

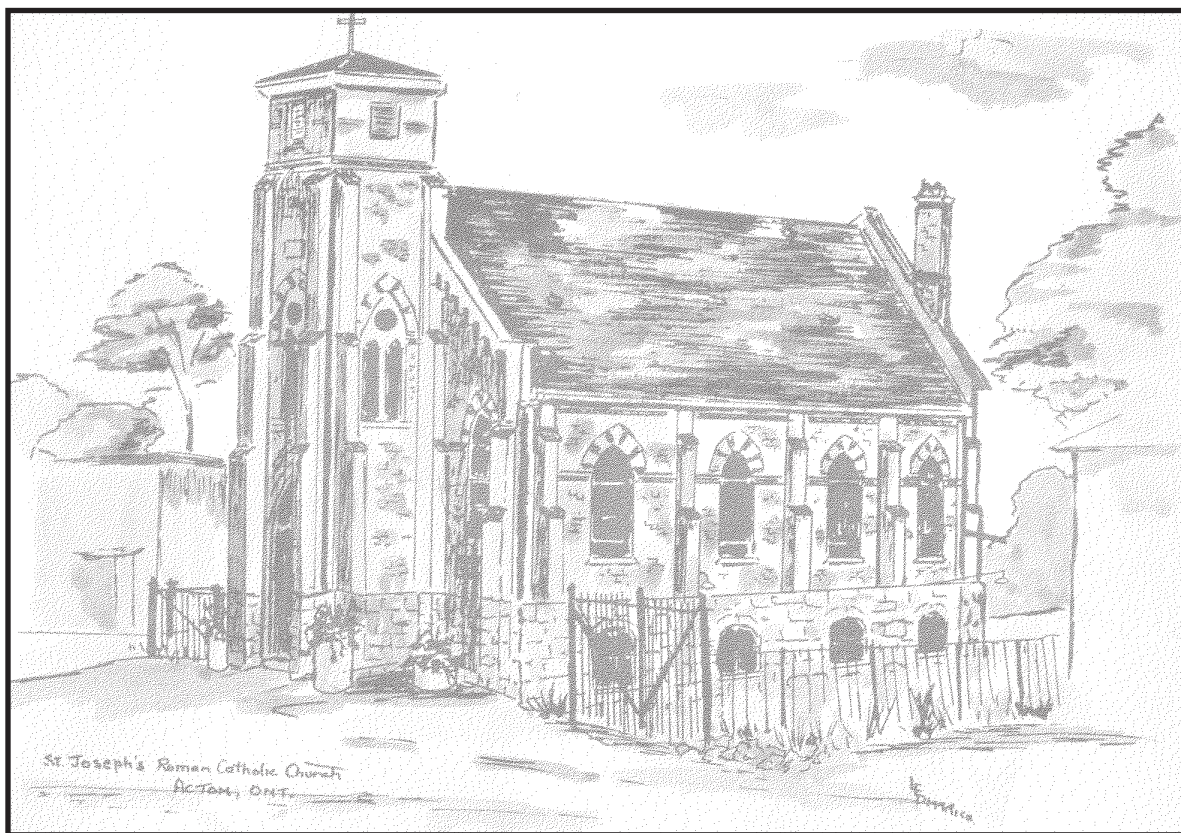
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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  
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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:

**W**e begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. We will be reading from the Gospel of Matthew for most Sundays throughout the year.

Matthew wrote for a Christian community whose members were primarily converts from Judaism in and around Jerusalem. During the time of the Gospel being written, the followers had seen the Roman-Jewish war which led to the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. This led to the Christians being forced out of the synagogues and the start of persecution of the group.

Matthew's community was also being ridiculed for its belief that Jesus would return. After all these years, where was He? For many, this belief became an embarrassment, and this led many to abandon their faith. Thus, we have Matthew's passage today.

The community had seen the destruction of the Temple, many had died, and Christ seemed not to be coming. In our Gospel passage this Sunday, Matthew reminds the community that Christ will return because He promised He would. Jesus did not lie. We misunderstood. Even Jesus Himself said, "No one knows the day nor the hour. Only the Father knows that".

We are reminded today that we inherit and share this faith. Jesus is going to come again. On this First Sunday of Advent, we are called to remember once more that "we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ".

With this being the First Sunday of our new liturgical year, we once again will explore the coming of the Lord, His life and teaching, His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, and remember His promise to return. What this season of Advent gives us is a chance to start over on that journey, to renew ourselves and once again make ourselves ready. We do this through our preparations for Christmas.

In preparing to celebrate the moment of His first coming, we are actually honing our preparations for His Second Coming. The celebration of Christmas, the Feast of the Incarnation, is not just a celebration of what has already happened, you might say that it is a rehearsal for that day when Christ will come again.

As we begin this season of Advent, we have an opportunity to start again. Today, the past year does not matter. Today is the start of a new liturgical year, the beginning of the pilgrimage once more.

We look toward to Christmas for a vision of our future and in preparing for another Christmas, we have that chance to live life differently this year so that we will be ready for when He comes again.

*Fr. Mark*

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"God could, had He pleased, have been incarnate in a man of iron nerves, the Stoic sort who lets no sigh escape Him. Of His great humility He chose to be incarnate in a man of delicate sensibilities who wept at the grave of Lazarus and sweated blood in Gethsemane."  
- C.S. Lewis

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Austin Hunak, David Champagne,  
Ian Munday***



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

***Marchese, Marciniak, Masse,  
Mastracci, Masse, McCabe***



## 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)

**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

**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.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Dec 1 – Dec 7)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. Dec 2 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Father Mark</i>	Janine Milton
Wed. Dec 3 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Karol and Darice Kwiatkowski</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. Dec 4 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Bishop Crosby</i>	
Fri. Dec 5 9:00 a.m.	Jos Bosboom	CWL
Sat. Dec 6 5:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Janine Milton</i>	Geralda Savoie
Sun. Dec 7 9:00 a.m.	Slawko and Anna Staneckyj	Kazi and Zorika
Sun. Dec 7 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



**Sat. Dec 6 5 p.m.**  
 Lector Maria  
 Ex. Minister Patricia

**Sun. Dec 7 9 a.m. 11 a.m.**  
 Lector Ann Gita  
 Ex. Minister Jay Lar

## MEETINGS

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

**CWL Christmas Dinner** - Tuesday, December 9 is the night of the CWL Christmas dinner (at the General) hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets for the ladies' Christmas dinner are for sale after weekend Masses: \$30. Mass will be at 6:00 that night and the dinner will begin at 6:30

**POPE LEO XIV, APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION**  
**DILEXI TE, "I HAVE LOVED YOU"** The Holy Father's first apostolic exhortation was released in October. The document focuses on the powerful bond between our love of Christ and his call for us to love and care for the poor. A virtual copy of the document can be accessed on the Diocesan website.

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT** Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations during the Advent Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, December 6th** at Holy Cross Church (14400 Argyll Rd, Georgetown, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE:** Since 1982, the Lectures in Catholic Experience have brought leading scholars, activists, religious leaders and other professionals to St. Jerome's to offer opportunities to engage with the critical issues of our time, particularly as they intersect with faith and the life of the Church. This year's theme is **"Living Mission on the Margins."**

Each lecture is hosted in the Notre Dame Chapel on the St. Jerome's campus and is free and open to the community to attend. Lectures can be attended in-person, streamed live online or viewed in perpetuity on YouTube. The full list of lectures for the 2025-2026 academic year can be found here: [www.sju.ca/lce](http://www.sju.ca/lce)

### 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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