

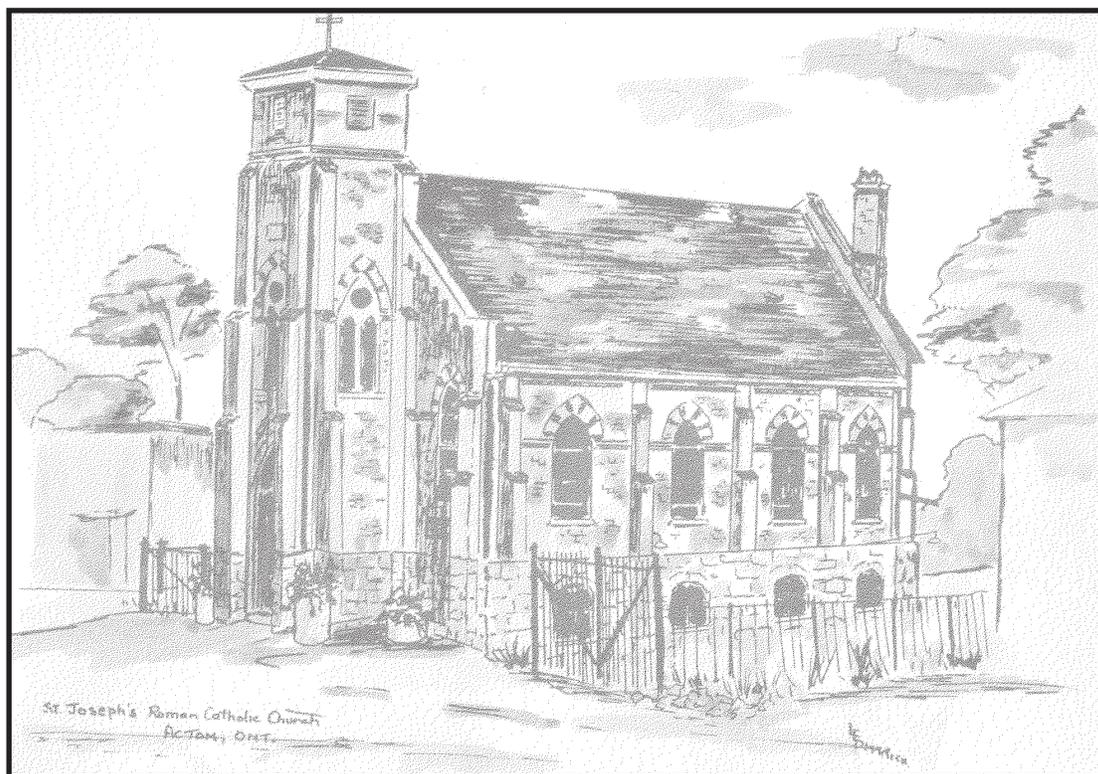
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 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 celebrates the World Day of the Sick. This day coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11).

As a young priest, I had the opportunity to listen to Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki, then the Auxiliary Bishop of our Diocese give a homily on this Feast Day. In his homily, the Bishop brought up Pope John Paul II, now of course St. John Paul, and his struggles with Parkinson's disease. This Bishop, in his homily spoke of how the Holy Father continued to serve the Church even through his personal suffering. I can remember the Bishop stating that the Holy Father's suffering is an inspiration to all of us when we face health issues or other types of suffering.

Many today do not connect suffering through Christ in the lives which they live. All of us will experience suffering in some way, shape, or form. It can be health related or emotional suffering; the types are too numerous to mention. Perhaps it is not our own suffering but that of those around us who we care for and love. All of us have seen loved ones suffering and we wish could have done more for them, but we couldn't. We must let God intervene on our behalf to help them and strengthen them.

Many do not rely on God for this support, or they frankly do not care or understand. In the last number of years, especially at this very moment, we are experiencing a push from our society, the medical community, and our government to increase the reliance on Medically Assisted Suicide. People or experts will say that we should not allow people to suffer in any way. They will use the argument that it is the right of the individual to request or demand this assistance in dying. We come to a 'slippery slope' mentality whereby the government is now wanting to increase the option to have individuals ask for assisted suicide based on issues of depression and so forth.

We are saying as a society that one life is worth more than another. We must remind

ourselves that it is God who gives us life and that we are called to cherish it and to protect it in all forms.

Let us pray on this World Day of the Sick weekend. Let us be strengthened to protect life and to witness life through the grace of God. It is very difficult to profess this and to believe it, but we must. We are called to take our suffering and put it in the hands of our Lord. If we allow this, then we will find redemption in our lives.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive." - C. S. Lewis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Mary Humenyk, Ronnie Lampkin,
Evelyn Morel***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

In Search of Voices: If you are interested in being in a choir at the 11:00 Sunday Mass, please contact me –

Christie deSouza at bluemoon@lartist.com or:
text/call at **519-400-6012**

CWL Members – There is a meeting on Tuesday, February 14 following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

From the Parish Office: Tax Receipts will be available very soon, the paper they are printed on has not yet arrived. 2023 envelopes are still available for pickup in the hall as well.

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life?

Join us on Thursdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. from April 13th - May 18th, 2023, to learn more about what you are feeling and how to gently move forward. You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton program will be offered online using Zoom. To register, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com and look for April 13th under Upcoming Events. To find out more, please call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (February 13 – February 19)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Ray and Rena Arbic	CWL
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Paul Hutchison	Hutchison and Raats Families
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	People of Turkey and Syria	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Patti Inglis	Spencer Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Casiano and Juanita Bustamante	Tet Bustamante
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	Dodie McGilloway	South Family



Please see Eddie MacDonald if you have any questions or are interested in joining the team.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Agnes, Aitken, Albano,
Albert, Amaral, Anastacio***



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: Marc MacDonald: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Young Adults Night - March 4th – Waterloo -
Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, March 4th at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges all 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. Application forms may be obtained from Father Mark

Religious Articles and Gifts for all Occasions

Please call Geralda 905-691-9082

RESTART: Refresh, Renew Revive –Learning, support and fun for anyone who is looking for support after a separation or divorce! These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. **Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month**, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required, but for ZOOM link please contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!



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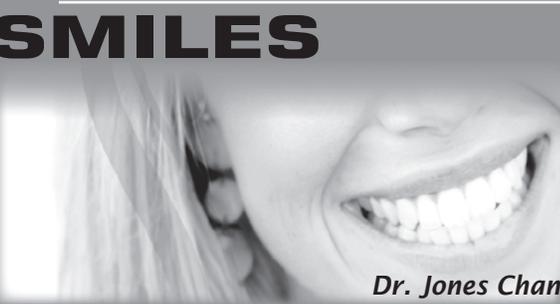
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