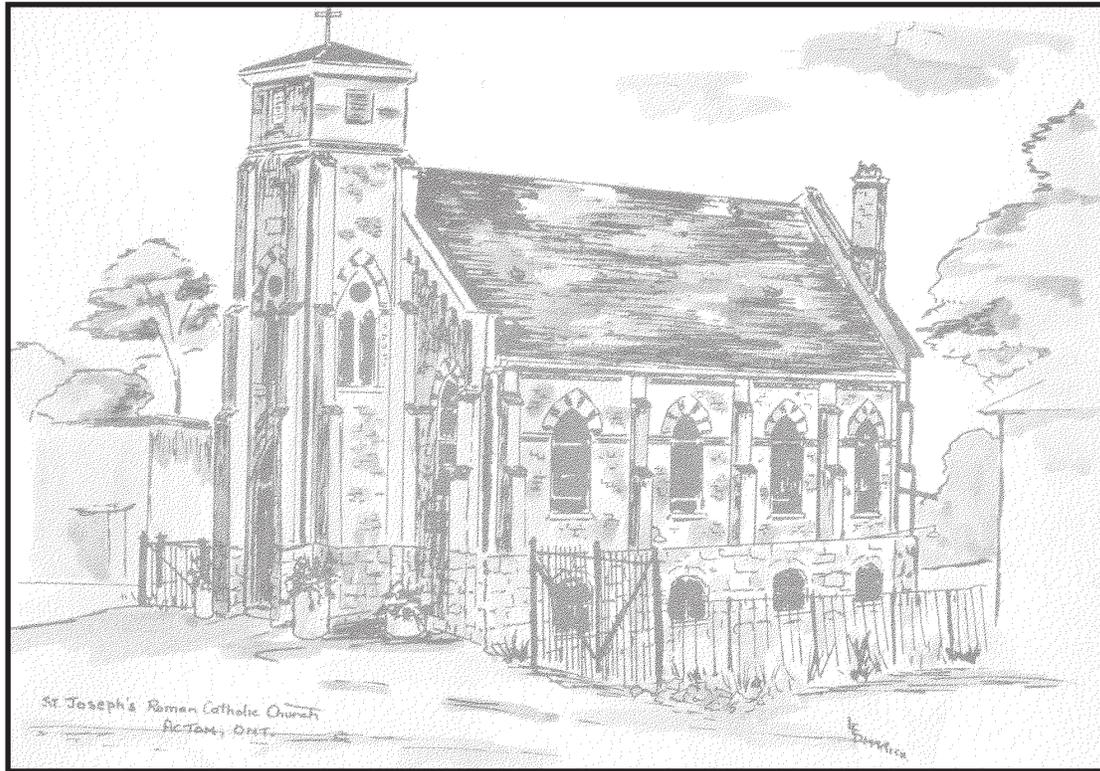


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

## EXPOSITION:

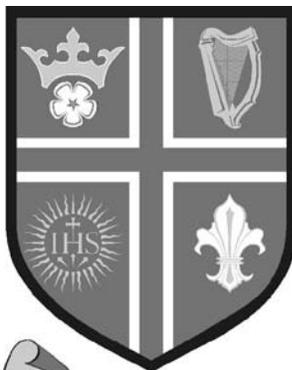
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

## 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 Gospel for this Sunday can be used to speak to many moral issues regarding marriage and divorce. All of us have been exposed to the pain of divorce, whether in our families or between our friends. We always need to remind ourselves of the dignity of marriage and on the permanence of the marriage commitment.

What is interesting about this passage from Mark is that it can easily be misunderstood. It must be seen from the larger context of the message of Christ. To whom is Jesus speaking? He is not actually speaking to people who are divorced but rather, to a group of Pharisees, a group of religious lawyers. They have challenged Jesus on a legal issue, and He responds in kind.

If Jesus has any frustration, it is with the fact that the Pharisees are far too short-sighted. They knew that God created marriage from the very beginning of creation. The Pharisees, however, were looking for an easy way out. We must always learn that Jesus never takes the easy path. He takes the 'God Path' which is the right path.

Our gospel teaches us that Jesus is proclaiming the ideal of marriage. Jesus speaks of living a life together that is just and honourable and filled with concern, each for the other.

Jesus is teaching that we are pointed towards the perfection of creation from the beginning of time. We must remember the context of our Creator. We were made in love, for love.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"I cannot think that we are useless, or God would not have created us. There is one God looking down on us all. We are all the children of one God. The sun, the darkness, the winds, are all listening to what we have to say."

Geronimo

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Helen Fowler, Mary Albert,  
Rhonda Chartrand***

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We are praying especially for the following families of our parish:

***Pereira, Phillips, Podsada,  
Pratt, Previte, Pupo***

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**WALK TOWARDS TRUTH** - The Walk Towards Truth is a 21 km reflective walk, organized by a group which is eager to work on awareness and healing with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. The Walk, on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, passes by the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford (the former Mohawk Institute Residential School) towards the Six Nations of the Grand River reserve, a journey many of the children would have taken. We mourn the loss, and fundraise for the Woodland Cultural Centre, to support the community and to keep the memory of the children alive. For further information, and to donate, please go to:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/64711/donation>

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## Message from the Diocese of Hamilton:

### *COVID Vaccines*

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

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OCTOBER 3, 2021

		MASS INTENTIONS (Oct 4- 10)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Iwona Kwiatkowska</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parishioners</i>	
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of The Indigenous Peoples of This Land</i>	
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Jay and Janet Raats</i>	Raats Family
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Helen Klemencic	Tim and Cathy Coles



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.

Sat. 5:00 p.m.  
Sun. 8:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.

### 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](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)  
K of C: Sean Saunders: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**Bulletins** are available online at:  
<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

**From the Parish Office:** Bulletins are back on a weekly basis. Items to be inserted in the bulletin must be in writing or via email and received by Tuesday at noon for the upcoming weekend's publication.

### Rockwood Life Chain - October 3

One hour could save a life! All are invited to come together for an hour of peaceful prayer and witness. Join Life Chain, a pro-life prayer chain, to pray for women and families who have been wounded by abortion, to pray for women to choose life, and to witness to the value of every unborn child. In Rockwood, Life Chain will be from 2-3pm at the intersection of Main St between Alma and Cobblestone (at Waterside Park). For more info, visit [guelphforlife.com](http://guelphforlife.com) or call (519) 836-6311.

### October 2-3, 2021, is Respect Life Weekend.

As Christians, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

### How can you celebrate Respect Life Weekend?

- Pray over life issues.
- Pick up our Respect Life postcard at your church or check for it on the church website.
- Donate to pro-life education or get involved in Halton Alive's programs.

### Connect with us!

905-632-3232 or [info@haltonalive.com](mailto:info@haltonalive.com)  
[www.haltonalive.ca](http://www.haltonalive.ca)



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