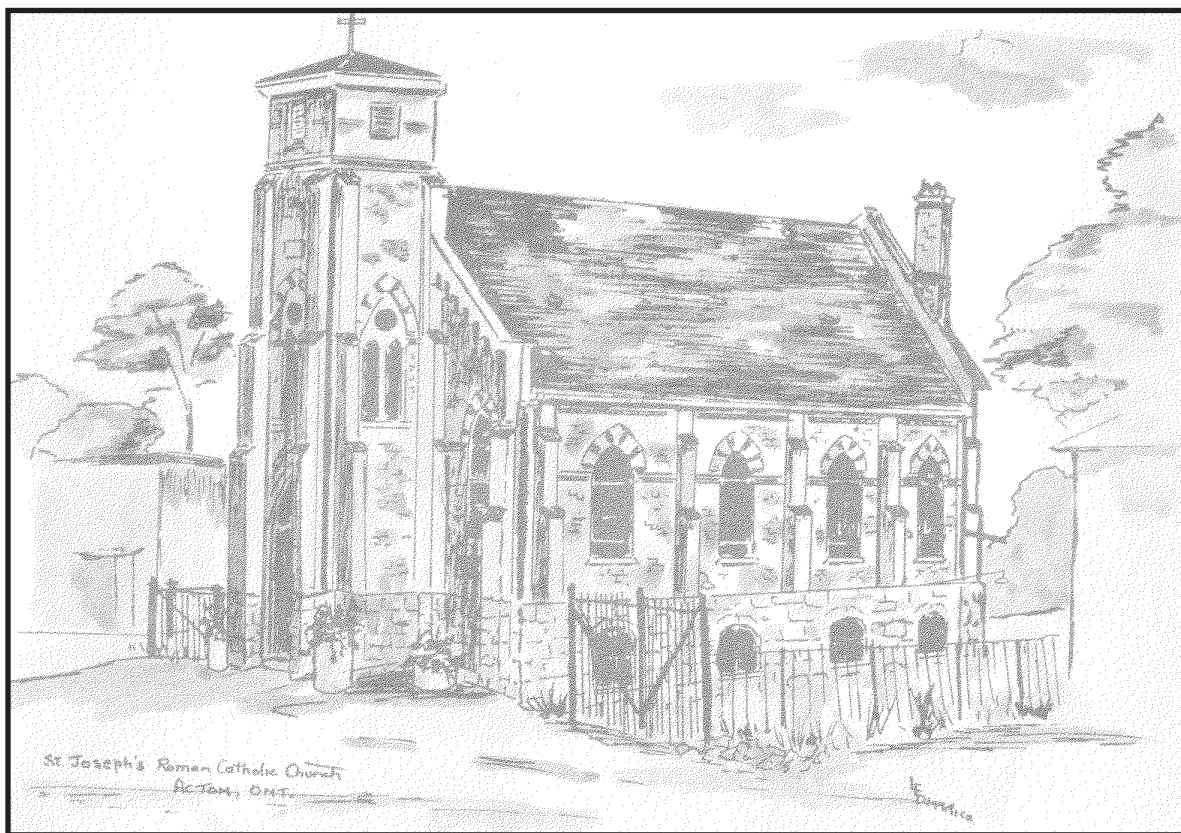


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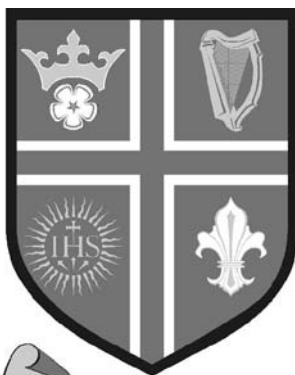
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## SUNDAY MASSES:

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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

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### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

**A**s I have mentioned on numerous occasions, one of my favourite Catholic writers is the late Father Benedict Groeschel who was a Franciscan Friar. I had the joy of hearing Father Groeschel speak twice in person. Once, on a retreat at the Franciscan retreat house in New Rochelle, New York. The second time was three years later at our Diocesan clergy seminar in Burlington. Both events were great memories for me as a Catholic and as a priest.

