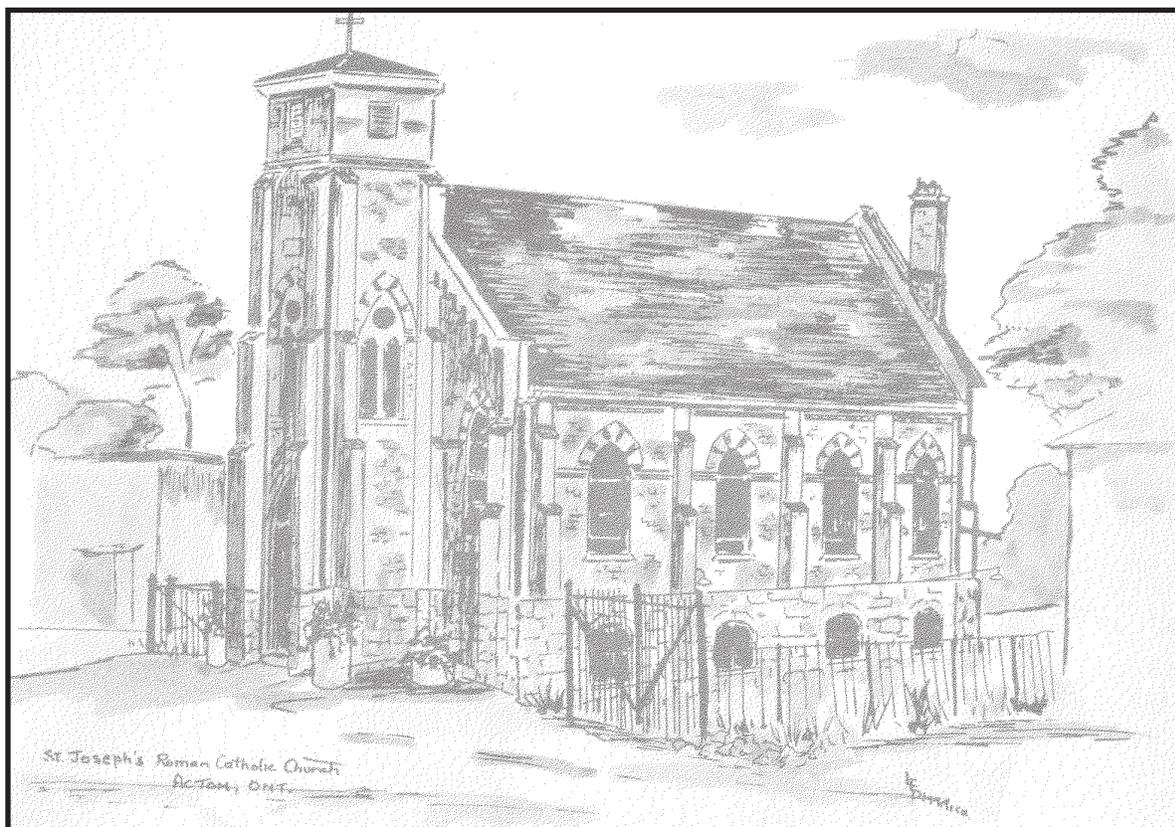


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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:

**W**ith this being the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary time, we will be reading from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount until the beginning of Lent.

It may come as a disappointment to ambitious minded people that God does not look for success measured in human terms. Nowhere do we hear this message more clearly than in today's Gospel passage, which is the opening of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon is generally known as the Beatitudes. In poetic language this tells us what a true Christian should be and spells out the correct relationship of a person to God.

We might feel uncomfortable as we listen to Christ's perspective on what brings happiness right now in this life and not just in the future. In a startling reversal of earthly standards, He puts a high value on mercy, forgiveness, and gentleness.

He rejects out of hand, wealth, rank, and freedom to do what we choose, because they give us the impression that we can manage our affairs without taking God into consideration. We need to see, that human success and power count for nothing in God's eyes. Holiness and wealth do not fit comfortably together.

