

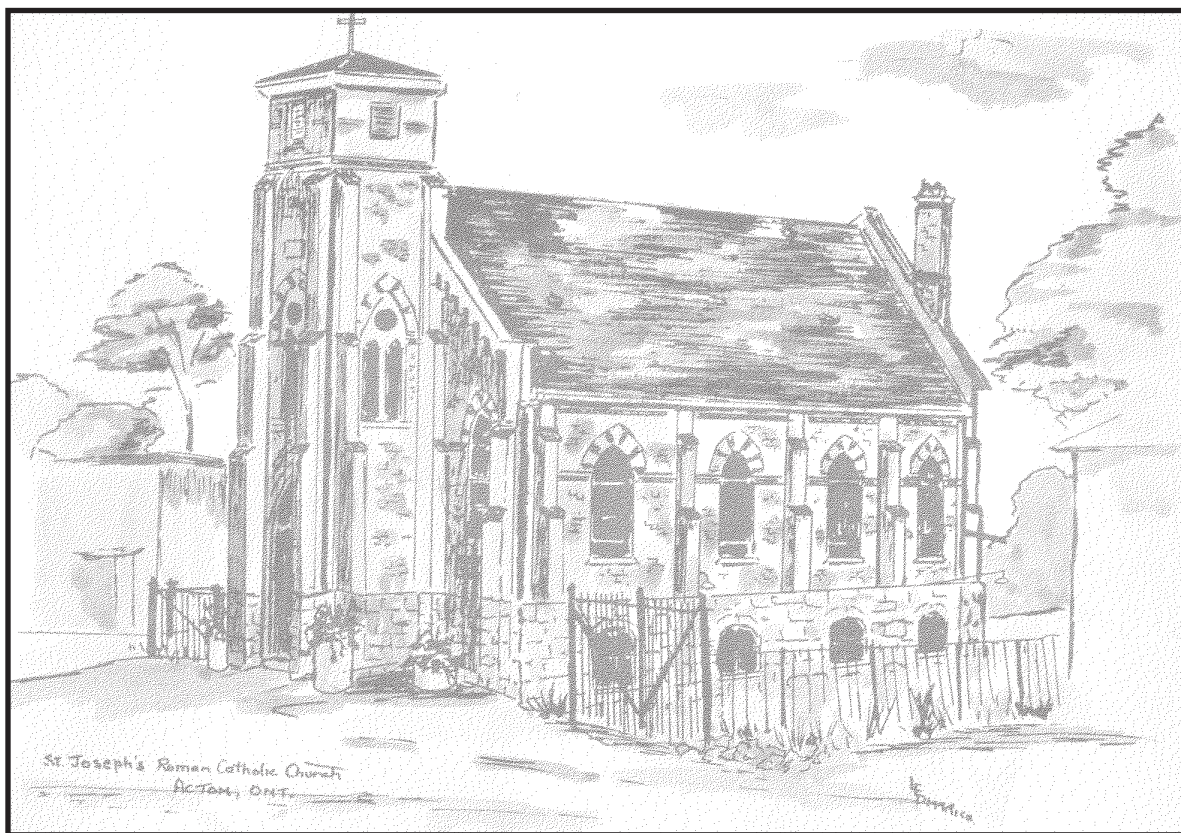
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

We have come to the last week in which we celebrate a Sunday of Ordinary Time. Next week we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King which ends the Church's liturgical year. The following Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, we begin all over again.

Today's First Reading from Daniel and our Gospel passage from Mark, are known as 'Apocalyptic Literature' which exists in the belief that there will be a final showdown between good and evil.

This type of literature gains our attention through frightening images and then turns to its true purpose of offering hope. This literature of the Scriptures is written for people who are asking whether staying faithful is worth the cost. Whether it be the Book of Daniel, the Book of Revelation, or this chapter of Mark, every listener of these books has only one hope left, and that hope is God.

We think of Jesus as being a young person. Artwork over the centuries has provided this image, however, Jesus was about thirty years old when He started His public ministry which put Him in the oldest ten percent of the population. Rather than being seen as a young rabbi, Jesus would have been seen more as a wise old teacher. In that day, disease and malnutrition were so rampant that only one in five children lived past their first birthday. Most parents were dead by the time children reached the age of sixteen.

The concept of life being so short provides context for our passage today, presenting the last things Jesus said before His Passion began. Mark puts this Gospel passage as being close to the end of His life to help people more readily accept that Jesus could foresee what was coming.

In our reading from Daniel, we see something which had never been said before. "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake." This is the first expression of belief in a resurrection of the dead. This was the ultimate statement of hope. For those who choose to remain faithful despite persecution, fear, and hopelessness, God will offer life with Him.

Our reading on this last Sunday in Ordinary Time provides us with the stance that we are to take. Despite seeming to fear, we are not to fear. It is not evil that will come at the end of time, it will be Christ.

Next Sunday we will celebrate this coming day as we observe the Feast of Christ the King. We should take comfort in the knowledge that time has a beginning and an end, as do our lives. The Church does not want us to be afraid of this moment, but it does want us to be prepared. We know what is coming. We should be neither surprised nor afraid.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all... As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength.

— G. K. Chesterton

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Ian Munday, Mary Albert,
Brian Tanney***



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

***South, Spencer, Spinotti,
Stade, Stewart, Swain***

**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 50/50 tickets no later than November 24 in a marked envelope with the collection.

From the Knights of Columbus: Council 8050 continues in its mandate of service and has donated \$2000 to Halton Hills Special Olympics and \$1500 to Acton Food Share.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (November 18 – November 24)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Peter Spencer	Spencer Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her Parents
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Pasqualina Rocca	Rocca Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Maria and Antony Pozniak	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Leo Smith	Smith Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo Becky Gent	MacDonald Family

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.



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.	K of C General
Wed. 8:00 p.m.	Acton Sharing

Bulletins are available online at:

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

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



Sat. Nov 23	5 p.m.	
Lector	Lilli	
Ex. Minister	Chris	
Sun. Nov 24	9 a.m.	11 a.m.
Lector	Ann	Lar
Ex. Minister	Jay	Lorin

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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