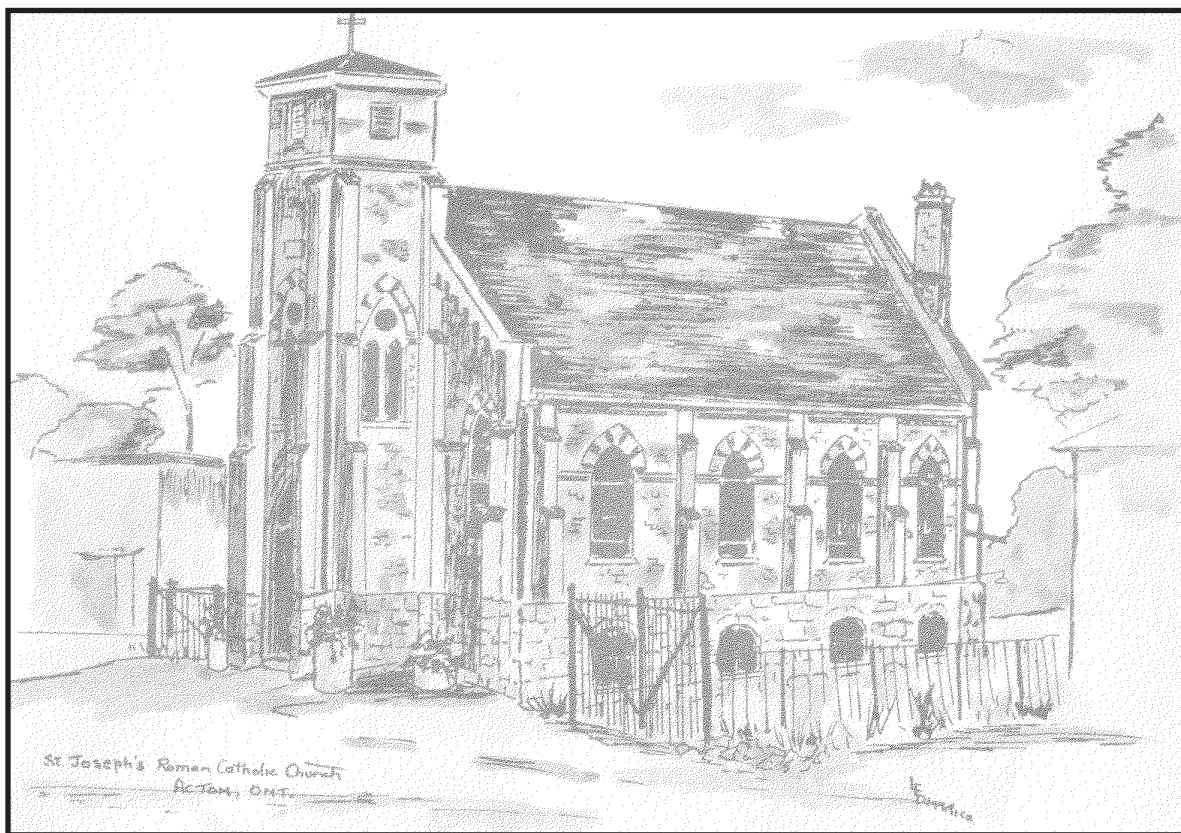


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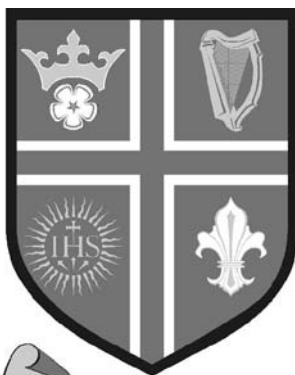
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By arrangement with the pastor.

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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:

The Feasts of the Ascension and of Pentecost are upon us as we celebrate them in the next two weeks. The readings for this Sunday turn our minds to those events in our Church history.

In our Gospel this Sunday we revisit Jesus' promise to send another "Paraclete", translated for us today as "another Advocate", to be with us always.

