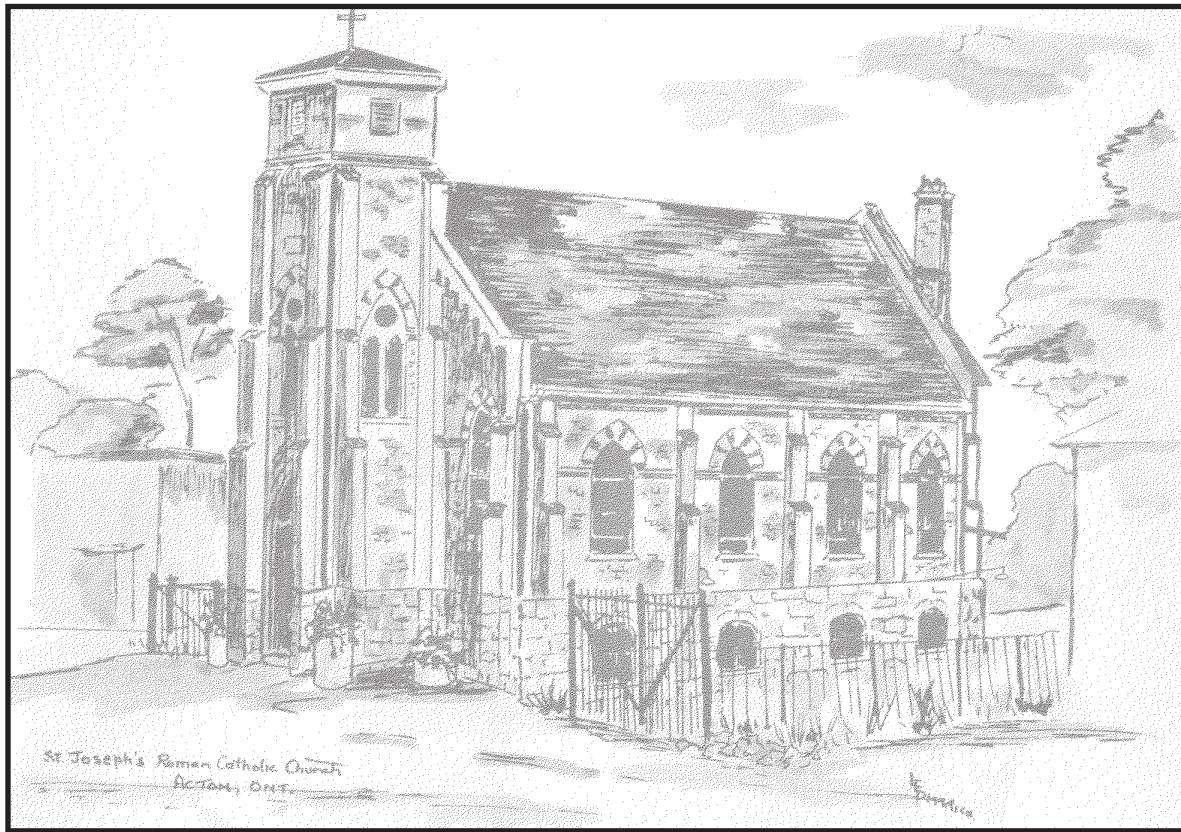


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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
Knights of Columbus
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BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

MARRIAGES:

By arrangement one year in advance.

CONFESIONS:

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:

We come to the end of the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This year we are fortunate because we are able to celebrate the full Christmas Season. If you recall, last year we celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord on Sunday, but the way the calendar was last year, this Feast was celebrated the very next day on Monday.

This Feast of The Baptism of Our Lord calls us to ponder the Christmas events which we celebrate and how they allow God to enter the world. The presence of God in the world was announced by angels to shepherds, those who needed God.

The Epiphany speaks to us of the star that guided the Magi to the Lord. The idea of the star invites us to look to the heavens as well, to seek God for ourselves. Today, on this Feast Day, we hear His voice in the world pointing us toward the presence of Christ.

The late Pope Benedict XVI in 2009 spoke of these events in an Epiphany homily of his: "These are all signs through which the Lord never tires of repeating: "Yes, I am here. I know you. And there is a path that rises from you to me.'" God chose to become human like us, to become visible and tangible, to become personal, to make His presence among us something we can feel.

On this Feast Day of the Lord's Baptism, a question which is asked and pondered each year is, why did Jesus accept to be baptized by John? We believe in a baptism for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus had no sin.

One reason which we can explain is that Jesus' Baptism was a process to begin creating a new identity within His followers. Our identity would now be dependent on something new. Our identity would be found in the waters of Baptism.

Jesus' Baptism changed God's identity and introduced us into a personal relationship with Him. In waters of the Jordan, Jesus united Himself with us. Pope Benedict said that

"Baptism is, so to speak, the bridge (Jesus) built between Himself and us, the road on which He makes Himself accessible to us."

This Sunday, we are reminded of our identity through Baptism. We should ponder what the baptized look like so that we can begin to look like those pleasing to the Lord.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners who gave me gifts at Christmas time. Thank you, you were very kind through your generosity and the kind words in your cards.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

If we put into practice our love for our neighbor, according to the Gospel message, we then pave the way for the lordship of God, and his kingdom is realized by means of us. If instead each one thinks only of his own interests, the world can't help but go forward in ruins.

— Pope Benedict XVI

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Mary Palmateer, Bob Dzioba,
Paul Kavanagh***



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

***Sammit, Samson, Savoie,
Scheepers-Nevin, Schillab, Scott***

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Bulletins are available online at:

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

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (January 12 – January 18)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Ronnie Lampkin</i>	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Mike and Iwona Kwiatkowski</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Cheryl Rushton</i>	Geralda Savoie
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus 8050	Knights of Columbus
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Anna Nieroda</i>	Nieroda Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Frances Hutchison	Raats Family
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



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

MEETINGS

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



Sat. Jan 17	5 p.m.	
Lector	Kathleen	
Ex. Minister	Chris	
Sun. Jan 18	9 a.m.	11 a.m.
Lector	Kazi	Lar
Ex. Minister	Jay	Aaron

Winter Weather Conditions:

During inclement weather, we remind Parishioners to be cautious when coming to Mass and be prepared to stay home if conditions are treacherous. We wish all our Parishioners to be safe both on the roads and on the sidewalks this Winter.

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.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL Join the Reel Justice Film Festival January 22, 2026 7:00 – 9:00 PM for a screening of PUSH. Housing prices are skyrocketing in cities around the world. Incomes are not. PUSH examines our increasingly unliveable cities and an escalating crisis that has an effect on us all. Housing is not a commodity, it is a human right. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Saturday, January 24, 2026, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/12/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-4/>





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