

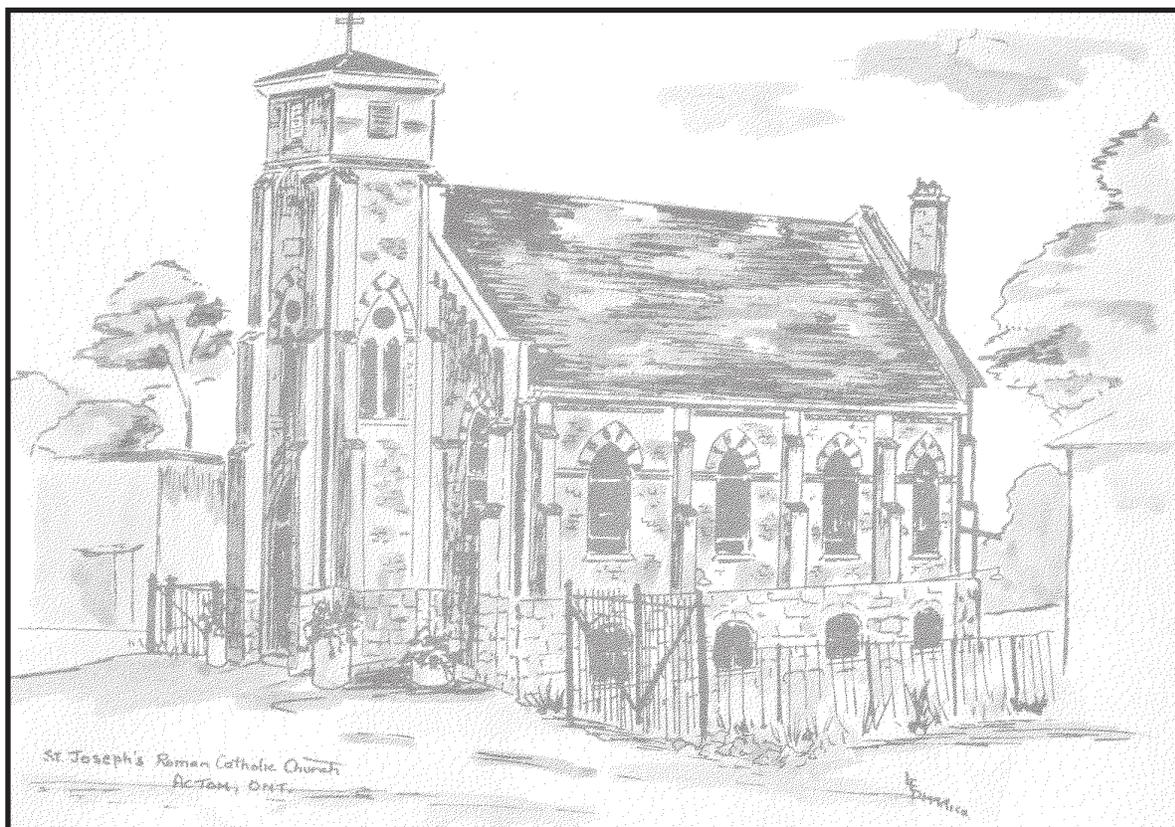
St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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:

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the annual Hamilton Diocesan clergy seminar where the theme was the Synod which is being held in Rome at the present time. The Synod will continue till next year.

One of the speakers at the seminar was Father Tom Rosica who has done much work in the media through Salt and Light Television, which is the Canadian Catholic television network.

Father Rosica, in his presentation encouraged his fellow priests to talk about and explain the importance of this Synod. There have been numerous false statements pertaining to the Synod. Father Rosica explained that it has been difficult to explain to people what the Synod is all about. Father Rosica plainly stated that this Synod and all previous Synods remind us that the Church truly lives in our society which is presented to us at this time, as well as maintaining its beliefs and traditions handed on by Christ.

Father Rosica also encouraged the priests to present to our parishioners a prayer which is being used at this Synod and previous Synods as well. The prayer is attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (560- 636). The prayer invites the Holy Spirit to work within us so that we may be communities of grace and peace. It is as follows:



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

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together
To eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the
Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.

Fr. Mark

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Jean Smith, Cecilia Tracy,
Marg Davey**



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

**Vlasic, Vranic, Weglicki,
Zions, Zylstra**

From The Parish Office: The office will be closed from Sept 18 through Oct 2. No bulletins will be published for the weekends of September 23 and September 30. While the office is closed telephone messages will be monitored. If necessary, Father Mark can be reached by email at **msullivan@hamiltondiocese.com**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 18- Sept 24)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	People of Ukraine	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Maria and Giuseppe Querques	Querques and Spehar Families
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Jack Baker	deSouza Family

YOUTH MINISTERS RETREAT- The annual Youth Ministers' Retreat for the Diocese of Hamilton will be held the weekend of Friday, September 22nd to Sunday, September 24th at Mount Mary Retreat Centre. The retreat is open to all those who minister to young people within the diocese. Information and registration about the retreat can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> or contacting youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM - The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes September 30th and can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/>

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.

Bulletins are available online at:
<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>



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

SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm - September 19, October 17, November 21, and December 19, 2023. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca

STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION?

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**



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