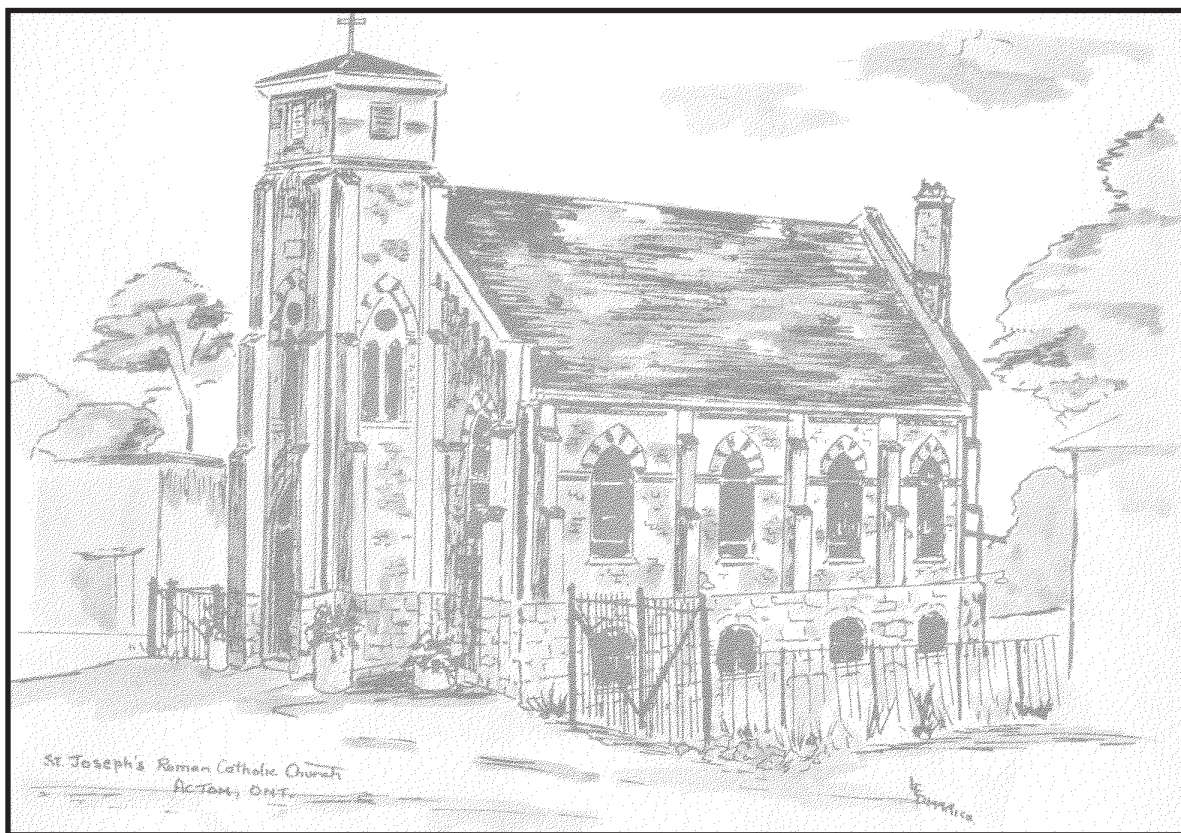


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## SUNDAY MASSES:

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:**

**A**s we begin the Season of Advent, I came across a passage from the Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year Manual written by Msgr. Peter Elliott, which states the meaning and purpose of the season.

Msgr. Elliott states: "Advent is a time of preparation and reflection, hope, and anticipation. The coming of the Eternal Son of God is celebrated in the three ways we experience time: past, present, and future. He came for us in our flesh through the Incarnation; He comes to us in the Church through grace; He will come at the end of time to judge us, living or dead."

At any mass the priest, after the Our Father is prayed, interjects a prayer that the Lord "will protect us from all evil as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ." Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas, but it is not just this. Advent also serves to remind us that we are waiting for Christ to come again. Preparing for Christmas during Advent should teach us how to prepare for the Second Coming.