One of my favourite books was written by Father Groeschel and is titled: *The King, Crucified and Risen*. Father Groeschel wrote the book in 2002, and it is based on meditations on the Passion and Glory of Christ throughout the season of Lent and the First week of Easter.

The book ends with this Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday. The late Pope John Paul II, now Saint Pope John Paul, proclaimed the title for this Sunday in 2000. In that year, the Pope canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska, the apostle of Divine Mercy. She was declared the first Saint of the new millennium.

The private revelations given to this humble young Polish nun have mesmerized countless numbers of Catholics and even other Christians toward the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The writings were carefully studied for ten years by a theologian who was under the direction of the Holy Father, then Archbishop of Krakow.

According to the writings of Saint Faustina, the loving heart of Our Saviour calls us all individually to come to Him for forgiveness, healing, and salvation. She saw this as an alternate image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Jesus knew that the heart is fragile and that it fails in His call to love one another. As Jesus enters the locked room, He gives peace, 'shalom'. This peace is not a freedom from upsetting things in our lives; this peace is the well-being that comes from believing that God is with us.

This peace, this unity with God, this reconciliation with God is what Jesus had to offer. This peace is what Saint Faustina prayed we would discover if we would only trust in Jesus Christ.

People seldom give others who hurt them a second chance, but Jesus gives all of us the chances we need to fully trust Him. This is the forgiveness of Divine Mercy.

I would like to end with a prayer from Father Groeschel's book:

*"Oh Lord Jesus Christ, the Mercy of God, you descended into this world to reveal the Father to us in ways that no one else ever did or ever could. Your message of mercy is an immense consolation to those struggling to practice their faith who have dear ones and friends who have been enticed by the spirit of the world. We are renewed in our prayers for them by the hope of Divine Mercy. Amen."*

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done."

(C.S. Lewis, *Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer*)

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Nuria Gomes, Bob Dzioba,  
Jacques Agnes***



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

***Dayao, De Almeida, DeBruyn,  
deSouza, Dick, Doucette***

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APRIL 12, 2026

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (April 13 - April 19)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Jacques Agnes</i>	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Nestor and Jaroslawa Peczeniuk	Kazi and Zorika
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	World Peace	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Antonio Gallo, Oresto Gallo, Eufrasia Marchese, and Pasquale Marchese	Pietro Gallo
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Maria Albano Pro populo	Schiafone Family



**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:

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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. Apr 18 5 p.m.**  
Lector Lilli  
Ex. Minister Nancy

**Sun. Apr 19 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.**  
Lector Catherine Cheryl  
Ex. Minister Jay Lorin

**THE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI** The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this to be the "Year of St. Francis of Assisi," a special Jubilee in celebration of the 800<sup>th</sup> year since the holy death of St. Francis. The Diocese of Hamilton has put together a special webpage in celebration of this moment of faith. Join us in prayer and contemplation as we turn our hearts towards this saint of simplicity, peace, and joyful discipleship. All resources for adults and young people can be found here:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/year-of-st-francis-of-assisi/>

**WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027** The young people of the world have begun their preparations to meet with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV at the 41<sup>st</sup> International Celebration of World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith, visit: <https://wydseoul.org/en> Join us in praying for all young people discerning their participation from our Diocese.

**To all ladies of the parish:** The CWL is looking to grow and we need your help. You are cordially invited for an evening of social interaction and reflection in joining or leading the CWL in Acton. We have a guest speaker, CWL Diocesan President, Teresa DiFalco, who will be guiding us in this endeavour. Please join us on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 in the Church Hall.

From the Knights of Columbus 8050 - Thank you to all the volunteers and patrons for their time and support in making the Lenten Fish Fry a success. Proceeds raised go back into the community.





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