

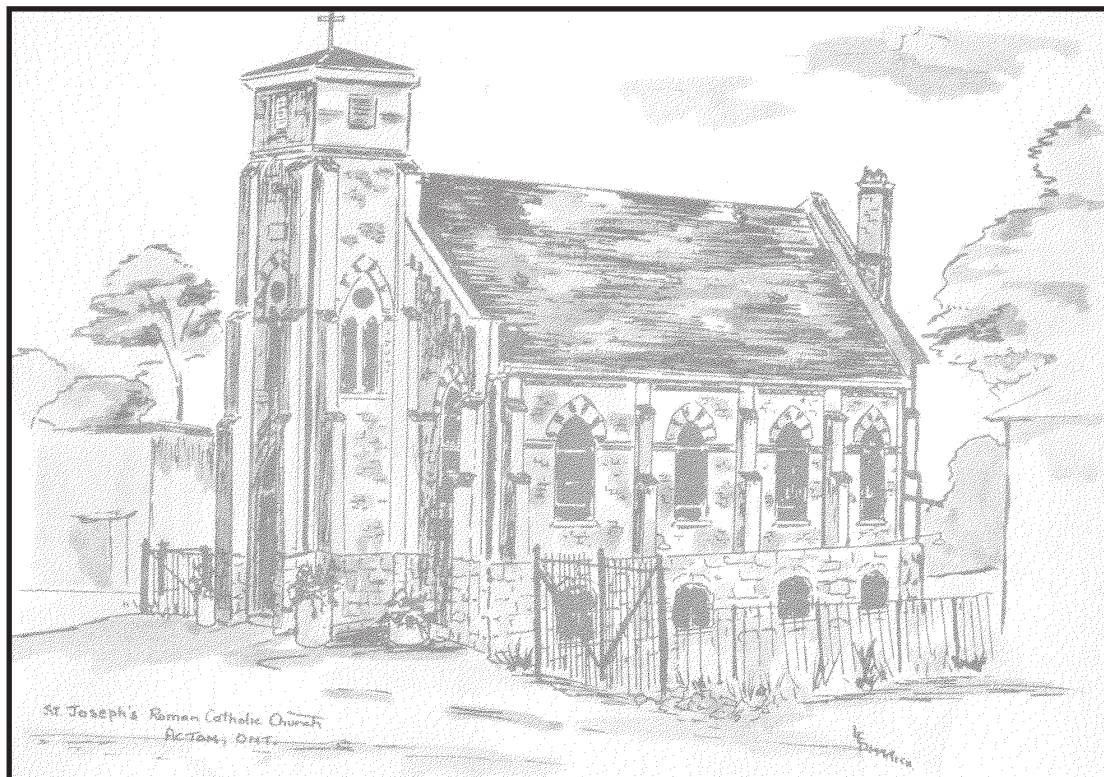
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

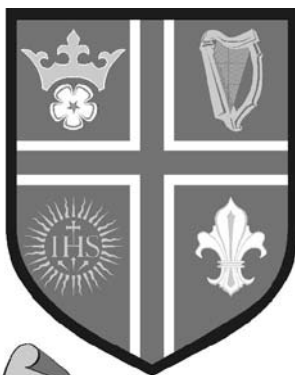
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

Even though we have already celebrated the Feast of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) on November 2, it is still an important feast to ponder at this time in the month of November. On November 1st, All Saints Day, we are called to ponder Heaven. On the next day, we are invited by God to ponder Purgatory.

Purgatory is a much-maligned Catholic teaching. This is unfortunate because purgatory is about promise and hope, and God's unbelievable mercy. What we must remember is that Purgatory teaches us that we are responsible for our sins, 'for our thoughts, words, and deeds'. In an age of avoiding accountability, we are reminded that with God we do not escape accountability.

However, Purgatory also reminds us of God's love and mercy and His desire that we should one day live in the Kingdom. We may look upon Purgatory in terms of the verb 'to purge'. Purging us of all our sinfulness is God's final act of love in our lives. Jesus won salvation for us, but to be saved does not excuse us from our personal sin. Fortunately for us, Purgatory is the one last act of God, which makes it possible for us to enjoy this salvation won by Christ.

On this day as well, the Church calls us to pray for the dead, those marked with the sign of faith. We pray that God will see that we love them and that we want them to enjoy all the promises of salvation. We do not pray so much that a person 'gets out' of Purgatory, as in the game of "Monopoly", but rather, that God will in fact purge all those who have gone before us so that they may live with Him.

We must use this feast day to commend all the dead to God. We pray as in the commendation of the dying, that the Saints will meet our friends in Heaven, that Christ will acknowledge them and that they will be allowed to see God face to face. We pray that God will exercise His final act of mercy in order that they may live in Heaven this day.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Christian hope is not a ghost, and it does not deceive. It is a theological virtue and therefore, ultimately, a gift from God that cannot be reduced to optimism, which is only human. God does not mislead hope; God cannot deny Himself. God is all promise." - Pope Francis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Ronnie Lampkin, Evelyn Morel,
Gerry Cronin***



We are praying especially for the following families of our parish:

***Stoltz, Swain, Tanney,
Taylor, Toledo, Umbrello***

Message from the Diocese of Hamilton:

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

Remembrance Day



Lest We Forget

The 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month

		MASS INTENTIONS (Nov 8-14)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Hannah Family
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Thurs.	9:00 a.m.	Remembrance Day Mass	
	7:00 p.m.	Living and Deceased Members of Canadian Armed Forces	
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Lorraine Sicard	Ducharme, Courchesne, Lane, and Sicard Families
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Stan and Rose Smycnuik	Dolores Gallagher
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Benjamin Paul	Puspa Chelliah



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.

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

ReStart: A Separation and Divorce Recovery Program - The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office - (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses - Do your children attend public or private school or do you home-school? If you are wondering how to support their ongoing formation in religious education, the Diocese of Hamilton offers Catechetical Correspondence Programs for every age and stage from Kindergarten through to High School including programs specially designed to assist children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Contact Sybil at 905-528-7988 x2339 or email: catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com.



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

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!




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