

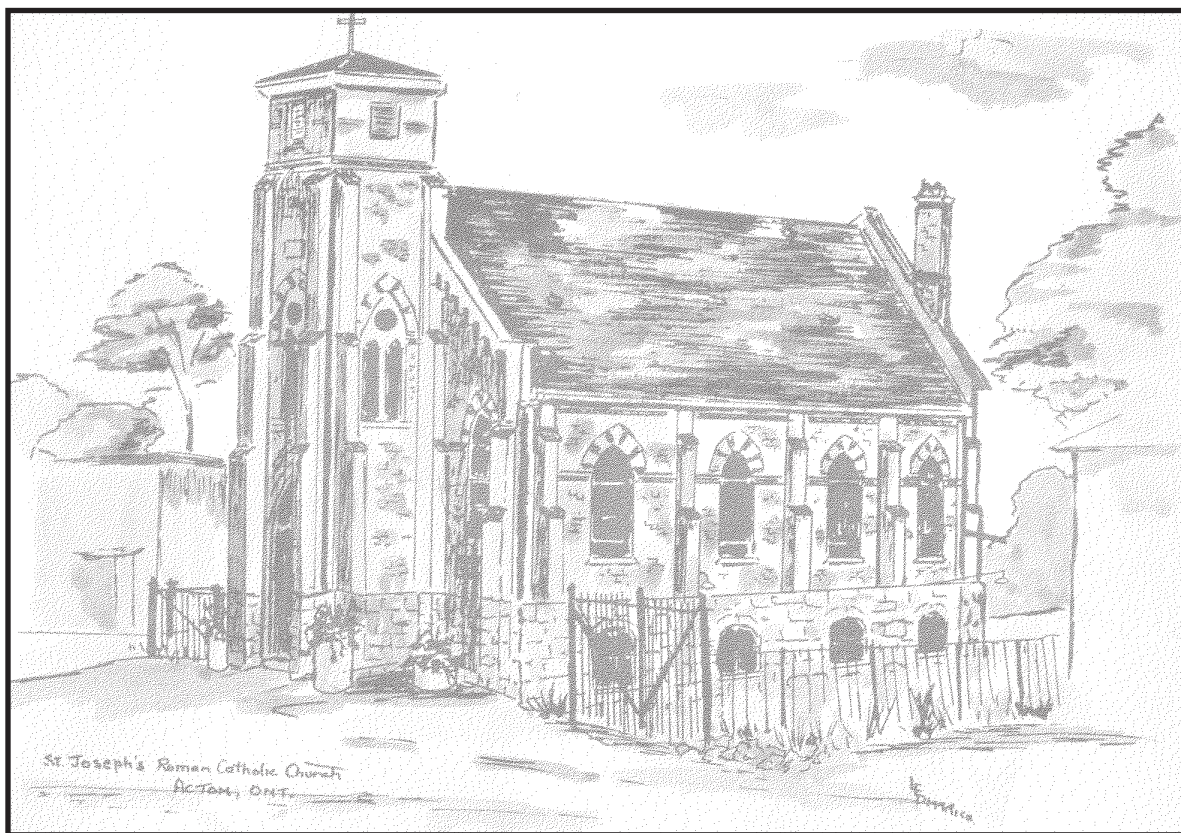
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Saturday 5:00 pm

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:

After writing about Saints Peter and Paul in late June, I decided to write about another famous Saint this Sunday.

St. Lawrence's Feast Day is celebrated on August 10th each year, however it is not celebrated this year because it falls on a Sunday.

We know St. Lawrence as being an Archdeacon of the Church in the Third Century in Rome. I was looking up some information about this great Saint and we, as a country, have a number of connections to him.

St. Lawrence is one of the patron saints of Canada and there are many landmarks named after him. The most famous is the St. Lawrence River. Jacques Cartier came across the mouth of the waterway in 1535 on the Feast Day of St. Lawrence, August 10th.

In our own Diocese of Hamilton, one of the most beautiful churches is St. Lawrence Church in the north end of the city. I encourage you, if you happen to be in Hamilton, to look up and visit this beautiful church. You will not be disappointed.

Locally, here in Acton, we also have a connection with St. Lawrence. He is the patron saint of many vocations. For us, he is the Patron Saint of tanners, and course, Acton was developed on the tannery business. St. Lawrence is also the Patron Saint of firefighters and cooks. Many of us know or have loved ones in these fields. He is also the Patron Saint of archivists and librarians because he was entrusted with keeping the writings of the early Church. Once again, many of us have loved ones in these fields.

Perhaps, the most famous story about St. Lawrence was just before his execution and martyrdom. The Roman Empire started a severe persecution of Christians in the year 258 A.D. Pope Sixtus II was arrested, and he advised St. Lawrence to take care of the Church's artifacts. The Prefect of Rome ordered St. Lawrence to turn over the treasures of the Church to the Empire. St. Lawrence defied this order by giving monetary sums and other treasures to the poor of Rome. When he was summoned to face the Prefect, he was again ordered to turn over these treasures. What St. Lawrence presented was people who were poor, blind, and sick, boasting that these

were the 'treasures' of the Church. Obviously, this led to St. Lawrence being imprisoned and ultimately executed.

Traditionally, it is believed that he baptized fellow prisoners while waiting to be martyred. He was basically roasted alive on a large grill, but it was believed that he was joyful in accepting his martyrdom in following Christ.

What can we learn from St. Lawrence today? We can learn that throughout our daily struggles we can pray to St. Lawrence to give us the strength and perseverance to carry on with our lives with a sense of joy which St. Lawrence possessed in many ways.

I wish to once again offer thanks to all parishioners for your payers and Mass Intentions following the death of my sister, Jane McDowall in July. My family also extends their most sincere gratitude.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"It is not speaking that breaks our silence, but the anxiety to be heard. The words of the proud man impose silence on all others, so that he alone may be heard. The humble man speaks only in order to be spoken to."

— Thomas Merton, [Thoughts in Solitude](#)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:

**Helen Stroz, Pat O'Meara,
Curtis Golden,
Nicole McInnis, Ronnie Lampkin,
Evelyn Morel**



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

Week of Aug 11 – Aug 17:

**Borkowski, Bourque, Brozic, Buck,
Campos-Teharia, Campbell,**

Week of Aug 18 – Aug 24:

**Cantwell, Carpio Dias, Cassar,
Castellino, Caswell, Champagne**

AUGUST 10 & 17, 2025

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Aug 11 – Aug 17)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. No Mass		
Wed. No Mass		
Thurs. No Mass		
Fri. No Mass		
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Jean and Fran Marcoux	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Helen Klemencic	Ann Montgomery
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Aug 18 – Aug 24)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. No Mass		
Wed. No Mass		
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Ron and Shirley Dunlop	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Maria Albano	Ray and Rena Arbic
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Anne Merrett</i>	Dave and Janet Bell
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Siena Ancker	Yvonne Caswell



Sat. Aug 16 5 p.m.
 Lector Patricia
 Ex. Minister Nancy

Sun. Aug 17 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Ann Gita
 Ex. Minister Jay Lar

Sat. Aug 23 5 p.m.
 Lector Lilli
 Ex. Minister Patricia

Sun. Aug 24 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Jay Lizzie
 Ex. Minister Kazi Aaron

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:

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Summer Bulletin Schedule: Please note the bulletin will not be published each week throughout the summer. The next bulletin will be published for the weekend of August 24th.





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