

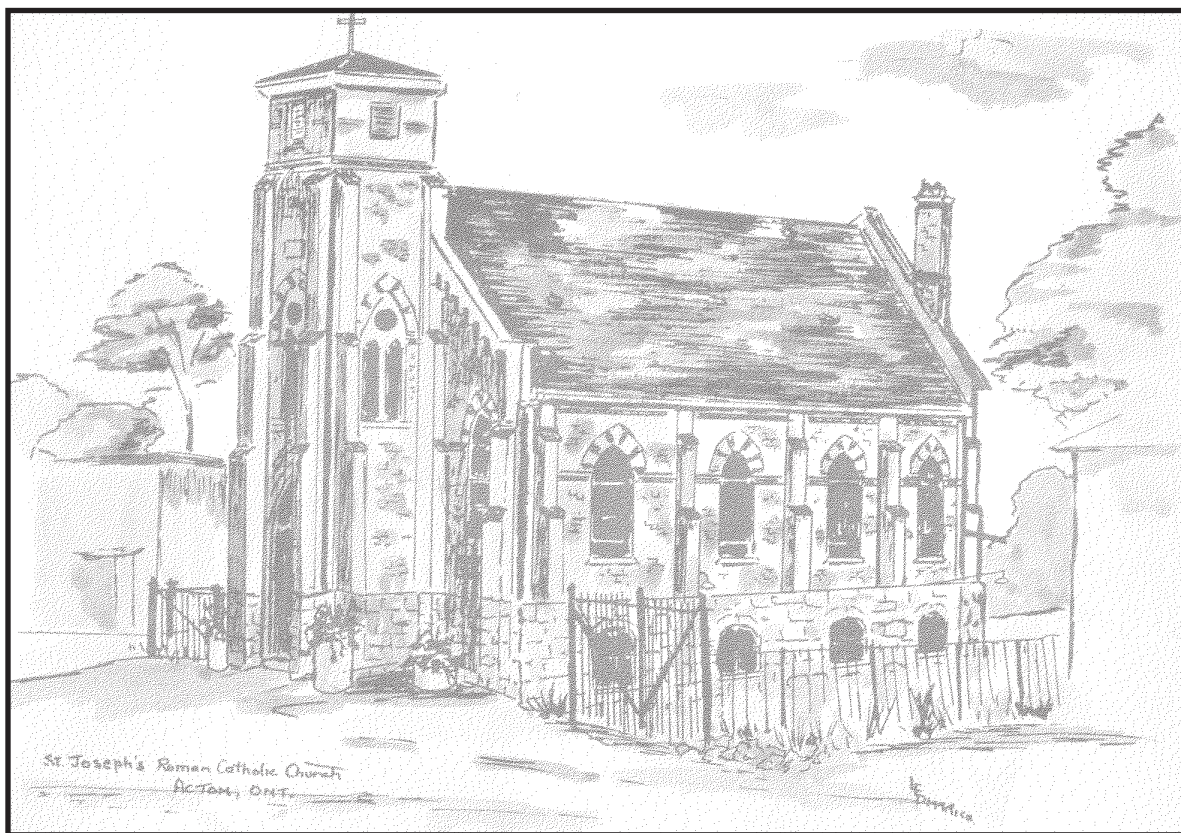
St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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
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:

For the past couple of weeks and for the next few, we will be reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians each Sunday. With this in mind, I wish to express some random facts about the Letter and its history.

Today, the town of Philippi no longer exists. Its remains have been designated as a World Heritage Site in northeastern Greece. The nearest modern site to this historical location would be the town of Krinides. The remains of the ancient town consist today of a well preserved ancient Greek theatre, a Roman forum ruins, early Christian basilicas, and an ancient highway.

In the time of St. Paul, Philippi was a Roman colony, whereby veterans of the Roman armies were able to live in retirement. With this situation, Philippi was not a centre for commerce, so few non-Romans lived there. Even when Paul went to preach there were not even enough Jewish people to establish a synagogue. Regardless, because of Paul's teaching, Philippi became the first Christian community in Europe. Not surprisingly, the general population had not welcomed Paul and his companion Silas. In fact, they even imprisoned them.

The fledgling Christian community came to Paul and Silas's aid. Later, when they got news of Paul's imprisonment in another town, they sent him financial aid. They helped him on other occasions as well, thus Paul's letter to them is for the most part, a thank you letter.

The letter to the Philippians has been called "The Letter of Joy" as Paul understandably had a special affection for the Christian community in this town. Yet, Paul was aware of divisions within the community, something that caused him great heartache. Therefore, in the midst of his thanks, Paul spoke of the need to unify the community and for the people to improve their relationships with one another.

Paul saw only one way to accomplish this. He asked the Philippians and us as well, to choose the way of Christ, the way of humility.

In his letter, Paul writes that Jesus, though He was the Son of God, 'emptied' Himself. He humbled Himself, and He became obedient. Jesus never ceased to be divine, but by choice He set privilege and power aside so that He could be fully human. Jesus does not ask us to do anything that He Himself did not do. He asks for our love, humble service and loving obedience. These three strong attitudes can truly give us strength in our lives.

God's desire for us is our unity in Christ. This is what Paul wanted for the Philippians. We must be sure we know the mind of Christ. To know Christ's mind, we must be with the community of faith when Christ speaks. Christ speaks to us wherever two or three are gathered.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"When you are weary of praying, and do not receive, consider how often you have heard a poor man calling, and have not listened to him."

Saint John Chrysostom

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Roberto Luisetto, Denise Harper,
Patricia Deevey**



Family Prayer

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

**Bilof, Blanchet-Haffey, Boccia,
Bodi, Bolina, Bonello**

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT Fr. John Ha, our new Vocations Director, 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. 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, October 3rd at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

From the Office: all cheques to our Parish should be made payable to:

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DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 28 – Oct 4)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Ray Arbic	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	For Nuria and Clive, In Thanksgiving	Gomes Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Jack South	Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	Deceased of the Braida, Duval, and South Families	Yvonne Caswell



Sat. Oct 3 5 p.m.
 Lector Patricia
 Ex. Minister Chris

Sun. Oct 4 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Ann Cheryl
 Ex. Minister Penny Lar

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.



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
 K of C: Ian Nolan: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

MEETINGS

Tues. 7:30 p.m. KofC Executive
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing

Bulletins are available online at:

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

Parent and Child Drop In – Join us for our first ever **Parents' Group** meeting! Drop-in any time between **9:30 -11:30 am** on the first Wednesday of every month in the church basement for fellowship, activities, and community with other parents. Look forward to coffee and treats for the parents, and toys and activities for your little ones. Bring your babies, toddlers, and kids and we'll see you on **October 7th!** Please see Penny McCabe or Father Mark for any further information.

CWL 50/50 draw

The CWL would like your help in selling their 50/50 tickets. We will be distributing them after each mass and hopefully you will take some and sell them to family and friends. The tickets can be returned in an envelope marked 50/50 and put in with the weekly collection by **Nov 23**. This is an important fund raiser and contributes to our charitable causes. We thank you in advance for your support.

WALK WITH JESUS: A Retreat Day for Parents Who Have Experienced the Death of a Child

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us for this healing day. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we know this day will help to restore your inner core. The retreat will be offered from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, October 10 or Saturday, November 7th. The \$20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required for set up and lunch. Register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the date of the retreat), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.





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