I just used the word 'happiness' and some may have read the Beatitudes with the word 'happy' instead of 'blessed'. We are reminded that Jesus neither calls us to nor does He offer us happiness. Instead, He calls us to 'blessedness'. To 'be blessed' is to be consecrated. In its original context it meant to be consecrated by blood.

The peace that Matthew mentions in the Beatitudes is 'Shalom'. This peace, rather than being the absence of bad things happening or the absence of war, is our sense of wholeness, our sense of being in the proper place in life. We often have little control over happiness, the word does mean by luck or by chance rather, 'blessedness' and peace are always within our

grasp. Today's gospel offers us the way to achieve both.

What Matthew delivers to us in the Beatitudes is that to be 'blessed' we must accept our consecration to God by the blood of Jesus. To accept that who we are and what we have is a gift from God and it is an act of humility. To believe that we have nothing apart from God is to find a secret. The secret is that making God the priority in our lives brings peace.

I also wish to take this opportunity to encourage all of us to pray for the new Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, Bishop Joseph Dabrowski. Bishop Dabrowski will be installed as our Bishop this upcoming Monday. Let us pray that his time as our 'Shepherd' will be one of great blessings for our Diocese.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"God sends us friends to be our firm support in the whirlpool of struggle. In the company of friends, we will find strength to attain our sublime ideal."  
- St. Maximilian Kolbe

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Anna and Stan Lis, Bob Dzioba,  
Mary Palmateer***



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

***Swain, Tanney, Taradan,  
Taylor, Toledo, Topan***

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**Important: Salt Shortage** There is currently a severe National salt shortage with reserves going to municipalities. We will be having to revert to a salt/sand mixture which will not completely melt ice but provide traction. Please be cautious and aware of changing conditions in the parking lot.

**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (February 2 – February 8)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Geralda Savoie</i>	Janine Milton
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Maria and Antoni Pozniak	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Maria Albano	Schiafone Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Jay Raats</i>	Raats Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Cecilia Pigozzi	Luisetto Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Cathy Coles and Family</i> Pro populo	Geralda Savoie



**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)

**When Life Changes Grief Program Part One** - Using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material these programs are intended to help you to understand your grief and provide practical tips and support for helping you through. The program will be offered Feb. 18 – March 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:00 PM at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. All are welcome. To register, look for the program start date under Upcoming Events on the Diocesan home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com), or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**MEETINGS**

Tues. 7:30 p.m. K of C Executive  
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing

**2025 Envelopes are available in the hall.** Tax receipts will be prepared soon and issued for annual minimum donations of \$25.00.



**Sat. Feb 7 5 p.m.**  
 Lector Lillie  
 Ex. Minister Patricia

**Sun. Feb 8 9 a.m. 11 a.m.**  
 Lector Jay Lizzie  
 Ex. Minister Kazi Lar

**CWL Members and Ladies of the Parish:**

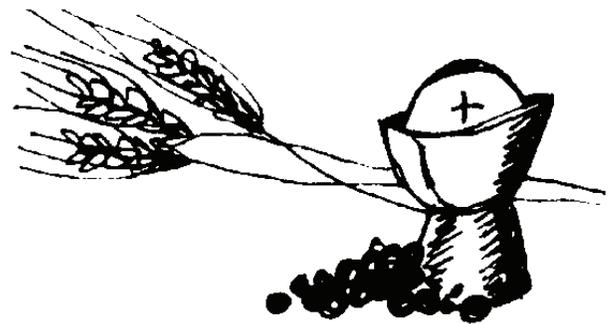
CWL annual membership fees of **\$40.00** are now due. Please put in an envelope marked for the CWL. Please include your name, phone number, email address (if applicable), and home address, and put it in the weekly collection. **Any cheques should be payable to the CWL.** If any women in the Parish would like to join our group, you are more than welcome! Just do the same as above and we will contact you to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

**Winter Weather Conditions:**

During inclement weather, we remind Parishioners to be cautious when coming to Mass and be prepared to stay home if conditions are treacherous. We wish all our Parishioners to be safe both on the roads and on the sidewalks this Winter.

**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.





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