

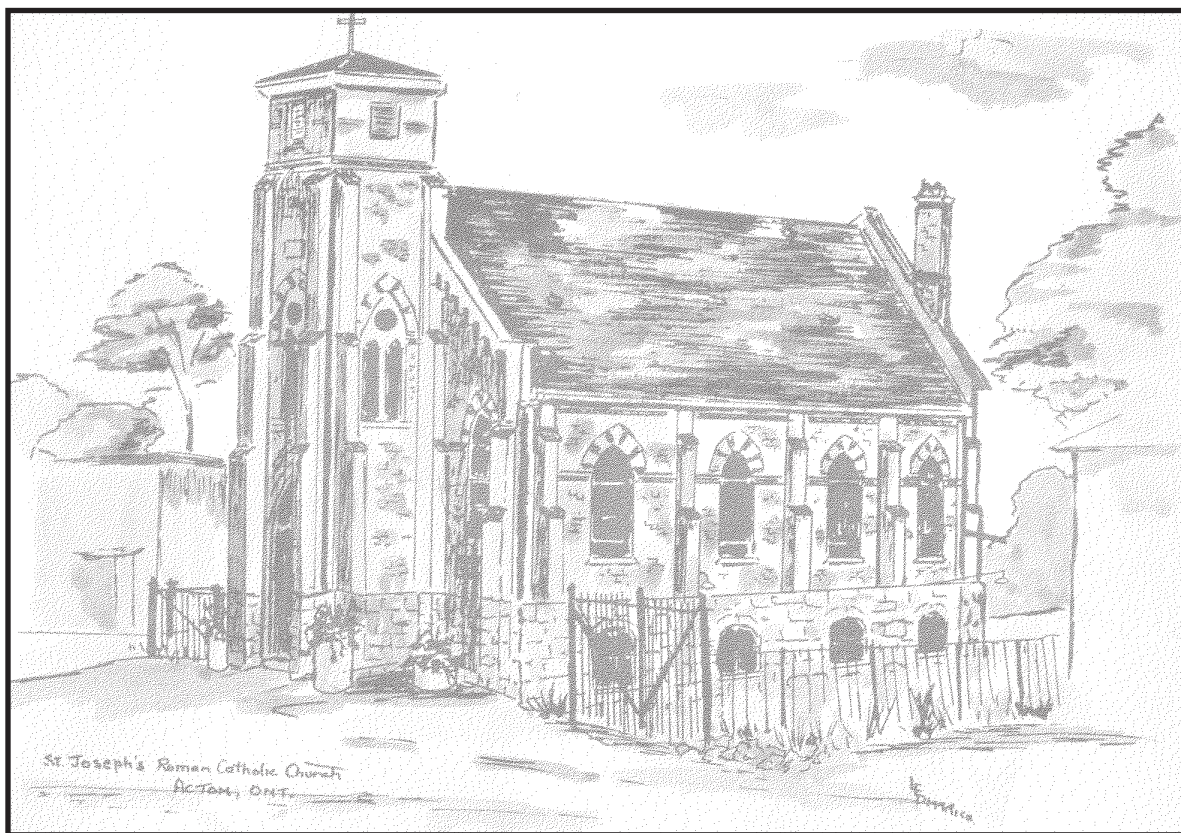
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

### 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  
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:

**T**hroughout this Season of Easter, we will be reading from the Book of Revelation for the second readings on Sundays.

The Book of Revelation is a fantastic book of Scripture which brings many interpretations. Many see Revelation as being a book of 'doom and gloom'. Some saw Revelation as being proper for the end of time as we began the new century in the year 2000. Yes, there are certainly some fantastic visions and statements in the book. Unfortunately, ignorance of Revelation leads to a most un-Christian response to hardships.

Revelation is a book written by a man named John to a very specific group of Christian communities in what is now Western Turkiye. Some scholars feel that John is the Apostle John, the only Apostle not to have been martyred. Others feel that the author is a disciple of John. Whatever the case may be, the text is basically detailing his diary.

A theme throughout the book is that the authorities do not understand Christianity. They are also afraid of it, viewing it as being a subversive cult. With this world situation in mind, John has been banished to an island called Patmos. The writer encourages these early communities to keep responding to their faith and to endure.

When we think of enduring something, we think of simply putting up with something for a while. For John, endurance is more than just putting up with something, he saw it as being a virtue. It is the virtue of staying loyal despite every reason not to. Endurance is not just lasting through a hardship; it is thriving despite hardship. This is the call of Revelation, to stay loyal to our faith, to thrive in it. This is the response of a believer.

While John's words can be frightening they can also be words of hope. He writes of God's ultimate triumph for those who choose to endure. Revelation was written to people in Turkiye who found themselves struggling. The initial burst of enthusiasm of the early Christians had faded. The followers were now trying to define themselves and to develop creeds to profess as a faith. It was a minority religion, distrusted and without credibility. Still, John wrote words of encouragement and support.

In the passage for this Sunday, we see the fantastic image of the Lion and the Lamb. It is a contradiction; many would see the Lion as being powerful and strong. Not so the Lamb. John is saying that nothing exists apart from God. Obviously, the Lamb is Jesus, and it is through Him that all of us can come together under God's love. Association with Jesus is our goal, however, there is a task to be undertaken. It is to build the Kingdom of God.

The Book of Revelation is a book which can bring us hope to strive and to endure in our lives. We are connected to Christ, and we must not be afraid.

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: "Go down again - I dwell among the people."

- Saint John Henry Newman

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Colleen Decarlis, Lisa Fuller,  
Madeline Ainsworth***



**Family Prayer**

This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Nelles, Niedzielska, Nieroda, Nolan,  
Nother, O'Farrell-Carberry***

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**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

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### YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2025. Join us as we explore the Practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review the full course list and for more information, please visit:  
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MAY 4, 2025

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May 5 – May 11)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	B. Fister	Family of B. Fister
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Ann Mervar	Kosir Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Giuseppe and Maria Querques	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Matthew Kwiatkowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Carol Paisley	Bev Duval
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo Tadeusz Knapczyk	Zofia Gal



**Sat. May 10 5 p.m.**  
Lector Patricia  
Ex. Minister Chris

**Sun. May 11 9 a.m. 11 a.m.**  
Lector Andrew Marcus  
Ex. Minister Jay Aaron

### MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops  
Tues. 7:30 p.m. K of C Executive  
Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing Group



### 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)

**LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE: ST JEROME'S UNIVERSITY** St. Jerome's University, Waterloo hosts a series of public lectures each year on a variety of important and prevalent topics within Catholic life. On **Thursday, May 15**, Father Greg Boyle, SJ will be speaking on the power of love through his experiences of ministry at "Homeboy Industries". For more information on the Lectures in Catholic Experience and to explore recordings of previous lectures, you are invited to explore the St. Jerome's Website: <https://www.sju.ca/LC>

### THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration can be found under Upcoming Events on the home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com), or by calling Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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