

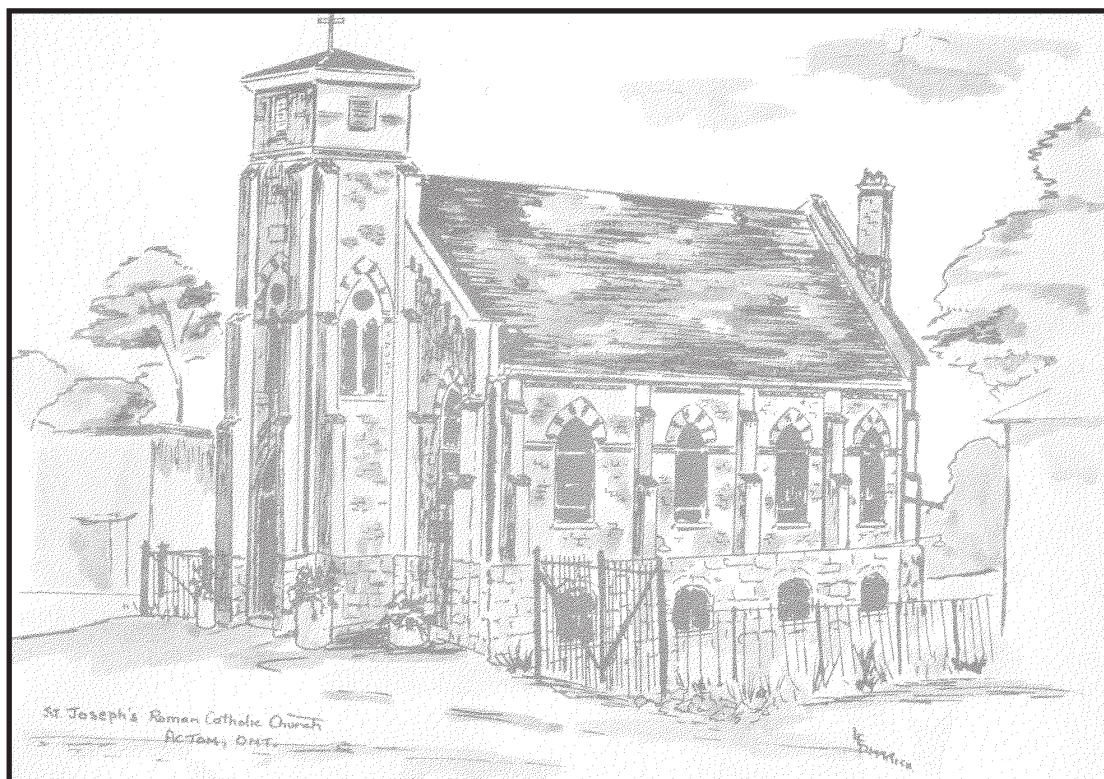
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

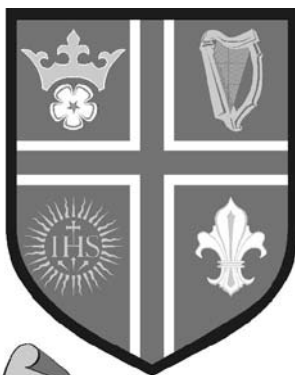
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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

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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:

The Gospel for this Sunday and the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Cross, which we celebrate this week on September 14th, are two examples of how Christians should see the Cross.

We all too often misunderstand the Cross. When illness or misfortune come, we will say, "I guess this must be my Cross to bear." But the Cross never comes from outside. The Cross is a consequence of our decision to follow Jesus Christ despite the Cross.

Peter had the best intentions for his friend Jesus. As His friend, he didn't want Jesus to suffer in any way, shape, or form. What Peter did not realize, was that he was being tempted by Satan. Jesus tells Peter that he was "thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." To call Peter 'Satan' and to say he was thinking as a human, was to say that Peter was not speaking in recognition of God's plan. Peter was thinking about what he wanted. This is always what Satan tempts us to do!

Peter would eventually come to an understanding of what Jesus wanted him to learn and to accept. Basically, the Cross means to deny oneself in favour of another. If we are to 'get behind' Christ, we must deny ourselves; that is, acknowledging that we must be willing to fight for our faith. The Cross should not represent, for us, a humiliation, but instead, a sign of love and sacrifice. To pick up the Cross means that we will allow nothing to stand between us and Christ, regardless of the personal cost.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

- St. Augustine

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Karin Brozic, Fran Walters,
Danielle Little***



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

***Milton, Monteiro, Montgomery,
Munday, Muoio, Nelles***

From the CWL: A **General Meeting** will be held in the church (upstairs) on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. All are welcome back!

On December 8 2020, Pope Francis declared a "**Year of St. Joseph**" marking the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as the Patron Saint of the Universal Church. This year continues until December 8, 2021, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Although we read little about St. Joseph in the Bible, we know that he holds a central role in both the life of Jesus and in salvation history. In ***Patris Corde: With a Father's Heart***, Pope Francis writes, "After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse." He is the Patron Saint of many – workers, fathers, travelers, unborn children, immigrants, dying a happy death and is the Patron Saint of Canada. His quiet strength and obedience serves as a model of faith for all.

St. Joseph was a carpenter by trade, which allowed him to support Mary and Jesus. His actions show us of his deep faith and trust in God's plan, from accepting Mary's pregnancy to becoming a refugee in Egypt to protect Jesus; he entered fully into the plan of salvation. In ***Patris Corde: With a Father's Heart***, Pope Francis highlights seven characteristics of St. Joseph, each meant to inspire us to live our own faith more deeply by emulating his qualities.

Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved, tender, and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, working father and ultimately a father in the shadows. All the characteristics show us how Joseph loved Jesus - with a father's heart. By his loving devotion, he is both a model for Christian living and a visible sign of how God loves each of us.

Pope Francis writes that, "The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal." We encourage you to read the letter and discover anew the great attributes of St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church.

| | | MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 13-19) | REQUESTED BY: |
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| Tues. | 7:00 p.m. | <i>Intentions of St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parishioners</i> | |
| Wed. | 9:00 a.m. | Adam Dyczkowski | Kwiatkowski Family |
| Thurs. | 7:00 p.m. | Helen Klemencic | Estate of Helen Klemencic |
| Fri. | 9:00 a.m. | Tony and Mary Gorjup | Gorjup Family |
| Sat. | 5:00 p.m. | Maria Amarelo | Pereira Family |
| Sun. | 8:30 a.m. | <i>Intentions of Marie Zions</i> | CWL |
| Sun. | 10:00 a.m. | Pro populo | |
| Sun. | 11:30 a.m. | Pro populo | |



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.

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

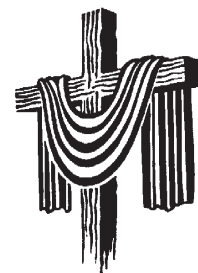
Pet Blessing - On October 2, 2021, Father Mark will be blessing pets, rain or shine, behind the church at 11:00 a.m.

From the Parish Office: Bulletins are back on a weekly basis, and we hope soon to have the paper version available. Items to be inserted in the bulletin must be in writing or via email and received by Tuesday at noon for the upcoming weekend's publication.

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

BLESSING OF HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate the blessing of Holy Family Catholic Cemetery, 2523 Lower Base Line, Milton, on Saturday, September 25 at 11:00. In keeping with COVID-19 protocols, registration in advance will be required. To register, please visit holyfamilyblessing.eventbrite.ca or call 1-800-661-5985.



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