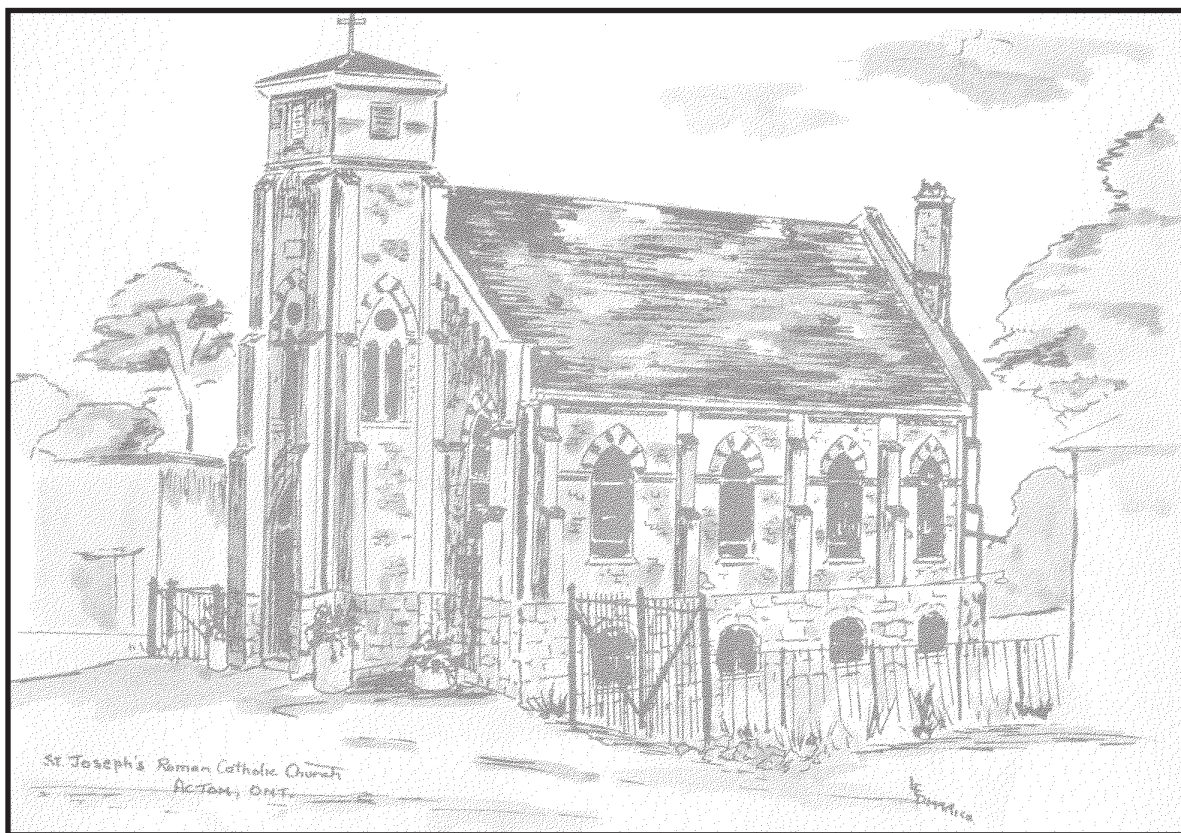


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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

## 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:

For the last three Sundays we have read from the Gospel of St. Matthew of how Jesus was criticizing the leaders of the people for their failure to listen to God and for misleading the priorities of God's way of life.

This Sunday in the Gospel passage we see how the tables have turned against Jesus. The leaders, having taken offense, begin attempting to destroy Jesus or at least discrediting Him in the eyes of the people. However, Jesus takes their challenge and once again reminds everyone of God's supremacy.

One of the many criticisms which people have with our modern-day government is regarding taxes. With inflation and the high cost of living, governments quickly will raise taxes to increase government revenue. I personally question taxes being implemented on vices which can make people become addicted to certain things. We know these as being 'sin taxes'. They seem to be justified by any government at the expense of the well being of the people.

The people of Jesus' day were also upset at the taxes which were levied against them. There were income taxes, but the people were really upset with what was called the 'census tax' which was levied on every man, woman, and slave from age 12 to 65 just for the privilege of living in the Roman Empire. The amount was roughly the equivalent of a full day's wage for a worker.

This tax was a political and spiritual sore point to the people. The Pharisees resented Roman rule and Caesar being proclaimed divine. The Herodians were loyal to Herod Antipas, the governor put in place by the Empire, so they were seen as Roman sympathizers.

The only thing that united the two groups was their dislike for Jesus. The trap they set was meant to force Jesus into taking a side. If Jesus opposed the tax, He could be seen as an enemy of the Romans. If Jesus sided with the Herodians, He would turn most of the people against Himself.

Jesus did not directly answer the question He was asked. Instead, He changed the topic from a problem of political discontent to a statement about God.

With all the conflict that existed in Jesus' day, the one aspect of life that was taking second seat was God. It was becoming a question of who was serving who. Jesus was basically saying that people were worried about giving Caesar what is his, while ignoring giving God what was due to Him.

Like the Pharisees, we can allow too many things to distract us from the point of faith, God loves us, and we owe God both praise and worship. Some can be like the Herodians and make concessions to others to get what they want. This can make a person compromise their core values and beliefs.

It is very easy to worry about 'what is ours', and to fail to be concerned with 'what is God's'. By remaining steadfast in our faith, at home and in public life, we show that our reward is not to be sought in this world. Our treasures are given to us to serve God, for we must remember that the coins of our lives belong to God in the first place.

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"The family is the test of freedom; because the family is the only thing that the free man makes for himself and by himself."  
Gilbert K. Chesterton

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Ann and Stan Lis, Fran Walters,  
Danielle Little***



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

***Ancker, Arbic, Atkinson,  
Baginski, Banks, Bartczak***

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DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (October 23 – October 29)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	People of Ukraine	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	People of the Holy Land	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Maria and Giuseppe Querques	Spehar and Querques Families
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Peter Spencer	Spencer Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Paul Hutchison	Raats Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Aubrey Baillie	De Souza 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](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)

K of C: Ian Nolan: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO**

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm - November 21, and December 19, 2023. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email:

[parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)

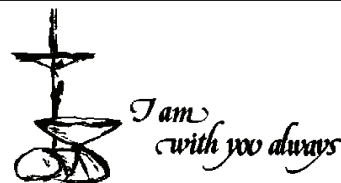
**STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION?** - Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

**Parenting Tip 153** - October is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on all God has blessed us with in our world. The harvest is evident at this time of year but remind your children of the intricate way God created the world so humans could live. Remind them that they are part of his creative plan, and their gifts and talents are like food allowing the world to thrive. And remind them that God ensured they would have faith and family to support them throughout their lives. There is so much to be thankful for, and an attitude of gratitude can provide a positive impact on our emotional and mental health, so help your children give thanks for all they have been given!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**All Souls Day Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery**

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will take place on Sunday, October 29 at 2:00pm. The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome!







**Knights of Columbus**

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