

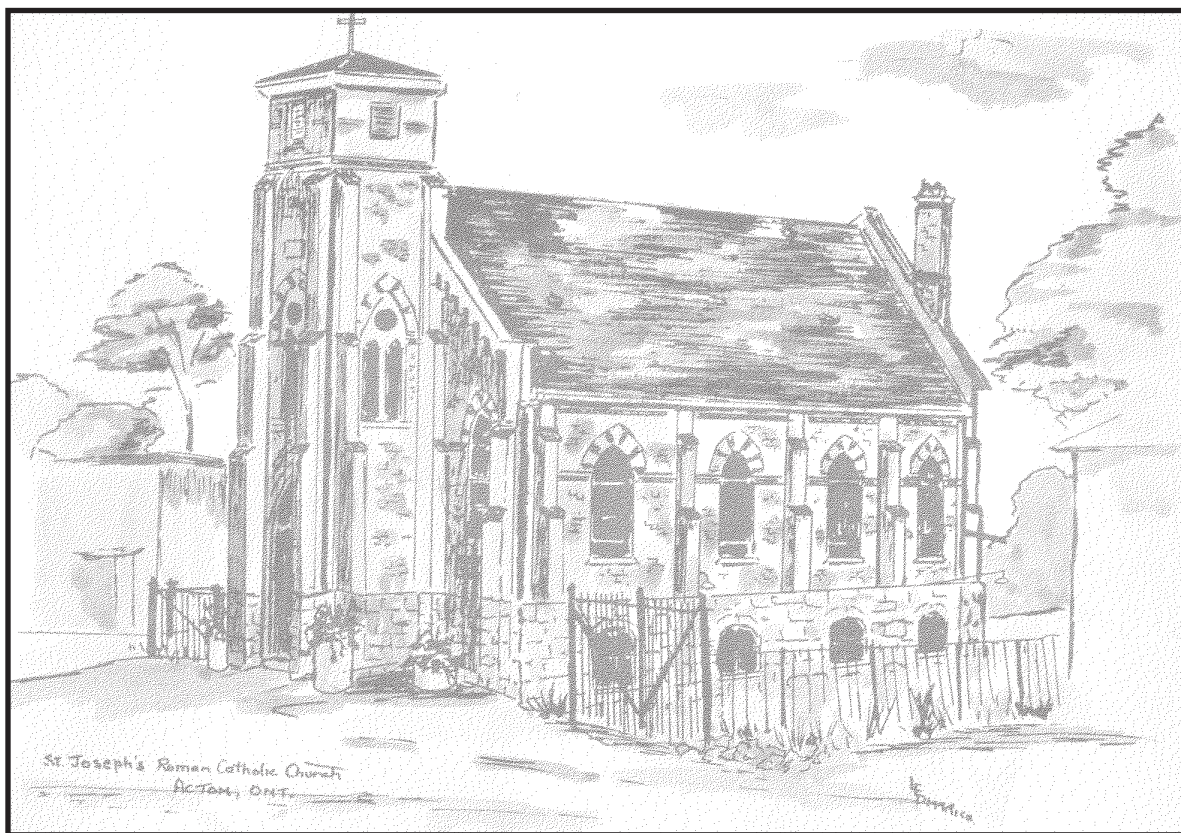
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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.

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**A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:**

**F**or the second week in a row, Jesus asks the question, "What do you want me to do for you?" Would we not love to have Jesus ask the question of us! I'm sure most of us could make lists of the things we wish Jesus would do for us. But the question is, would they be things that mattered?

This question was asked last week to James and John as they approached Jesus hoping to achieve positions of power and glory at His right hand and left hand in the Kingdom.

It was a misguided request; the kind people ask when they do not know what they really want. Bartimaeus, however, knew what he wanted. He wanted to see Jesus.

In this contrast, one can see themselves as they can be in the Apostles James and John. In Bartimaeus, one can see what they should really become.

