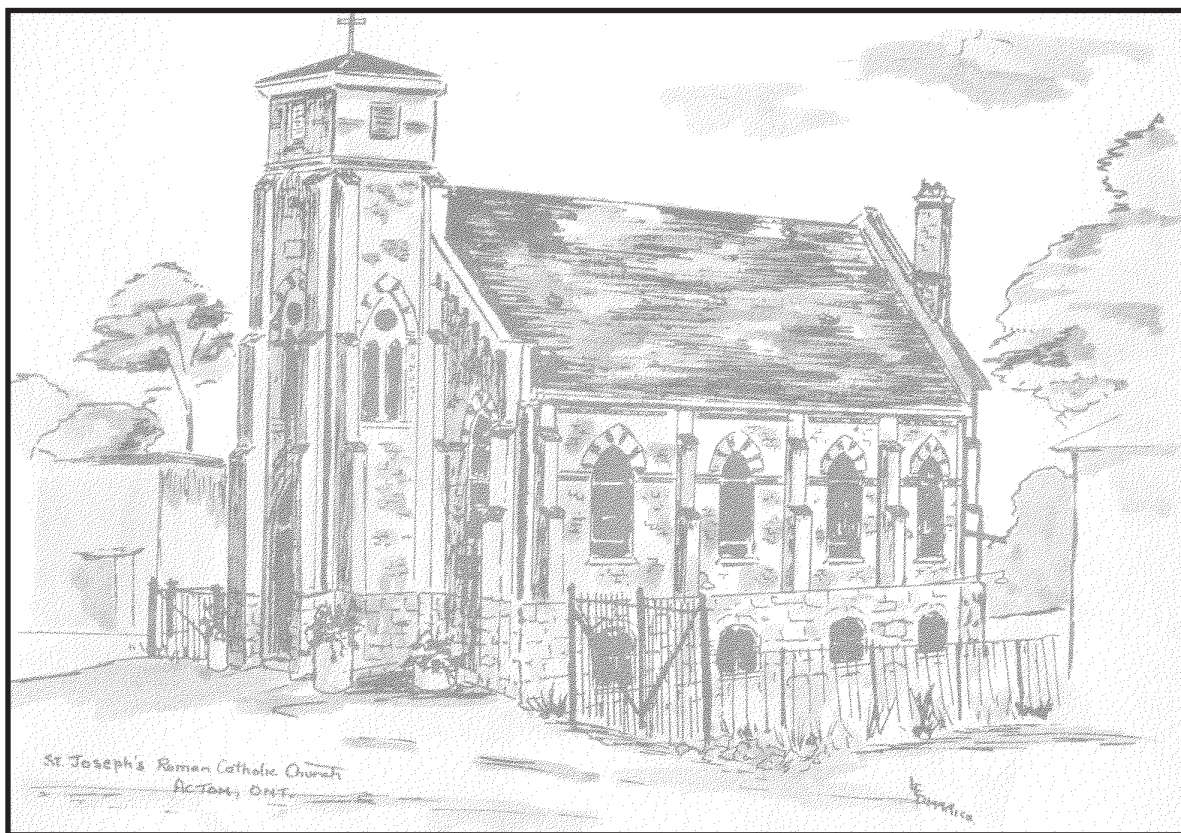


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SUNDAY MASSES:

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
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:

Today's Gospel from Mark finishes the final section of the presentation of Jesus's public ministry. For the last several weeks we have read of Jesus speaking in and around the Temple and about people's reaction to Him.

In this final passage of the section, Jesus criticizes those Scribes who have failed to put the Word into the context of God's justice. To emphasize this condemnation, in the next section of Mark's Gospel, Jesus will speak about how He is going to destroy the Temple and build a truly Holy Kingdom. This is the Kingdom we will be celebrating in two weeks with the Feast of Christ the King.

Perhaps it is important to recognize where this passage takes place in the Gospel. It takes place in the Court of Women where there were 13 trumpet shaped containers set up to collect donations for the upkeep of the Temple. The shape of these containers guaranteed that coins would make a loud sound when dropped into them.

