

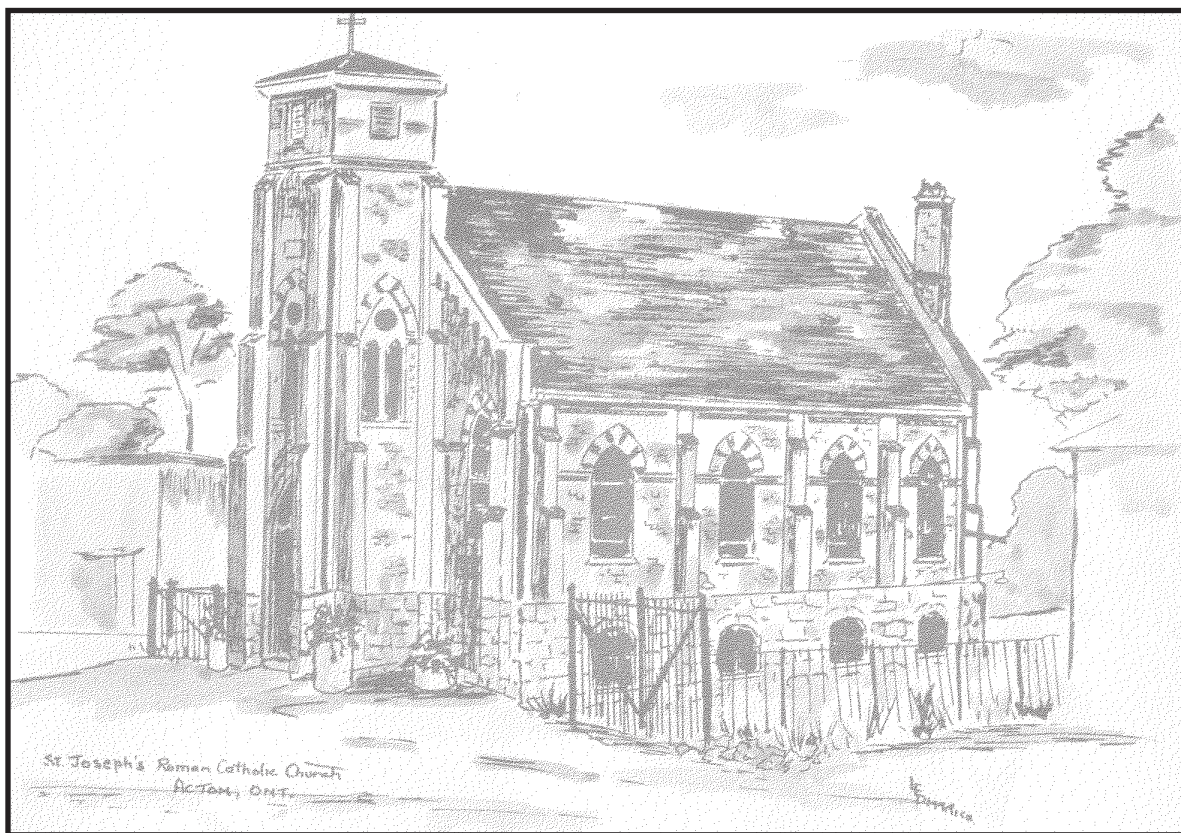
St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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:

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Many of us would recognize it by its other title, Corpus Christi. Whatever name or title we use, we need to ponder and profess the significance of the Eucharist.

Perhaps some of you have participated in a Corpus Christi procession over the years. They are not as popular as they were in previous times. Father Duffy at the Basilica in Guelph is having a procession this afternoon. I wish I could attend but I have prior commitments today.

My first participation in a procession was at St. Mary's Church in Hamilton in 1989. I, and a couple of other Seminarians, helped Bishop Ustrzycki on that day.

My first experience as a priest with a procession was in 1998 at St. Mary's in Brantford. Once again, Bishop Ustrzycki was present to lead the procession. What I remember about that procession was that it was extremely hot and it was a very long procession. We travelled numerous blocks throughout Brantford. Everyone showed great reverence and faith throughout that procession. It was also my first weekend at St. Mary's as the associate. I always felt sorry for Bishop Ustrzycki on that day because of the heat.

Corpus Christi has gone through many changes, but its origin allows us to ask some questions of ourselves. In the first centuries of the Church, there was a question about whether the Eucharist was the "real presence" of Christ or merely a "symbolic presence". This feast was in part a response to this question. It emphasized that we believe that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.

As the Church moved into the Middle Ages, receiving Communion became very infrequent. People became afraid of God. With plagues, wars, short life spans, and hardships, God was seen as "The Judge." Our Church precept that mandates receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Easter Season is a holdover from those days.

Today, we see quite the opposite. Now many are so casual in their relationship with God that they take God for granted. One's relationship with Mass is no different. Many see attending Sunday Mass as being just one option available to them on a Sunday.

We need to recognize that this Feast Day is connected to Holy Thursday. Both invite us to once again examine our relationship with the Eucharist. It is an annual challenge to examine our motivation, our behaviours, and our gestures. We say we believe that we stand in the very presence of God at our altar. This is a good time to let the impact of that belief to sink in once more.

The solemnity of the Holy Trinity is a celebration of the abundance of God's love. It is an occasion for appreciating what God has done for us and continues to do for us. It calls us to respond to the love of God, which is poured into our hearts by Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing..."
- St. Therese of Lisieux

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Mary and Joe Humenyk, Bill Woodcock,
Bob Dzioba**



This week we pray especially for the following families:

**Taradan, Taylor, Toledo,
Topan, Torres, Umbrello**

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. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

JUNE 22, 2025

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (June 23 – June 29)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	June McCabe	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Maria Albano	Schiafone Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Janos Janossy	Mary Smith and Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Anne Marie Vrscaj
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Carol Paisley	Suzanne Blanchet Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	Yvonne Caswell
11:00 a.m.	Stephanie Lampkin	



Sat. June 28 5 p.m.
Lector Kathleen
Ex. Minister Nancy

Sun. June 29 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
Lector Jay Lizzie
Ex. Minister Kazi Aaron

MEETINGS

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



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

STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION?

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry and in need of support? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

Reminder: We have a subscription to Formed where all sorts of videos and materials are available to our Parishioners. Go to formed.org, make a sign in id for yourself, and find St Joseph Patron of Canada Parish in the list of Parishes. There are so many interesting resources and activities for children and adults. Beginning June 1 Lives of the Saints are featured.

YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2025. Join us as we explore the Practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review the full course list and for more information, please visit: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT IN JULY

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, July 5th at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com





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