Last week we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King, which anticipates Christ's coming again. This image should help us to shape our Advent. As we begin a new liturgical year, on this First Sunday of Advent, having just celebrated Christ the King reminds us that we are beginning the circle once more.

Though Advent points us more immediately to Christmas, it also points us toward the next celebration of the Feast of Christ the King, and more, it helps us to look even past Christ the King to the real event of Christ's coming in glory.

Obviously, we identify Christmas with giving. We give gifts and we will even give more to charity over the next four weeks than any other time of the year. We must see that Christmas should be more than just a time of giving. Advent should help us approach Christmas with a sense of gratitude. God so loves us that He sent us a Saviour. If Christmas giving is to make sense, we must identify our Christmas giving as a way of trying to imitate God. God gives, so we give.

We must thank God for the gift that has been given. Advent allows us to remember to build gratitude into our seasonal celebration. Though many people try to make the end of time and the Second Coming as a fearful time of tribulation, it really is not this. The Second Coming is a promise of hope. Christ has

come. Christ will come again! We should not fear this. Rather, we must be grateful for this.

As we begin this Advent season, we must remember that it helps us to believe in a promise and to have gratitude for it. It also reminds us to give as God gives in order to be prepared for Jesus' glorious return. As we put up our decorations, we can experience the beauty that God still provides. As we wrap our gifts, we can experience the joy that comes from imitating our Saviour.

*Fr. Mark*

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

"God could, had He pleased, have been incarnate in a man of iron nerves, the Stoic sort who lets no sigh escape Him. Of His great humility He chose to be incarnate in a man of delicate sensibilities who wept at the grave of Lazarus and sweated blood in Gethsemane."  
- C.S. Lewis

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

This week please pray especially for:

***Robert Dzioba, Bill Woodcock,  
Stephanie Lampkin***



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

***van Asseldonk, Van Ravens, Verzosa,  
Vlasic, Weglicki, Zions***

The **CWL Christmas Dinner** (hosted by the Knights) will be on **Tuesday, December 10**. That day, Mass will be at 6:00 and dinner will begin at 6:30 in the church hall. Tickets will be sold at Masses the weekends of December 1 and December 7.

**MEETINGS**

Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Tops
Tues.	7:30 p.m.	K of C Executive
Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Acton Sharing

**Winter Weather Conditions:**

**During inclement weather, we remind Parishioners to be cautious when coming to Mass and be prepared to stay home if conditions are treacherous. We wish all our Parishioners to be safe both on the roads and on the sidewalks this Winter.**

DECEMBER 1, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (December 2 – December 8)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	People of Ukraine	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	People of the Holy Land	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Bernie Marzalik	Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Grandchildren</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Merilda Kingsbury	Geralda Savoie
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	

**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.



<b>Sat. Dec 7</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	
Lector	Kathleen	
Ex. Minister	Nancy	
<b>Sun. Dec 8</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
Lector	Marcus	Gita
Ex. Minister	Kazi	Aaron

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<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:

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 K of C: Ian Nolan: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** – Christmas and New Years Day fall on Wednesdays this year, Masses for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve and our regular Sunday Masses will be on the same days. Please note **there is one Mass on Christmas morning.**

**Christmas Eve:** 4:00 p.m. **Christmas Mass**  
 7:00 p.m. **Christmas Mass**  
 Midnight **Christmas Mass**

**Christmas Day:** 10:00 a.m.

**New Years Eve:** 5:00 p.m. **New Year**  
**New Years Day:** 9:00 a.m. **New Year**  
 11:00 a.m. **New Year**

**Reconciliation Times:**

**December 17** 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
**December 19** 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
**December 21** 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
**December 23** 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** is excited to release our dates for the 2025 season. Our films this year focus on hope and the personal stories that give voice to those that often go unheard. Themes include women's empowerment, refugees, youth, Indigenous justice, and environmental care. We start the season on **January 23, 2025**, with **She Rises Up**, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are fighting to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. **Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers.** In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace. Film screenings are shown online once a month from January to May. You can view our full film lineup at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> We hope you can join us!






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