

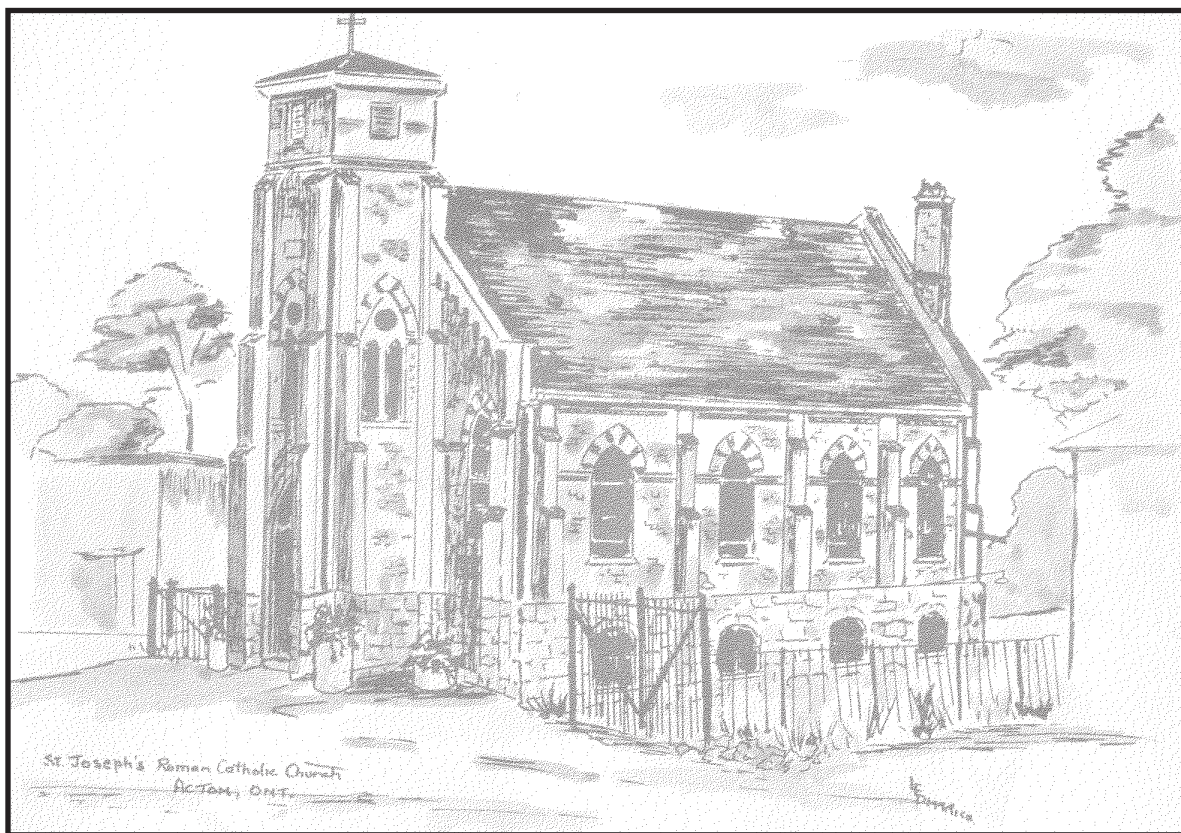
St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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

Christ the King 905-702-8838

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:

Today we interrupt the usual liturgical cycle by celebrating the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. I looked up some previous years and I learned that we have not celebrated this Solemnity since 2014. We would have celebrated it in 2020 but of course that was a leap year, so the celebration was omitted that year.

We think of Peter and Paul as giants in the Faith, which they are, but we forget that they were only human. They had far less than we have today, far fewer resources, difficulty in traveling and, in some cases, extreme prejudice working against them. What they did have, but many lack, was an intense love of Jesus Christ and a deep conviction that Jesus stood with them.

We have the knowledge that Peter was a commercial fisherman, perhaps in business with Andrew and the two sons of Zebedee, James and John. The scriptures reveal to us that Peter was highly regarded by the rest of the disciples as his name is usually the first mentioned in any story or list. We also know that he was impulsive, spoke out of turn, that his eagerness led him to go too far at times, and that he vehemently denied his association with Jesus.

Paul was the opposite of Peter. He was born into a wealthy family in the city of Tarsus. He was able to speak Greek and as a young man had an interest in ministry and religious law. Paul loved to please, and to please his elders who were Pharisees, he helped persecute early members of the Church. He was present at the death of the first martyr, Stephen. Evidently Paul was very good at persecution because he was feared by the followers of Christ.

Both men ended up shaping and spreading faith in Jesus. They knew each other, but we can probably read between the lines that they did not always get along with one another. Many in the early Church did not trust Paul because of his earlier persecutions of Christians. Paul also saw Peter as being weak, but they recognized each other's faith, and they managed to find respect and admiration for one another. One might say they became a team in spreading the Faith.

Peter's conviction allowed him to overcome betrayal. His over enthusiasm became his ally, not his downfall. In the final moments of his life, he did not deny knowing Jesus, but rather he put his trust in Christ, and for this he gave up his life.

Paul, on the other hand, was able to 'think outside the box'. Having been an insider's insider among the Pharisees, Paul managed to drop the wall he had formed. Once Paul's personal barriers fell, he could help others take down theirs. He was able to convince others to accept Gentiles into the community.

On their Solemnity, we can see that the examples of Peter and Paul's lives can show us a path to advance the faith as well. All that is required is that we work together as a team and trust that Jesus stands with us.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"There are no limits to the majestic future which lies before the mighty expanse of Canada with its virile, aspiring, cultured, and generous-hearted people." - Winston Churchill

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

Austin Hunak, David Champagne, Ian Munday



Family Prayer

This week we pray especially for the following families:

van Asseldonk, Van Ravens, Verzosa, Victoria, Vlastic, Weglicki

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 29, 2025

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (June 30 – July 6)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 9:00 a.m.	For Our Country	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Paul and Marjorie Hutchison	Raats Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Giuseppe and Maria Querques	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	The People of Ukraine	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus 8050 and their Families	Council 8050
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo <i>Intentions of Mark Kosir</i>	Kosir Family



Sat. July 5 5 p.m.
Lector Chris
Ex. Minister Patricia

Sun. July 6 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
Lector Kazi Lar
Ex. Minister Ann Lorin

MEETINGS

Tues. 7:00 p.m. KOC 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](https://www.formed.org), make a sign in id for yourself, and find St Joseph Patron of Canada Parish in the list of Parishes. There are many interesting resources and activities for both children and adults.

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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