The term "paraclete/advocate" was used in the time of Christ as being a term for the law courts of the day. An advocate was counsel for the defense. It was an individual who assisted the defense by offering advice or testimony. In John's gospel, Jesus tells us that He will also defend us in the world by sending the Holy Spirit to be our advocate.

This sending of the Holy Spirit is in preparation for Pentecost and the foundation of the Church. Jesus is preparing His Apostles to become fearless preachers entrusted with a mission of spreading the Gospel. Jesus' intention was to build up the shattered faith of His disciples for the work facing them after His resurrection. The breath of the Holy Spirit will allow this to happen.

Jesus did not leave the Apostles to struggle with the Christian life without the help of His Spirit and He won't leave us either, we have His word for this. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit was not reserved exclusively for those who lived in the time of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is for all and cares for us. It is our strength and encouragement in times of trial, just as much as the Spirit was for the Apostles.

There is a great mystery of hope contained in this Sunday's Gospel and we should take courage from it. The Church has never been deprived of the truth of God. In the Holy Spirit we have a helper and a comforter who makes Jesus present in each generation to every person in their individual situation. However, we must remember, the Holy Spirit will not arrive unannounced or force an entry into any person's heart.

As we near the Feast of Pentecost, this Advocate, can show us how to stand up for our Christian beliefs when we are challenged by others. We must show a steadfastness to our moral principles, a willingness to live what we preach and to have the strength to recognize Jesus as our Lord.

If our love for God is what guides us, and not our fear of people and what they say or think, we will reveal both who God is and who we are, and in the end, show others who they are.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Even while living in this world, the heart of Mary was so filled with tenderness and compassion for men, that no one ever suffered so much for his own pains as Mary suffered for the pains of others."

--St. Jerome

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Kevin Hazzard, Helen Stroz,
Pat O'Meara**



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

**Hannah, Hansen, Henschel,
Hickey, Himeshazi, Hrykiw**

Bulletins are available online at:

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

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 (6:00pm-7:00 pm), social with food (7:00pm-8:00pm), vocations testimony and praise music (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, **June 6th** at the Saint Clement's Church (745 Duke Street, Cambridge, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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.

MAY 10, 2026

| DAY & TIME | MASS INTENTIONS (May 11– May 17) | REQUESTED BY: |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Tue. 7:00 p.m. | <i>Intentions of Pope Leo</i> | |
| Wed. 9:00 a.m. | Sick of Our Parish | |
| Thurs. 7:00 p.m. | Ron and Shirley Dunlop | Querques Family |
| Fri. 9:00 a.m. | World Peace | |
| Sat. 5:00 p.m. | Jo Ann Duval | Her Children |
| Sun. 9:00 a.m. | Bruce Hutchison | Hutchison Family |
| 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

Michael House Baby Bottle Campaign Join us in supporting Michael House through the Baby Bottle Campaign! From Mother's Day to Father's Day, take home a baby bottle and fill it with coins, bills, or cheques to help support vulnerable mothers and babies in our community. Every bottle filled brings hope, shelter, and a brighter future to families in need. Thank you for being part of this meaningful campaign!

MEETINGS

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



Sat. May 16 5 p.m.
Lector Patricia
Ex. Minister Chris

Sun. May 17 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Lector Catherine Cheryl
Ex. Minister Kazi Aaron

THE NATIONAL WEEK FOR FAMILY AND LIFE Sunday, May 10 to Sunday May 17, 2026, with the theme "I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20) Families are encouraged to take time during this week to celebrate their families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, and/or share meaningful moments with loved ones across generations. This week is an opportunity to uphold the value of life and to live out our calling to love one another within our homes, communities, and the world. Resources can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan website. Watch the video celebrating the week as a family here: [National Family and Life Week 2026 \(May 10–17\) | Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

THE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this to be the "Year of St. Francis of Assisi," a special Jubilee in celebration of the 800th year since the holy death of St. Francis. The Diocese of Hamilton has put together a special webpage in celebration of this moment of faith. Join us in prayer and contemplation as we turn our hearts towards this saint of simplicity, peace, and joyful discipleship. All resources for adults and young people can be found here:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/year-of-st-francis-of-assisi/>



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