

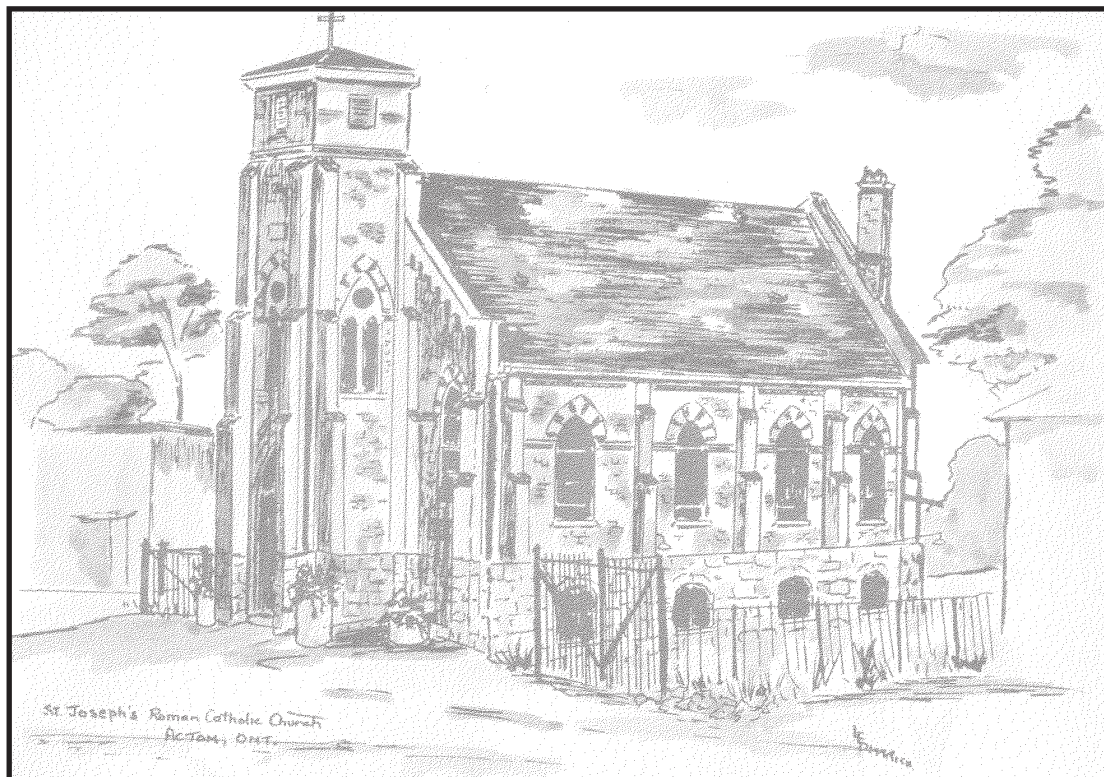
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

## EXPOSITION:

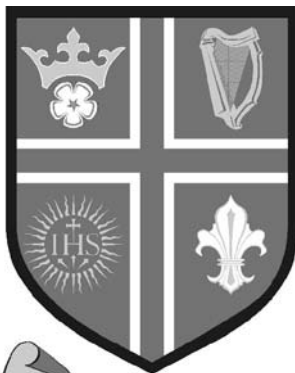
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

## 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.

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

**A**s we begin a new month on Monday with the Solemnity of All Saints, we are called to honour and celebrate those who were faithful to God and have gone before us.

The Church has traditionally used the month of November as the end of the year, liturgically and in a seasonal way as well. We just need to look around, the clocks 'fall' back an hour next week, which makes the days shorter and darker. We may have the inclination to look on November with a touch of despair, fallen leaves, rain, dampness, with little else ahead but the dismal winter. The Solemnity of All Saints is meant to be a ray of sunshine at the beginning of these dark days. All Saint's Day brings to mind the ordinary people down the ages who were friends of God. They are not canonized saints; however, God remembers them and the faithful, good works they have performed.

These were ordinary people from all walks of life who in their day tried to live the Christian life to its fullest. They were like us; in that they experienced the trials and struggles of normal lives. Still, they accepted that God loved them and relied on the strength of that love more than anything else.

Popular opinion places holiness beyond something which we can even reach. For many people have the belief that saints are unusual individuals, people who never committed a sin in their lives and know nothing of doing wrong. Many forget that becoming a saint is the long and painful struggle of a lifetime. Jesus always said that the good and righteous person is prepared to put up with hardship, overcome selfishness, and to change their ways.

Holiness is achieved by doing ordinary things well. On this Solemnity of All Saints, we are called to contemplate the victory of those who were faithful to God in their lives. Their image gives us the courage to fight the good fight with prayer, penance, perseverance, and works of mercy. Our hope and prayer is that God may one day number us among the faithful departed

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Life is more beautiful knowing that we've taken a loan on death. Even light is treasured more when there is darkness."

- Kim Namjoon

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Corrie Derksen, Pat O'Meara,  
Mary Humenyk**



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

**Slowiak, Smith, Sokolowski,  
South, Stade, Stewart**

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## 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.

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## 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."

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		MASS INTENTIONS (Nov 1- 7)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon.	9:00 a.m.	All Saints	
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	All Souls	
	7:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of Our Parish	
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons, of Hamilton Diocese	
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.	Loretta Gevaert	The Hannah Family
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Alex and Elizabeth Stefanowski	Leonora Baginski and 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)  
 K of C: Sean Saunders: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.






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