

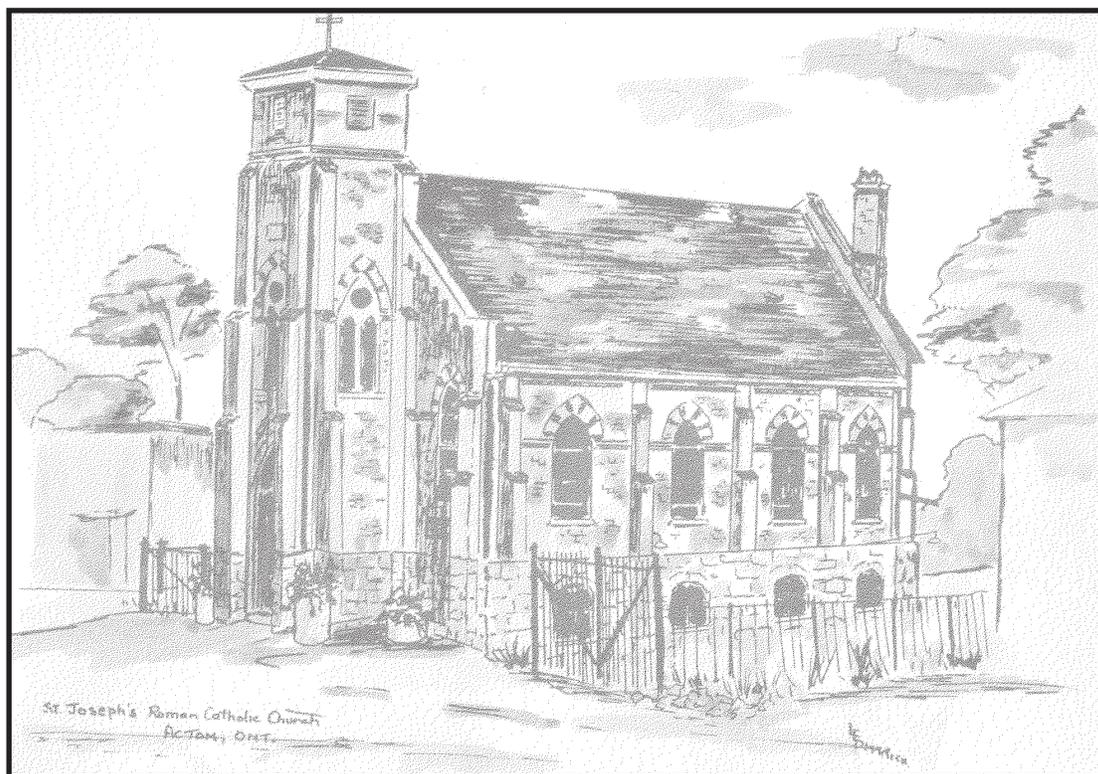
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

The Beatitudes, which we read from the Gospel of this week, can be such a familiar part of our knowledge of the Gospels that we can easily miss their meaning. The message they contain may take a lifetime to learn, but unless we take it to heart, there will be no entry into the Kingdom of Heaven. They explain how to spend this life to attain everlasting happiness in Heaven. Following Christ is not meant to be easy, and it is a challenge we must face every day. We are invited to do things that do not come naturally to us like being humble, showing mercy, and opening our hearts to those in need.

The Beatitudes are shown in both the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Luke which we read from this Sunday. There are numerous differences between the two passages. Many will recognize the passage from Matthew more than Luke's. The Gospel passage from Matthew is one that couples may choose for their wedding and a family may choose for a funeral. Many will feel that the words from Matthew provide more comfort than the words of Luke's. Still, many need to dig deeper into the meaning of the Beatitudes.

We refer to both versions as "The Sermon on the Mount", an accurate title for Matthew but not for Luke. Luke presents Jesus 'coming down' and standing 'on a stretch of level ground'. In Matthew's Jesus stays on the mountain and the multitudes come to Him. In Luke, however, Jesus speaks only to the Disciples. Matthew's version is addressed to rich and poor alike. Luke's is addressed only to those who could be termed 'rich' and not to the poor. These differences are important. They give Luke's version a different meaning than Matthew's.

Matthew speaks of a transcendent world and how we should live for that world to come. Luke is teaching us how to live 'in' the world as it is right now. We live in it by helping build the culture /kingdom of God.

What Luke is teaching is that in our culture, the poor serve the rich. In God's culture, in God's Kingdom, the rich work for the poor. To be rich is to be blessed, but it is to be blessed for a purpose, a vocation. To be rich is to be put into a position by God to help and to serve the poor.

The message contained in this Gospel is both severe and challenging because it is at odds with our customary way of thinking. The Beatitudes call us to have a deeper relationship with God and so be worthy to be in the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Faith is illuminative, not operative; it does not force obedience, though it increases responsibility; it heightens guilt, but it does not prevent sin. The will is the source of action." Cardinal Newman

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Karin Brozic, Fran Walters,
Danielle Little***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

Collection Envelopes – Envelopes for 2022 may be picked up from the church hall.

Tax Receipts for 2021 are also available in the church hall.

The Witness of Faith in the Home is the second talk in our Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 16th from 7-8:30 p.m.

for this wonderful talk by Connie Clark. Connie is the author of numerous books, booklets and articles for parents, catechists, teens and kids. Sharing engaging personal stories, encouragement, and practical ideas, Connie helps families recognize their beautiful, vital role in the Christian community and in the family of God. She will focus on how parents/grandparents/teachers/aunts/uncles/catechists and everyone can guide families as they grow in faith. The entire series, running once per month until June, will be presented by zoom, so you must register for each talk, but can join in by internet or phone. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information on the series and to register. For more information, contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (February 14 – February 20)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners</i>	
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Those who are ill</i>	
Friday 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Karl Kwiatkowski</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Angelo and Maria Zanini	Luisetto Family
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:30 a.m.	Donna Keating	
		Raats Family



This week we pray especially for the following families:

Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and can fill in, it would be most appreciated.

Gajda, Gallagher, Geberlein

Invitation to All the Ladies of the Parish – The CWL is ready to welcome new members anytime! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 following the 7:00 pm Mass. There is no big commitment required, we give what time and energy we have available to various charitable and social activities in our community and beyond. Speak to Christie or send her an email if you have questions. You can also simply fill out the CWL membership envelope, pop in the membership fee, and drop the envelope in the Sunday collection.



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: cwl@lartist.com
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ReStart – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care, and tools for your journey. We invite you to check out the Diocesan website at:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>

to see the programs we offer and to find out dates of the new program for 2022. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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.



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