

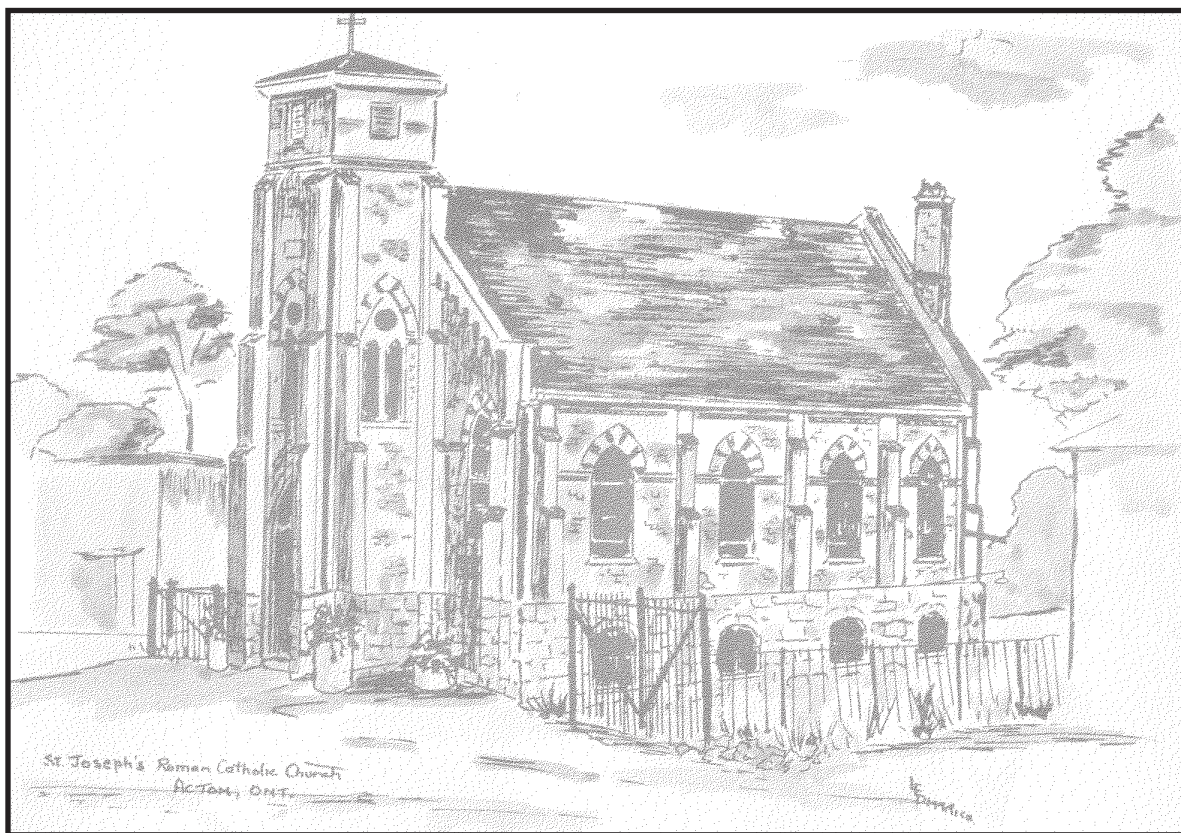
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Saturday 5:00 pm

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:

Many of you will know that I enjoy the game of football. Baseball was my favourite sport even when I was young, but I will place football as my second favourite sport to watch and follow.

Two famous NFL coaches who I have always followed and read about throughout my life are Vince Lombardi and Don Shula. What always intrigues me about these two men was not only their teams or win of lose records, but also their religious beliefs.

Both men were devout Catholics. They both attended Mass almost everyday of their live. They also were both in the seminary for a period of their lives. Lombardi studied in New York City, while Shula studied for the Jesuits' order in Cleveland. I still have in my personal library, two books which my grandmother gave me for Christmas in the mid 1970's. One was on the last season Coach Lombardi coached, while the other was a biography of Coach Shula. I still periodically will glance at these books though they are both over 50 years old.

For this bulletin blurb, I wish to concentrate on Coach Lombardi. He was famous for his quotes in motivating his teams. His most famous was: "winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." Coach Lombardi supposedly was always embarrassed about making that statement, that it didn't come out the way he meant it.

There is another one of his quotes which we can use in explaining the Gospel of this Sunday. It goes like this: "Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence." In many ways this is what Jesus is teaching the audience in the Gospel as well as us.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the word 'strive'. Jesus said to the people, "strive to enter through the narrow door." The word 'strive' is interesting. It is a word used to describe the amount of energy necessary to win a football game or another athletic event.

I did not come across any quotes from Coach Lombardi that mentioned the word 'strive', but we can attest that football players truly 'strive' to win. Their energy expenditure is enormous. Some players require oxygen after only two or three plays. The players don't drink just a little fluid during their games; they drink gallons of fluids to replace what is lost.

This is what Jesus is saying we must do! This is the level of energy we must devote to accepting our Salvation! Jesus' story tells us that some will not make the effort, some will start late, and others will only casually associate themselves with God rather than making a genuine commitment. Casual acquaintances and introductions are seldom remembered by anyone.

Jesus does not say that getting to Heaven is impossible, but He does say, as does St. Paul, that it will take work. Striving' requires living as God's intimate friends. It requires 'discipline', another word Vince Lombardi was fond of using in quotes to his players.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"If a thing is free to be good, it is also free to be bad. And free will is what has made evil possible. Why, then, did God give them free will? Because free will, though it makes evil possible, is also the only thing that makes possible any love or goodness or joy worth having."
- C.S. Lewis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Mary Palmateer, Jacques Agnes,
Bob Dzioba,**



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

**Clough, Coles, Conroy,
Cordeiro-Rodrigues, Costley, DaCruz**

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2025! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? **The Frassati Leadership Program** may be for you. Join us as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>

AUGUST 24, 2025

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Aug 25 – Aug 31)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Fran Marcoux	Mary Smith
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Harry and Anna Stupak	Kazi and Zorika
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Giuseppe and Maria Querques	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus 8050 and their Families	Knights of Columbus Council 8050
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Wilfred Duval	His Children
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Aug 30 5 p.m.
Lector Maria
Ex. Minister Chris

Sun. Aug 31 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
Lector Kazi Lar
Ex. Minister Ann Lorin

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

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT IN SEPTEMBER Young Adults Night – Hanover Fr. Mark Morley 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 on Saturday, September 6th at Holy Family Parish (352 – 10th Avenue, Hanover, Ontario). The Young Adults Night will begin with a Holy Hour (7:00pm-8:00pm) in the church and will continue in the school with a social with food (8:00pm-8:30pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:30pm-9:30pm), and Compline (9:30pm). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>
For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

MEETINGS

Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing

Knights of Columbus and CWL Meetings will resume in September

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM - This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will run Tuesdays from Sept. 23 – Nov. 25 from 7-9 pm and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

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