

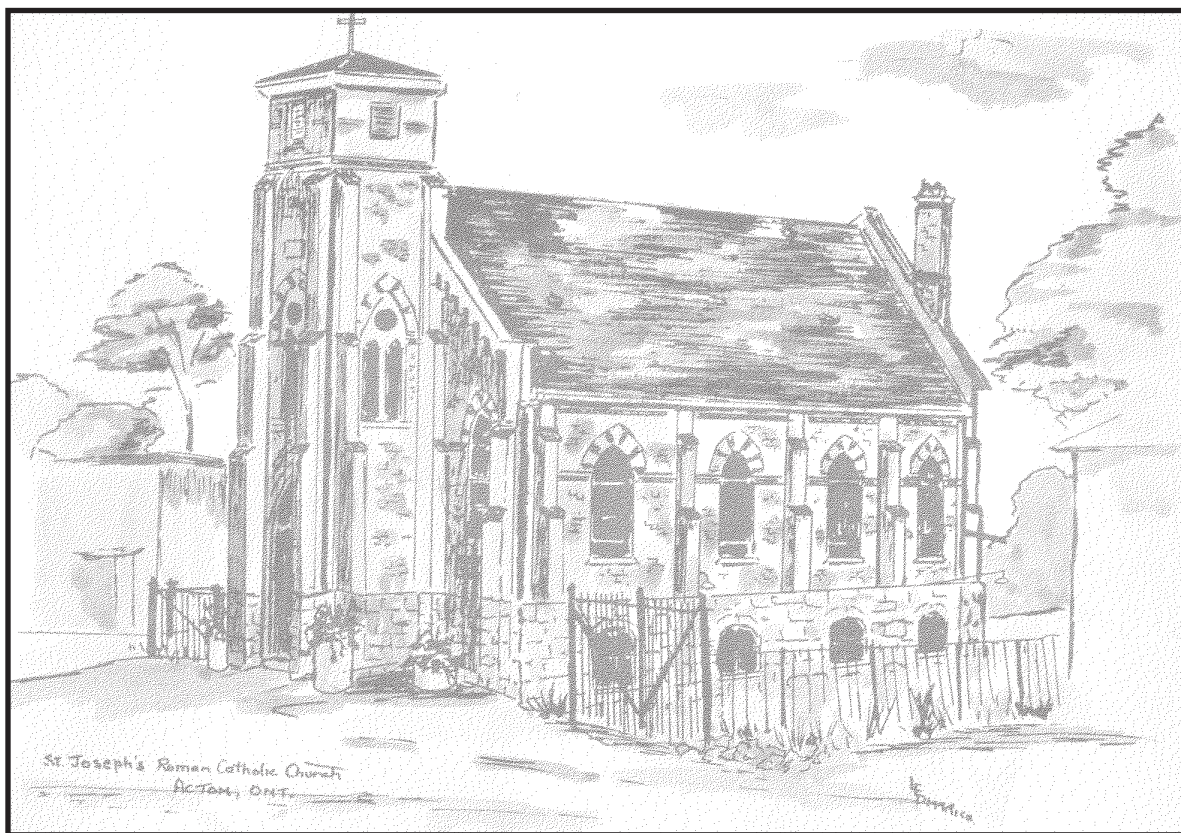
St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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

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:

This weekend, the Church year draws to a close on a sombre note with a Gospel scene from Good Friday. One might wonder why the Church would choose a Gospel passage like this for the Feast of Christ the King, but we must remind ourselves that Christ is a King who rules from the Cross unlike earthly kings who rule from palaces. His Kingdom is not a place, but rather, a people who give their hearts lovingly to Him by shaping their lives according to His will. All that is good and elevated in our human nature flows from Calvary where He became Saviour of the World and won for us a life of eternal joy with God.

The Feast of Christ the King provides an excellent opportunity to review the quality of our Christian commitment. What effort have we been making to allow Christ's Kingdom to come alive in our hearts and in our community? Jesus is calling us to rise above the basic instincts of selfishness, bitterness, and pride to pledge our lives in this service because it is God's world although we might not think so now. In our better moments we realize Christ is the way. The effort invested in rising above a worldly level of behaviour does not come easily and brings us no end of trouble and frustration.

The Gospel of John offers us a picture of how things should really be. Pilate is obviously disturbed, clearly under pressure, a victim of indecision, but anxious to avoid trouble. Jesus, standing before Pilate, was aware of the man's brutality and ruthlessness. Jesus was also aware that Pilate did believe Him to be an innocent man. This could have been used by Jesus to His own advantage if he had only been willing to back off just a little. This was not the way of Jesus. He decided to take a stand against Pilate and therefore, against the Empire itself. His stand against Pilate demonstrates real Kingship.

Today we celebrate a point in time yet to come – the end of time. It will be marked by the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory. Though that is a day to come, we are also reminded that He is King now. This knowledge and this faith can give us the courage to stand

up to the Pilates in our lives. We must remember who we really serve. Jesus sacrificed everything to stand up for the Father. This is our example, our call, and our courage.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

– Martin Luther King Jr.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Roberto Luisseto, Denise Harper,
Stephanie Lampkin***



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

***Tanney, Taradan, Taylor,
Toledo, Torres, Umbrello,***

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.

MOUNT MARY OPEN HOUSE - All are welcome to the annual Come Home for Christmas Festival at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre on Sunday December 1st, 2024 from 1:00 am – 4:00 pm. There will be activities for children including cookie decorating, face painting, and ornament making. We will also have refreshments and local vendors selling small items. There is no entry fee; however, we are accepting donations of unused socks, gloves, hats, scarves and soap for the DeMazenod Door Outreach Centre. For more information please visit www.mountmary.ca We look forward to seeing you there!

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (November 25 – December 1)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Caleb Brian Brass	Bernie and Geralda
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Father Joe Hattie OMI	McCabe and Mulligan Families
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Rocco LaGatta	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Cecile and Steve Wlazlowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of St. Joseph CWL	CWL
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 30	5 p.m.	
Lector	Maria	
Ex. Minister	Patricia	
Sun. Dec 1	9 a.m.	11 a.m.
Lector	Jay	Cheryl
Ex. Minister	Marcus	Lar



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 Executive
Wed. 8:00 p.m.	Acton Sharing

Bulletins are available online at:

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

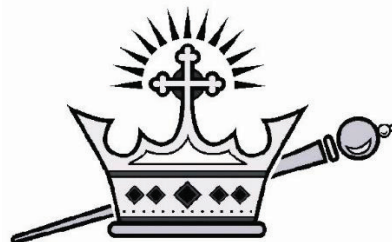
YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT

Saturday, December 7th – Brantford During the Advent Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, December 7th at St. Basil's Church (50 Palace Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For information, please contact: vocations@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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