc.). Any amount will be appreciated. Please drop your gift cards into the collection over Advent. God bless your generosity!





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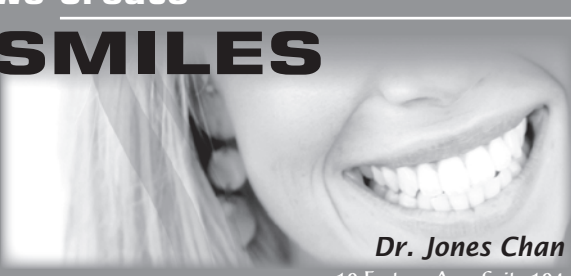


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