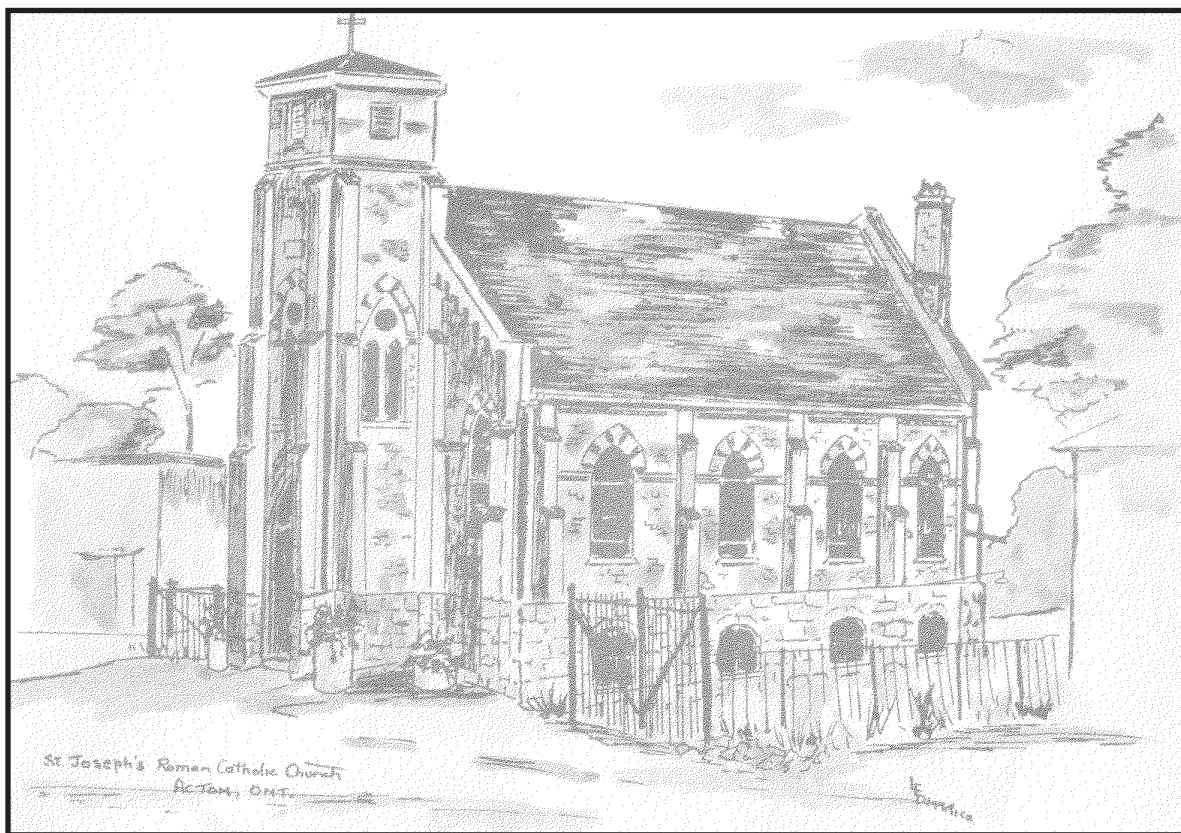


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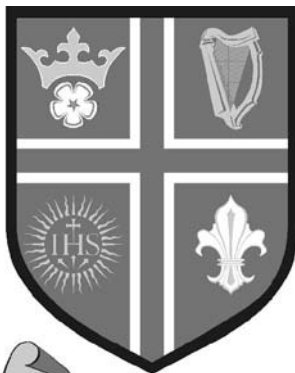
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## SUNDAY MASSES:

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.

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

**W**ith this being Father's Day, I wish to take the opportunity to give prayers and blessings to all Fathers of our parish this weekend.

I made the effort to look up some information on the origins of Father's Day and what surprised me was that there are some predominately Catholic countries who do not celebrate Father's Day on a particular Sunday but rather have celebrations on March 19<sup>th</sup> which of course is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. These include countries like Spain and Portugal.

We can learn so much from St. Joseph on this Father's Day. The courage which he showed to our Blessed Mother by marrying her and making her his wife, when she would have been stoned to death due to being pregnant without the benefit of being properly married. St. Joseph showed his bravery in the face of opposition, and this should serve as an example to all fathers to protect and defend their families.

