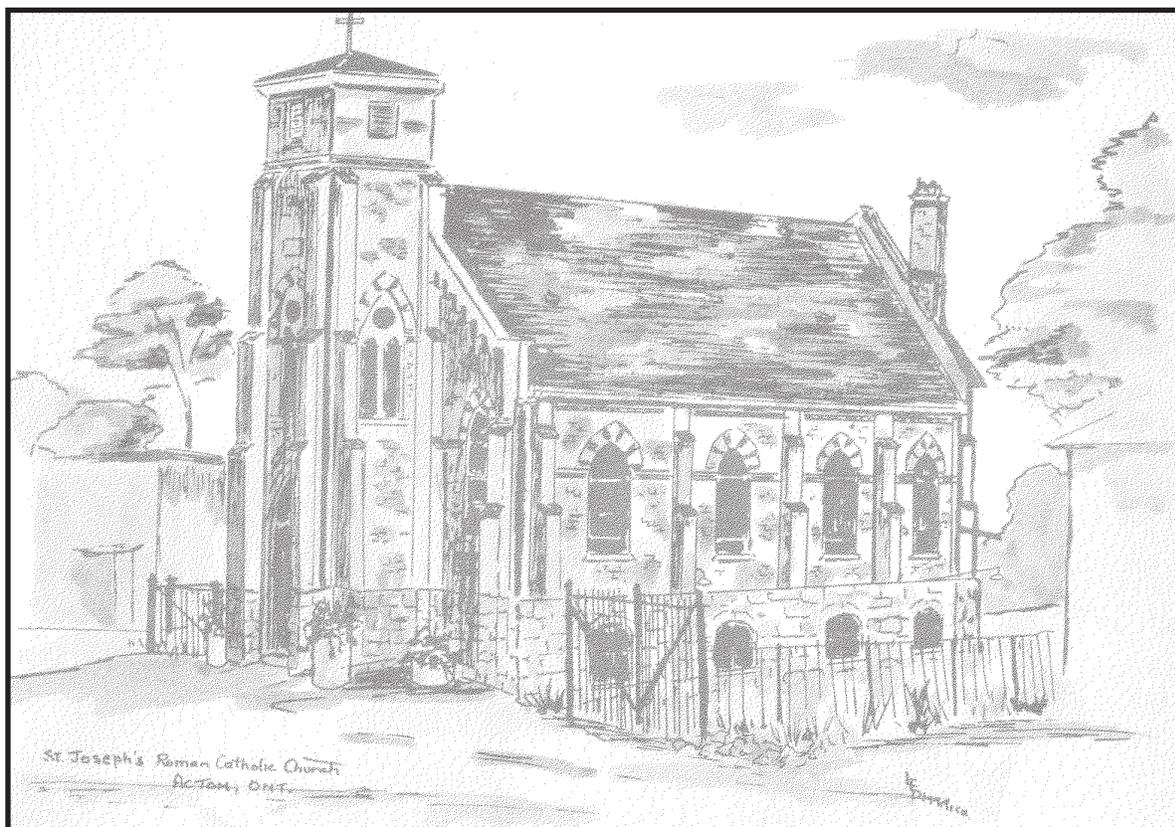


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Saturday 5:00 pm
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
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BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

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By arrangement one year in advance.

CONFESSIONS:

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:

On this, Sunday, the Church celebrates the "Word of God" Sunday. Back in 2013 the late Pope Francis proclaimed this third Sunday of Ordinary Time as a reminder of the importance of Scripture as a basis of our faith lives.

If this was not a Sunday, we would celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, but with it falling on a Sunday this year it is omitted. Still, we need to see the importance of St. Paul in his writings/letters of the formation of the early Christian Church.

With this thought in mind, we can look at the Second Reading for this Sunday. The word that one can perceive from the First Letter From Corinthians is the word conflict. One can see that there were conflicts in all religious settings, this in not new. Yes, it is regrettable when conflict is seen, but it does present teaching opportunities for us to learn and grow in our faith.

The Old Testament is replete with conflicts between Israel and other nations, and within the Jewish community itself, some of those conflicts being created by Jesus Himself. The early Christian community had its own conflicts and in today's passage from Paul, we witness a conflict within the Christian community in Corinth.

St. Paul founded the Christian community at Corinth and once good leaders were in place, Paul moved on. However, the community dissolved into bickering and pettiness. Corinth was a seaport where slaves and servants far outnumbered citizens who were free. The divide between the two groups was huge. Paul's first converts to Christianity came from groups which the higher class of Corinth would call 'lowlifes', but people of means also came to believe. The differences between the groups made coming together for the liturgy very difficult. There were great divisions because of social and economic status, 'conflicts' which led to a split in leadership and authority.

A member of the community named Chloe had sent word to Paul about the conflicts and the fear that the divisions would likely destroy this young faith community. Paul's response was to contrast himself to one of the local leaders, Apollos, and asked if the people's faith was based on either himself or Apollos rather than on the person of Christ. If the minister was the centre and foundation of faith, then the community would fail.

We need to see that there is only one way to solve conflict and that is to make serving Jesus and the unity He sought, more important than anything else. Our best response to Jesus is to seek this unity by building God's Kingdom. As we end the week of Christian Unity, we are called to end conflict not by protracting our conflicts, but by reaching out to those who are separated from us.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Do you wish to be great? Then begin by being. Do you desire to construct a vast and lofty fabric? Think first about the foundations of humility. The higher your structure is to be, the deeper must be its foundation."
- Saint Augustine

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Adrian Landry, Ronald Parker,
Karin Brozic***



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

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

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JANUARY 25, 2026

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (January 26 – February 1)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Geralda Savoie</i>	Janine Milton
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Maria Albano	Schiafone Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Sick of Our Parish</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Joshua Jenkin	Socha Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Arlene Coultrup</i>	Howard Coultrup
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

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

MEETINGS

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

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



Sat. Jan 31 5 p.m.
 Lector Patricia
 Ex. Minister Chris

Sun. Feb 1 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Ann Gita
 Ex. Minister Jay Aaron

CWL Members and Ladies of the Parish:
 CWL annual membership fees of **\$40.00** are now due. Please put in an envelope marked for the CWL. Please include your name, phone number, email address (if applicable), and home address, and put it in the weekly collection. **Any cheques should be payable to the CWL.** If any women in the Parish would like to join our group, you are more than welcome! Just do the same as above and we will contact you to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

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.





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