This let everyone in the Temple know how much and individual had just given. The louder the sound, the more honour the donor gained. The two small coins probably used by the widow were called 'lepta'. Being copper and the smallest coin in use, it would have made very little noise when dropped in a container.

It might be surprising to learn that Jesus is not praising this widow for her gift, but rather, is criticizing the crowd and the Scribes in particular. Jesus was upset that they had forsaken the care of the widows and orphans for the care of the Temple. He is clearly taking them down a notch in many ways.

Jesus also saw the wealthy contributing from their surplus towards the Temple. The contributions were probably large, but it didn't change their lives or lifestyles a bit. However, the widow 'gave', in a sense. She gave her all to the Lord. She gave not in despair, but with a sense of trust.

This is the type of giving that builds the Kingdom. Making contributions builds church

buildings, but giving of our means builds the Church.

The Feast of Christ the King is just two weeks away. We will celebrate something that has not yet occurred, the fullness of the Kingdom of God. Jesus' Kingdom is about serving God. We do this through the way we love God and by the way we utilize our resources. Today's Gospel makes us ask if we are properly motivated to give not just financially, but at the whole of our giving.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these, they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve."

St. Francis of Assisi

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Joe Humenyk, Bill Woodcock,
Stephanie Lampkin***



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

***Scheepers-Nevins, Simonian,
Scott, Simovic, Slowiak, Smith***

St. Joseph Patron of Canada CWL Christmas Sale Saturday Nov. 30 10 am -2 pm in the Church Hall

There will be: religious articles, caricatures by Lar, Christmas gifts, 50/50 tickets, homemade baking with Christmas cookie plates and meat pies.

All proceeds go to the CWL charities such as: Acton Foodshare, St. Vincent Charities, Michael House, Townsend-Smith Foundation Hospice Halton, Chalice Canada

We appreciate donations of baked goods which can be dropped off in the Church Hall Friday Nov 29 1-3 pm; 6:30 - 7:30 pm or Saturday 9-10 am.

50/50 tickets reminder : please return your 50/50 tickets no later than November 24 in a marked envelope with the collection.

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (November 11 – November 17)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon. 9:00 a.m.	Living and Deceased Canadian Veterans	
Tues. No Mass		
Wed. No Mass		
Thurs. No Mass		
Fri. No Mass		
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Dena Desend	Ray and Rena Arbic
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Stan and Rose Smysnuik	Gallagher 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.



Sat. Nov 16 5 p.m.
 Lector Patricia
 Ex. Minister Nancy

Sun. Nov 17 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Catherine Lizzie
 Ex. Minister Ann Aaron



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
 K of C: Ian Nolan: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Tues. 7:30 p.m. CWL General
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing

Bulletins are available online at:

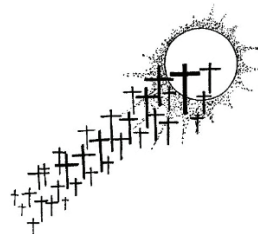
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WORLD YOUTH DAY On Sunday, November 24th, 2024 we celebrate World Youth Day! The theme young people are called to reflect on is: "those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary". In his message addressed to young people the Holy Father, invites young people to set out on the pilgrimage of life before them, in joy and in hope! To see how others are celebrating world youth day around the Diocese and resources to celebrate yourself please visit: www.wyd.hamiltondiocese.com

PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE: Msgr. Kroetsch and Christina Mines will be hosting preparation sessions for Adult Faith Formation Leaders in anticipation of the Jubilee of Hope beginning on December 24, 2024. This is an important moment in the life of the Church! Four brief sessions will be offered around the Diocese of Hamilton throughout the month of November to equip pastoral leaders for adult programming initiatives throughout the Jubilee year. All are welcome to participate. For registration and more information contact:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/10/preparing-for-the-jubilee-a-planning-day-for-pastoral-leaders/>

ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL To begin the Advent season, the Diocesan Choir is pleased to announce an Advent Hymn Festival at St. Joseph Parish, 260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton, ON, on **Sunday, December 1, 2024, at 7 p.m.** Registration is not required, and there is no charge—however, a goodwill offering will go to St. Joseph's Parish Neighbours in Need Program. Please see the Upcoming events on the Diocese of Hamilton web page.






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