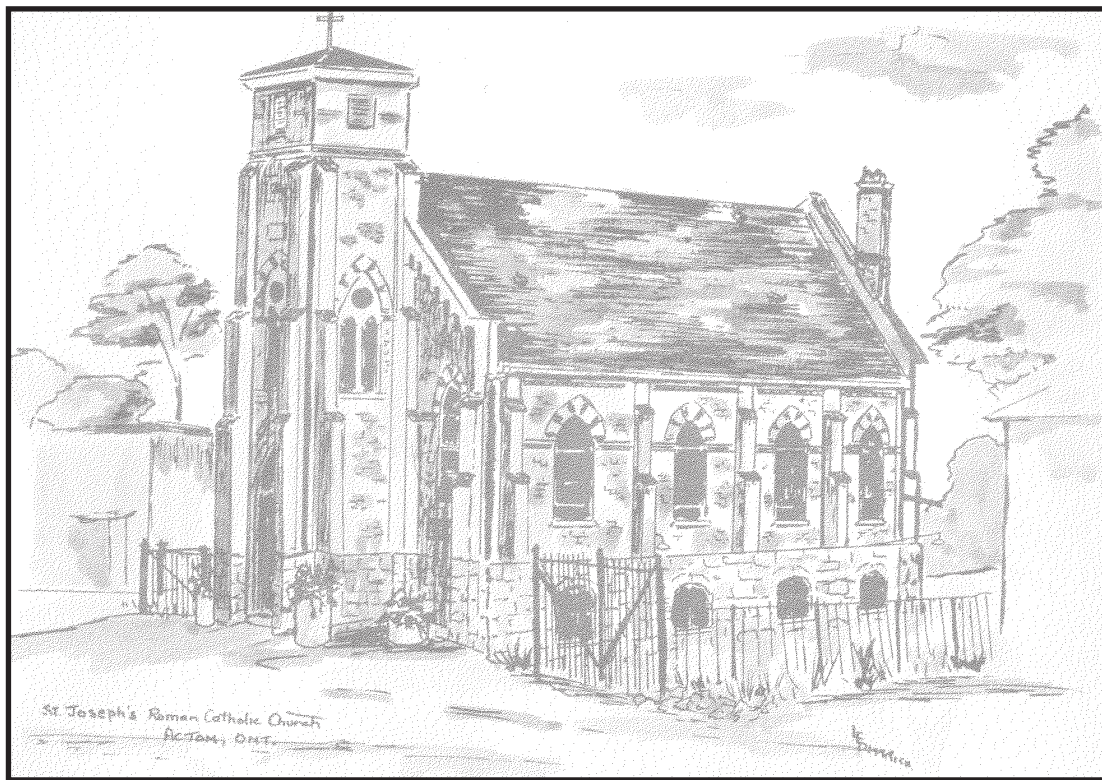


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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

## 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  
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:

Our second reading of this Sunday from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, gives us an insight into an early Christian community. Philippi, located in Northern Greece, was a Roman colony which had become a location for veterans of the Roman Legions to live. Philippi was not a place of commerce but had become basically an early retirement community. Historians believe that Philippi was the first Christian community in Europe.

St. Paul, and his companion Silas, came to Philippi to spread the Good News to the people. The reaction of the people was not particularly positive or welcoming, in fact, both men were imprisoned in Philippi. What is most important here is that the fledgling Philippian Christian community came to their aid. The community supported Paul in many ways, physically, financially, and spiritually. Thus, the letter from Paul to them, which we read today, was for the most part a 'thank you' letter.

This letter has been called "The Letter of Joy" as Paul understandably had a special affection for the Christian community at Philippi. There were numerous divisions within the community, and this brought great heartache to St Paul, who spoke of the need to unify and for the people to improve their relationships with one another.

St. Paul said that the way to see and achieve unity was to look at the person of Christ. St. Paul challenges the Philippians to build a community of faith. To achieve this goal the people were to share in the mind of Christ beginning with an attitude of humility.

Paul asked the Philippians, as he also asks us, to choose the way of Christ in humility and to do nothing out of selfishness. Paul reminded the people that Christ 'emptied' himself to become fully human. He never ceased to be divine, but by choice, He set aside power and privilege.

God calls us to be united in Christ. This is what Paul wanted for the Philippians. We must be sure we know the mind of Christ. To know Christ's mind we must be with the community of faith when Christ speaks.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"The battle against the Devil, which is the principal task of Saint Michael the Archangel, is still being fought today, because the Devil is still alive and active in the world."

- Pope Saint John Paul II

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Ronald Parker, Harold Ryerse,  
Karin Brozic**

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Bulletins are available online at:

<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

## Pope's September Prayer Intention: Respect for the Planet's Resources

In his prayer intention for the month of September, Pope Francis calls us to "pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared".

*We are squeezing out the planet's goods.*

*Squeezing them out, as if the earth were an orange. Countries and businesses from the global north have enriched themselves by exploiting the natural resources of the south, creating an "ecological debt." Who is going to pay this debt?*

*In addition, this "ecological debt" is increased when multinationals do abroad what they would never be allowed to do in their own countries. It is outrageous.*

*Today, not tomorrow; today, we have to take care of Creation responsibly.*

*Let us pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.*

*No to plundering; yes, to sharing.*

- Pope Francis, September 2020

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is observed on September 1. The international celebration marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, which extends to 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

### Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges all 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. Application forms can be obtained from Father Mark.

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

<b>DAY &amp; TIME</b>	<b>MASS INTENTIONS (September 28-October 4)</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY:</b>
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Sophia Podsada</i>	Podsada Family
Wed 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of His Holiness Pope Francis</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Wilfred and Jo Ann Duval	Their Children and Their Families
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Mary and Tony Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Jay and Janet Raats</i>	Raats Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	Ed McGilloway	Pat South



Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and are able to 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: Christy deSouza: [cwl@lartist.com](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)
- K of C: Sean Saunders: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**MEETINGS**

Currently Suspended



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Blanchet-Haffey, Bonello,  
Borkowski, Bosboom, Bottero,  
Braga***

**Diaper Drive for Michael House** - September traditionally has the CWL "Baby Shower" for Michael House, a shelter and support for pregnant and parenting women in need in Guelph. For this year, instead of the party, we are asking everyone who can to donate diapers. If you are able, please bring in a package (or more!) of any size of diapers. There are tables set aside in the basement for drop-off before or after Mass over the next couple of weekends. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Michael House also accepts monetary donations through their website at [michaelhouse.ca](http://michaelhouse.ca)

**Catechetical Correspondence Course** - Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.



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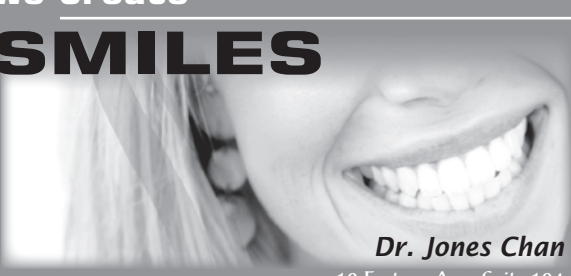


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