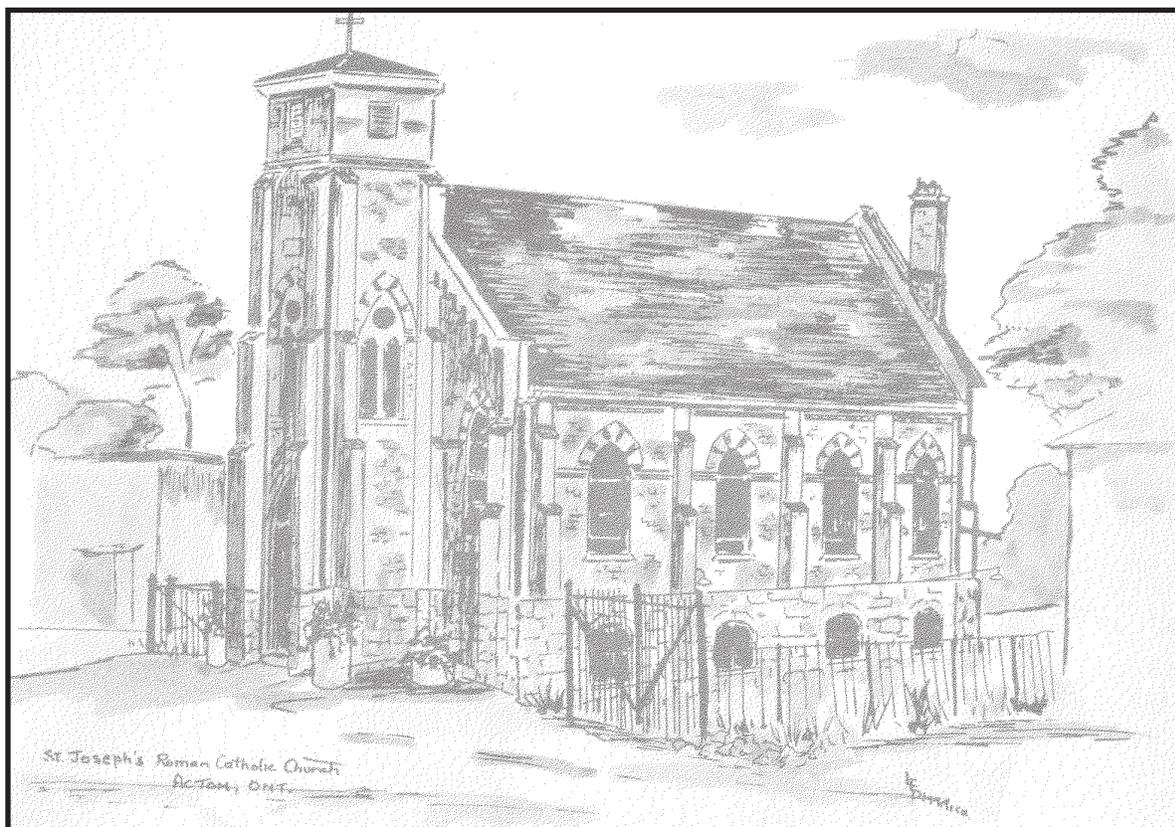


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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.

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

This past Monday, we in the Diocese of Hamilton welcomed our new shepherd, Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA, as the tenth Bishop of the Diocese. At the Mass, a souvenir booklet was given to all who attended. On the last page of the booklet there was a description of Bishop Dabrowski's coat of arms. All bishops have a coat of arms when they are ordained. It is a combination of both personal and episcopal touches.

The rest of this bulletin message is what was written in the booklet.

### Bishop Dabrowski's Coat of Arms

Bishop Dabrowski's Coat of Arms is divided into three parts with white, red, and green backgrounds. Red and white appear on both the Polish and Canadian flags, while white, red, and green appear on the Italian flag. Poland is the land of his birth, Canada is his present home, and Italy is where he received his priestly formation and where he was ordained a priest.

**The Symbols on the Shield** In the white section, a crowned letter M represents the Blessed Virgin Mary. This ancient monogram has marked Marian devotion since the Middle Ages. Here it expresses Bishop Dabrowski's deep love and devotion to *Theotokos*, Mary, the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church.

The uppercase letter "J" honours Saint Joseph the Worker, the humble carpenter of Nazareth (Matthew 13:55), and reflects Bishop Joseph's baptismal name. The carpenter's square beside the letter symbolizes the quiet strength, steadfast Faith, and diligent craftsmanship of the revered patron.

Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, connects Bishop Dabrowski to his home parish of St. Joseph in Wysoka Strzyżkowska, Poland, where he received the sacraments of initiation and celebrated his first Mass as both priest and bishop. It also links him to Saint Joseph Minor Basilica in Castel Sant'Elia (VT), Italy, where he was ordained to the diaconate and the priesthood.

In the green section, a flaming sword with wings represents Saint Michael the Archangel, the defender of the Church. This symbol reflects Bishop Dabrowski's spiritual roots in the congregation of Saint Michael the Archangel (the Michaelite Fathers), to which he has belonged since his youth and where he served for many years as both priest and leader. The flame and wings signify faith in action, courage, and divine protection.

**The Motto** Bishop Dabrowski's episcopal motto, "*Jesu, in te confido*" – "*Jesus, I trust in You*" – is the phrase that accompanies the image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy revealed to Saith Faustina Kowalska. These words summarize his life rooted in God's love and mercy, and echo the Scripture: "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord." -- *Jeremiah 17:7*

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope."  
— Thomas Merton

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Milt Cowan, Jacques Agnes,  
Bishop Crosby**



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

**Torres, Turchiaro, Umbrello,  
van Asseldonk, Verzosa, Vlasic**

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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 9 – February 15)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Mary Albert</i>	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Bishop Dabrowski</i>	
Thurs. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Sick of Our Parish</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Maria Albano	CWL
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Pope Francis	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Paul Hutchison	Raats Family
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



**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**

Tues. 7:30 p.m. CWL General  
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing



**Sat. Feb 14 5 p.m.**  
 Lector Maria  
 Ex. Minister Chris

**Sun. Feb 15 9 a.m. 11 a.m.**  
 Lector Kazi Lar  
 Ex. Minister Ann Lorin

**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.

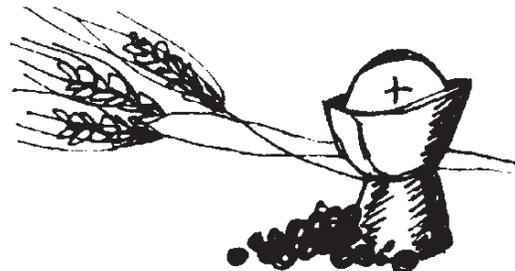
**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH #156** We communicate by using words, sometimes without thinking about their impact. Words can build someone up or tear them down. It is the same in our relationships, the words we choose to express ourselves can impact our relationship, even when there is an issue, positively or negatively. Severe words that criticize, words used in harsh tones, words that are not true, or worse, saying nothing at all but acting angry, all escalate sometimes small matters into a storm. Speaking the truth and expressing needs in ways that are not negative will resolve matters and do no harm, in fact, they will strengthen your love and bond. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**2025 Envelopes are available in the hall. Tax receipts are at the back of the church.**

**SPRING BOOK CLUB: "ON LOVE OF THE POOR"** The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invite you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation, *"On Love of the Poor."* Aligned with our Lenten journey, this series will explore the key themes and messages of our Holy Father's message on love and solidarity with those who experience marginalization. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

**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 including your name, phone number, email address (if applicable), and home address, and put it in the weekly collection. **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.





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