

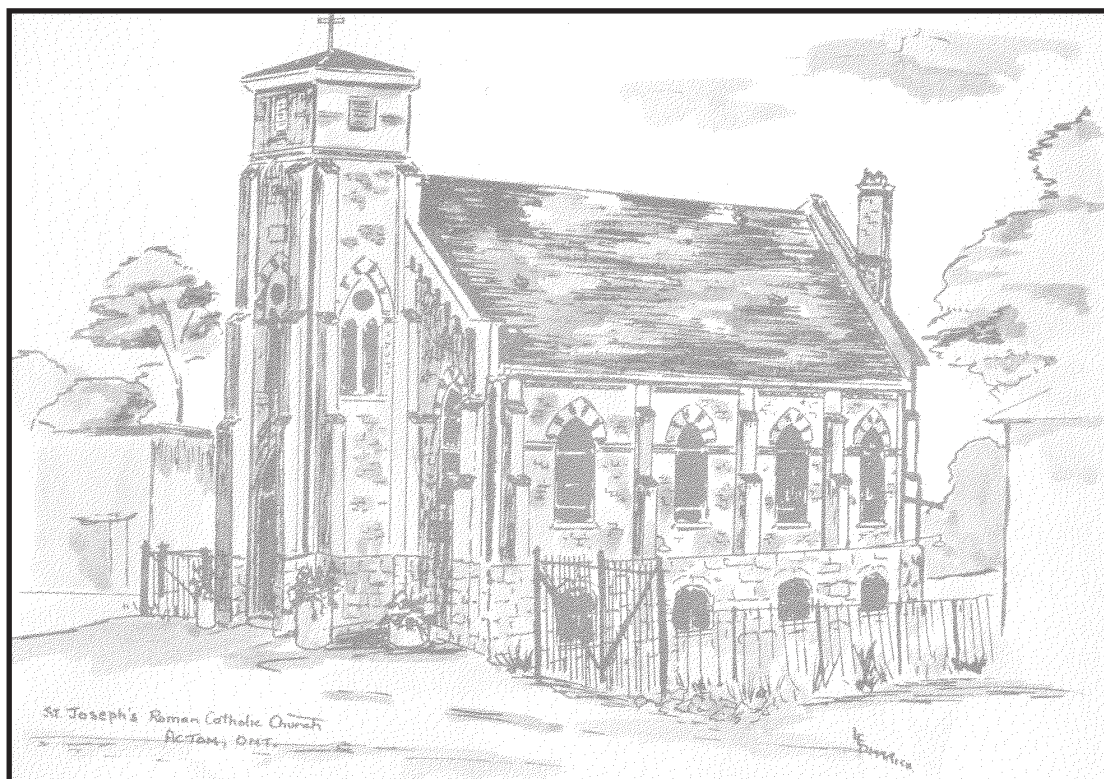
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

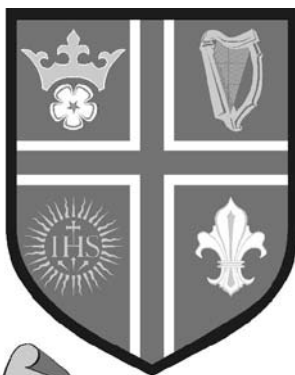
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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:

For the second week in a row, from the Gospel of Mark, we have Jesus asking “what do you want me to do for you?” The first time it was in response to James’ and John’s request to sit at His right and left in the Kingdom of God. It was a request made with a misunderstanding tone to it. This is not what God has to give. This week in our Gospel Jesus asks the same question of a blind man. Bartimaeus’ request for healing was a most appropriate request of God, but we must understand the real question.

Blindness, which was unfortunately rather common at the time, was used as an allegory for someone without faith. The real request of the blind man was for something more than physical vision. It was a request for faith. Jesus has been desperate to teach that this was His purpose, to bring us to faith in the Father, to reconcile us to God.

Bartimaeus got what he asked for. He received his sight, but he got much more. He had faith in Jesus and despite attempts to get him to be quiet, attempts that were probably even physical ones, he persisted in his determination to reach the ear of Jesus. His persistence and his faith paid off. The response from Jesus was overwhelming. The man received the most precious gift of all, the gift of faith.

What would we have Jesus do for us? We need many things and not all of them are frivolous in nature. Much of what we want can make our lives and the lives of our families better. In Bartimaeus we see ourselves as we should become. We must make our own journey of faith. We must move away from all that possesses us, that holds us back from freely and fully attaching ourselves to Jesus Christ.

Bartimaeus knew what God had to give. The Lord had forgiveness to offer. He had true pity to give. Bartimaeus, a man with a passion to be with Jesus, had the best wish of all. He simply wished for God’s love.

Fr. Mark

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Lisa Fuller, Madeline Ainsworth,
Pat Haffey***



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

***Scott, Sells, Sicard,
Simonian, Simovic, Siracusa***

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.

World Meeting of Families Diocesan Event - being held May 28, 2022, at Mount Mary in Ancaster.

Pope Francis is urging diocesan administrators to begin preparations for the 2022 World Meeting of Families, and this is exactly what the Diocese of Hamilton has begun to do! The Pope has asked that, “wherever it is possible, I would like to invite diocesan communities to plan initiatives based on the theme of the meeting, and to use the symbols being prepared by the Diocese of Rome.” More information will follow. For now, we encourage you to keep **Saturday, May 28th open**. As the Pope Francis reminds us, this is “a great opportunity for Catholics to renew their commitment to family ministry.”

OCTOBER 24, 2021

	MASS INTENTIONS (Oct 25-31)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of our Parish</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Mary Braid Murray	Ray and Rena Arbic
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	<i>Intentions of His Holiness, Pope Francis</i>	



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 - Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? 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

Diaper Drive: The CWL will once again be hosting a Diaper Drive for Michael House. Diapers can be dropped off to the hall up until Nov 7th. Any cheques/cash can be placed in an envelope marked **CWL-Michael House** and dropped into the collection. Your generosity to this cause is very much appreciated.

October is the month of the Rosary






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of St. Joseph's invites the ladies of the Parish to our regular meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

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