

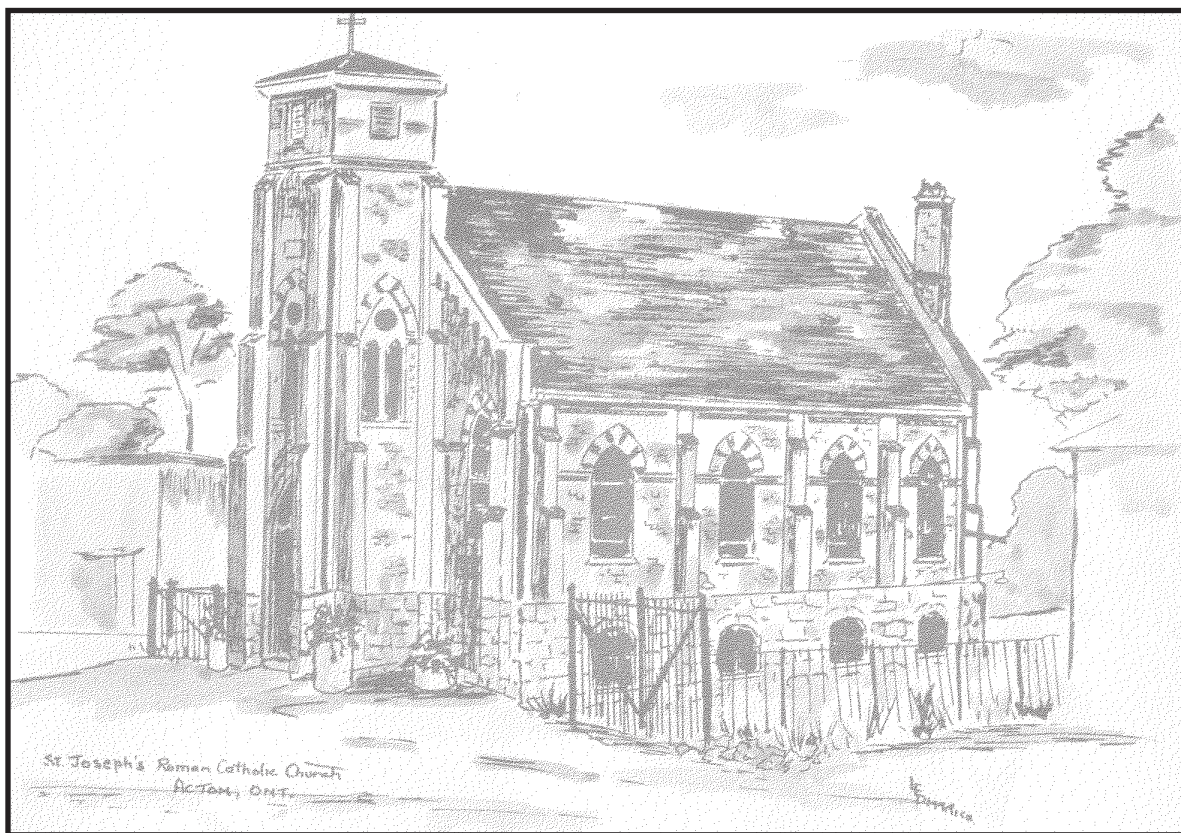
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

Last week we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which ended the Christmas Season for this year. Many will not realize that the Sunday for this Feast begins the period of Ordinary time in the Church's calendar year.

With this being the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, it is good to keep in mind that the Church, when choosing our Sunday readings, does not pick them out one Sunday at a time. There is considerable effort to make sure that one set of Sunday readings does not pick them out one Sunday at a time. There is considerable effort to make sure that one set of Sunday readings flows into the next so that a complete telling of the life and teachings of Jesus can take place. We have been building the story of Jesus now since the First Sunday of Advent.

First, we anticipated Jesus' coming; then, at Christmas, we celebrated His presence among us. Just two weeks ago, we celebrated the Epiphany. We saw the Magi among the first to recognize the Saviour. Last week, we saw another epiphany at Jesus' Baptism, with the voice from the clouds and thus we found out more about Jesus. Today, by the words of a human witness, John the Baptist, we learn even more of who Jesus is. He is the "Lamb of God."

This Sunday's Gospel of John captures our human experience of Jesus. John the Baptist says, "I did not know Him". John was Jesus' cousin. Certainly, he would have recognized the person of Jesus, but John repeats himself, saying again, "I did not know Him." What John the Baptist is trying to convey is not that he did not recognize his cousin but that he did not see within his cousin who He really was. After some time, after seeing Jesus in action, John then was able to testify that not only was he His cousin, was the "Lamb of God".

Two weeks ago, the Magi set out to discover an unknown king. Last week at the Baptism of the Lord, Jesus was identified as the Son of God. This week, in John's Gospel, through the retelling of the Baptism events,

Jesus is identified as the "Lamb of God", presenting us with an ever-deepening understanding of who Jesus is.

The emphasis in the Gospel of John is that Jesus is not just another sacrifice for us. He is the "Lamb of God". This time, it is not we who offer sacrifice, it is God who offers sacrifice for us. We are being led by the servant described by Isaiah in our First Reading.

As we begin this Ordinary Time, we must continually re-enter the mystery of Jesus. Just as John the Baptist was a witness to the early life of Jesus and reached an understanding of who He was, we too must be listening and watching. We are to continually dive into the Scriptures and approach our daily lives with their lessons in mind so that, like John, we too may come to recognize the Lord in our midst.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Life is more beautiful knowing that we've taken a loan on death. Even light is treasured more when there is darkness."

- Kim Namjoon

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Avelinda Toledo, Cecilia Tracy,
Marg Davey***



Family Prayer

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

***Sekiw, Silva, Simonian,
Simovic, Slowiak, Smith***

2025 Envelopes are available in the hall. Tax receipts will be prepared soon and issued for annual minimum donations of \$25.00.

Bulletins are available online at:

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

JANUARY 18, 2026

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (January 19 – January 25)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Sick of Our Parish</i>	
Wed. 9 :00 a.m.	Maria Pozniak	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Bishop Crosby</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Bishop Dobrowski</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Anne Merrett</i>	Dave and Janet Bell
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Bev Duval and Family</i>	Geralda Savoie
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.	K of C General
Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Acton Sharing



Sat. Jan 24	5 p.m.	
Lector	Chris	
Ex. Minister	Patricia	
Sun. Jan 25	9 a.m.	11 a.m.
Lector	Catherine	Cheryl
Ex. Minister	Kazi	Lorin

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.

ACTION DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday January 18, 10:30 at Bethel Church . Come join your fellow Christians as we pray for unity.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 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. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, February 7th at the St. Michael's Church, Waterloo ON.** Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

For more information, contact:
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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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