Bartimaeus was a blind man who wished to be able to see, but Jesus gave him more than physical sight. Bartimaeus is allowed to see something all of us would love to behold, something we live all of our lives hoping for. We want to see God as He really is.

We need to have this as one of our deepest longings. If we could just see God as He really is, we like Bartimaeus would quickly and without reservation or hesitation, simply "follow Him up the road." James and John wanted something worthless, Bartimaeus wanted a real gift, and he was given one.

In his Gospel, Mark shows a contrast between Peter, who said that Jesus was the Messiah but did not grasp what this meant, and James and John and their request to sit at Jesus's left and right; with Bartimaeus, a blind man who saw Jesus for who He really was.

This is the kind of sight Jesus offers to us. This is the kind of response Jesus hopes for from us. If we pray for real sight, or perhaps insight and we look closely enough, we might see the

God who loves us. With this, we would not hesitate to follow as a disciple.

*Fr. Mark*

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**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business, and, in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbours worthy."

- Thomas Merton

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**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

This week please pray especially for:

***Stephanie Lampkin ,  
Dennis DeMelo, Joe Humenyk,***



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

***Querques, Raats, Ramalho,  
Rea, Reinhardt, Richardson***

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**WHEN LIFE CHANGES** Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese is offering our six-week grief program from **November 6th to December 11th, 2024**. The program runs from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton. To register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

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**From the CWL: Keep the date! The annual CWL Bazaar will be held Saturday November 30. Please remember to return 50/50 draw tickets. They may be left in the collection on Sunday.**

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**Beware of Phishing Emails:** A number of emails have been circulated purporting to be from Father Mark, the Diocese, or from St. Joseph's. Please be very cautious. Father Mark and the Bishop will not be sending you emails asking for your help with various things or requesting money or gift cards. Do not respond to suspicious emails.

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OCTOBER 27, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (October 28 – November 3)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Father Joe Hattie, OMI	McCabe and Mulligan Families
Thurs. 9:00 a.m.	People of Ukraine	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Cule Family	Spencer Family
Sat. 9:00 a.m.	<b>All Souls</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Wayne Best	Best Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Alex and Elizabeth Stefanowski	Leonora Baginski and 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.

**CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE:**

Daily Mass for October 31 will be moved to 9:00 a.m. due to Halloween festivities in town. Mass for All Souls Day will be November 2 at 9:00 a.m. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass will be held as usual and is not an All Souls Day Mass.

**Marian Pilgrimage to France & Spain – June 2025**

You are invited to take part in a Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Spain and France from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Fr. Ian Duffy, Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, will be the Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage visiting Lourdes, Lisieux, Nevers, Monserrat, Zaragoza, Barcelona, and Paris. The price of \$5,690.00 Cdn per person includes airfare, accommodation, ground transportation, most meals, and the services of English speaking guides. To register or for more information please contact Edgar Tetelbaum at Gateways International (edgar@gateways-international.com or 1-800-268-0900 ext. 233) There will be an information evening at the Basilica of Our Lady, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph, on November 7, 2024 at 7:30pm. All are welcome.



**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)

**MEETINGS**

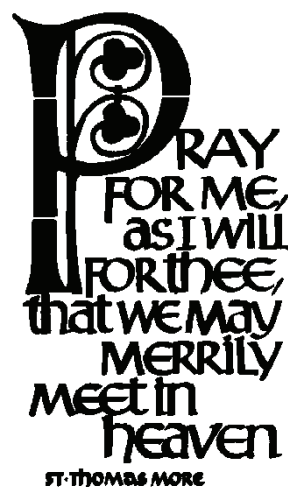
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Tops
Tues.	7:30 p.m.	
Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Acton Sharing

Bulletins are available online at:

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



<b>Sat. Oct 26</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	
Lector	Kathleen	
Ex. Minister	Nancy	
<b>Sun. Oct 27</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
Lector	Kazi	Cheryl
Ex. Minister	Marcus	Lorin





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