I was also reading of St. Therese of Lisieux and the influence that her father had on her life, providing a role model for her. St. Therese would say to her fellow classmates: "Have you ever seen a Saint praying?" She would add: "If you haven't, come to my house in the evening. You will see my dad on his knees in his room with outstretched arms, praying for us, his children, every day" This is a beautiful image for inspiring all Christian fathers to be role models to their children.

Father's Day should remind all of us that true fatherhood demands commitment. Commitment demands maturity, sacrifice and love. Fatherhood also demands responsibility. Every true father, if he is serious, will take responsibility for all his actions. A true father will try to give to his children the kind of model that surely, they deserve above all else, a model of goodness, holiness, faith, trust in God and fidelity to the teachings of the Church.

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus asks us about our fears. Whom do we fear the most? Whose love do we fear losing so much that we will sacrifice doing the right things to avoid the loss? Do we fear for our salvation or fear hassles in this world?

Being a father is not easy. It requires courage. It requires staying faithful to our children's mother. It

requires avoiding those things that we would never allow our children to do. It requires making decisions like Jesus did so that we don't open the door to let real pain and suffering into the lives of those we love.

Once again, blessing to all fathers on their special day.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"The father who would taste the essence of his fatherhood must turn back from the plane of his experience, take with him the fruits of his journey and begin again beside his child, marching step by step over the same old road."

– Angelo Patri



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

**Montgomery, Munday, Needham, Nelles, Niedzielska, Nieroda**

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Bill McGilloway, Kevin Hazzard, Bob Dzioba**

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**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

**DID YOU KNOW...** Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com) To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

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**JUNE 21, 2026**

| DAY & TIME       | MASS INTENTIONS (June 22– June 28)                                   | REQUESTED BY:  |
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| Tue. 7:00 p.m.   | Deceased Members of the CWL  | CWL            |
| Wed. 9:00 a.m.   | <i>Sick of Our Parish</i>  |                |
| Thurs. 7:00 p.m. | <i>World Peace</i>   |                |
| Fri. 9:00 a.m.   | <i>Needs of Our Parish</i>   |                |
| Sat. 5:00 p.m.   | Paul and Marjorie Hutchison  | Raats Family   |
| Sun. 9:00 a.m.   | Pro populo   |                |
| 11:00 a.m.       | Living and Deceased Members of the Braida, Duval, and South Families | Yvonne Caswell |



**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](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)

K of C: Ian Nolan: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**MEETINGS**

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



**Sat. June 27 5 p.m.**  
 Lector Patricia  
 Ex. Minister Nancy

**Sun. June 28 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.**  
 Lector Jay Lizzie  
 Ex. Minister Kazi Aaron

**Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony**

Father Mark arranges all 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. Application forms may be obtained from Father Mark.

**THE SPIRITANS MISSION APPEALS** We are members of a Catholic Religious Order called The Congregation of the Holy Ghost (Spirit) - SPIRITANS. This is an International Religious Order with its headquarters in Rome. This Congregation started in France in 1703, and today we are over three thousand members.

We work in over sixty countries of the world in diverse ministries including education, parish work, refugee ministry, hospital chaplaincy. We have dedicated ourselves to working with the poor and the marginalized, and in those situations where the Church has difficulty in finding ministers.

We offer counsel and support to those who are abandoned, oppressed or excluded, especially in the third world countries, bringing the message of Christ to those who have not heard it.

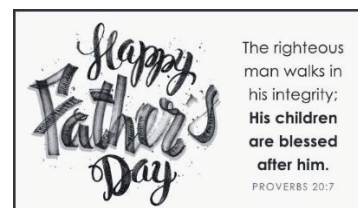
Our appeal to you, this weekend, by the Trans-Canadian province, is to help support us in our ministries. We have many seminarians in training, especially in third world countries, to continue our missionary works, and we need the resources to train them.

Our Spiritan Mission is going to people: - to serve them, live with them, walk beside them in a spirit of trust, respect and love for long or short term commitments.

May God bless and reward you abundantly.

Fr. David E. Okenyi, C.S.Sp.

Director Spiritan Mission





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