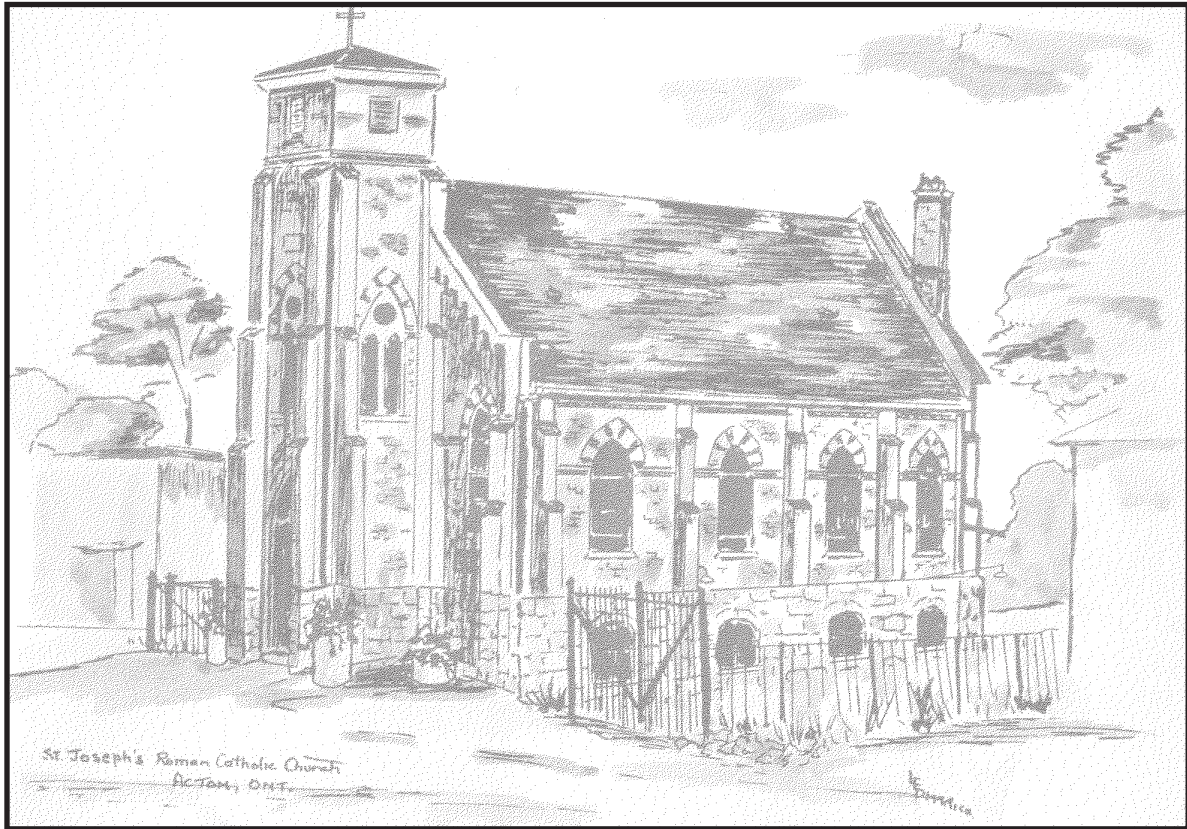


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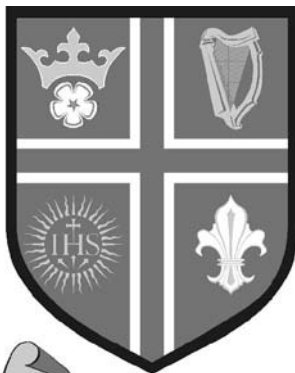
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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
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BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

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By arrangement one year in advance.

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Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm
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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:

For the last few years, when we put out our Parish Nativity set, I noticed that the statue of the shepherd had lost its staff. Without the staff he looks as though he is giving somebody a 'fist' punch.

I finally decided to repair the statue after last Christmas. There is a lady in Acton who is a talented dollmaker and works in a local store. I approached her recently and asked if she could repair the statue. She was more than happy to do the repairs. This past week I picked it up and she has done a wonderful job. She was able to match the staff perfectly with the gold trim of the statue. Feel free to come by the sacristy to look at it or please take the opportunity to look at it when we put it out once again for Christmas.

The image of the Shepherd for Christmas brings me to this Fourth Sunday of Easter. Pope John Paul II declared this Sunday as being Good Shepherd Sunday which prays for and promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

As we read and listen to the Gospel this Sunday and in it the words of Jesus, they should take on an added meaning for us. We are in the Easter Season. We have celebrated Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus had to die Himself to live His new life. Jesus has shown us that to live life to its fullest we must die ourselves to rise to new life. Our secularized world appears to fill our needs, but what it offers only leads us into deeper despair.

Only dying to ourselves as we follow Jesus will lead us to the happiness we seek. Jesus teaches us that the way to happiness lies not in filling up each of our wants, needs, and desires. The way to happiness lies in a very different choice of life; the way to happiness may be found in sacrificing and taking up our cross with Jesus, reproducing the life of Jesus in our own.

In the time of Christ, the shepherd brought the sheep into the sheepfold every night. It was a circular stone wall with an opening or doorway where the sheep entered.

Once the sheep were inside for the night, the gatekeeper slept in that opening all night. The sheep could not get out without stepping over the gatekeeper's body, which meant they would not get out at all during the night.

We must understand that Jesus is the gate; anyone who enters through Him will be safe and will go freely in and out and find pasture. Others may steal and destroy, but Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

On this, Good Shepherd Sunday, we are called to pray for vocations and pray that many may listen to the voice of Jesus and so enter the sheepfold through Him, in order that they may live life more abundantly.

Fr. Mark

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:
**Gerry and Laura Kupferschmidt,
Milt Cowan, Roberto Luisetto**



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

**Fuller, Gajda, Gallagher, Gallo,
Giliaskas, Gomes**

Bulletins are available online at:

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

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges all 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. Application forms may be obtained from Father Mark

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (April 27 – May 3)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Pope Leo</i>	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Kazi and Zorika</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	World Peace	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Teresa and Luigi Bottero	Luisetto Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jakub and Wanda Tyszkiewicz Pro populo	Kazi and Zorika



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

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 41st 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.

MEETINGS

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



Sat. May 2 5 p.m.
Lector Kathleen
Ex. Minister Patricia

Sun. May 3 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Lector Jay Lizzie
Ex. Minister Ann Aaron

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 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 is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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 800th 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/>





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