

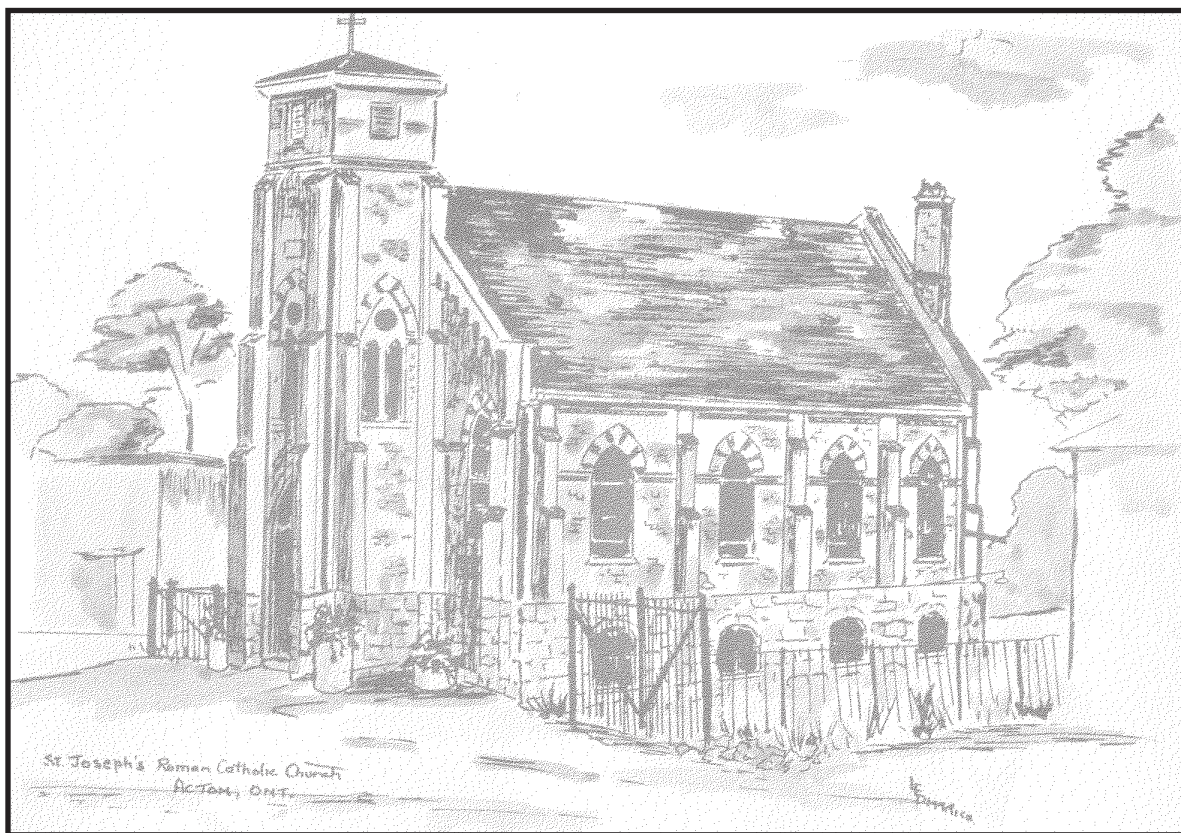
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## 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  
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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:**

**W**e celebrate Labour Day this weekend which marks the end of summer holidays for many people, even though there are still three weeks left in the season.

For most young people, it is the last weekend before school begins. I always remember that it was hard for the first couple of weeks to get back into a routine. With school starting again, there are reminders to get up earlier than in the summer months and having the discipline to start doing homework again in the evenings. There are many other things which a student must remind themselves to start doing all over again.

One thing that a student must start over is practising to line up to enter the school at the beginning of the day or at recess. Students must also line up for getting on school buses at the end of the day. This Sunday we are reminded to 'line up' behind Jesus and follow Him. In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus is telling His Apostles to follow Him for He is taking them to a new place and belief. In particular, He is telling Peter to follow and not to try to lead.

Jesus asked the ultimate question of Peter and the other Apostles, as He asks us as well, which is how to find meaning in our lives. Matthew's answer is that we find meaning by being willing to get in line behind Jesus and follow Him wherever He leads, even if it means ending up on a cross.

We must always remember that the heart of Christianity is to serve and to serve sacrificially. We cannot serve others and not be willing to sacrifice our lives on the crosses of our life's journey. The sacrifice Jesus asks of us when He says that we must lose our life is not necessarily about death. It is about giving up our self-centeredness, our selfishness, and our temptation to tell God to serve our needs.

Giving ourselves to the Lord in just such a spirit of sacrifice is the only source for providing real meaning in our lives. If we want meaning, we've got to get in line behind the Leader.

This weekend is Eddie MacDonald's last weekend with us before she moves to Espanola to begin her duties working with the Jesuit Fathers. We invite all Parishioners to offer Eddie their best wishes

and prayers as well. May God Bless Eddie as she begins her exciting new role.

*Fr. Mark*

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**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone."  
- Pope Francis

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**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

This week please pray especially for:

***Leo Cheverie, Evelyn Morel,  
Michael Symboluk***



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

***Spinotti, Stade, Stewart,  
Stoltz, Swain, Tanney***

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**Acton Fall Fair - Your HELP is NEEDED!**

The Fall Fair is near! The Knights will manage the set-up, parking, security, front gate, and teardown. The CWL will manage the round house, selling tickets. Student volunteers are needed for stamping and finally, baking/sandwiches/crock pot dishes to feed our many volunteers is also requested.

Our parish participation at the Fair earns a share of the proceeds. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year, and ***your help is truly needed***. High School Students are needed as well and can earn community hours. Please look for a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Contacts are Grand Knight Ian Nolan and Penny McCabe. Further information to come.

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**Farewell Party for Eddie MacDonald:** After 11:00 Mass on September 3 we will be wishing Eddie well in her new position in the North. Parishioners are invited to gather in celebration with a BBQ and cake. We will miss her caring ministry.

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**From the CWL:** There will be a General meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.

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**SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 4- Sept 10)	REQUESTED BY:
Labour Day 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Students and Staff of St Joseph School</i>	
Tues.	<b>No Mass</b>	
Wed.	<b>No Mass</b>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Gustav Raats	Raats Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Jack South	Pat South and Family

**Please note: There will be no Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday as Father Mark will be away for a seminar.**

**YOUTH MINISTERS RETREAT-** The annual Youth Ministers' Retreat for the Diocese of Hamilton will be held the weekend of Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Mount Mary Retreat Centre. The retreat is open to all those who minister to young people within the diocese. Information and registration about the retreat can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> or contacting [youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com)

**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)

**Children's Liturgy:** We are still looking for a few more volunteers, please speak to Father Mark if you are interested in this ministry.

**From the Fall Fair Committee:**

Here are links to documents calling for volunteers for the Fall Fair complete with a QR code that will take you to the signup genius.

**Adult Volunteers**

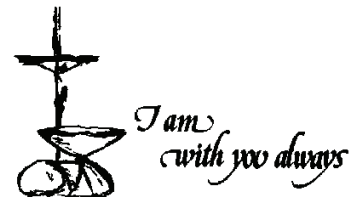
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**Student**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HbAgwS9eOUQTxmknmbMO9CalcpvICKVMwaC184Kk/edit?usp=drivesdk>

**Volunteers**

**FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM -** The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes September 30<sup>th</sup> and can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/>





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