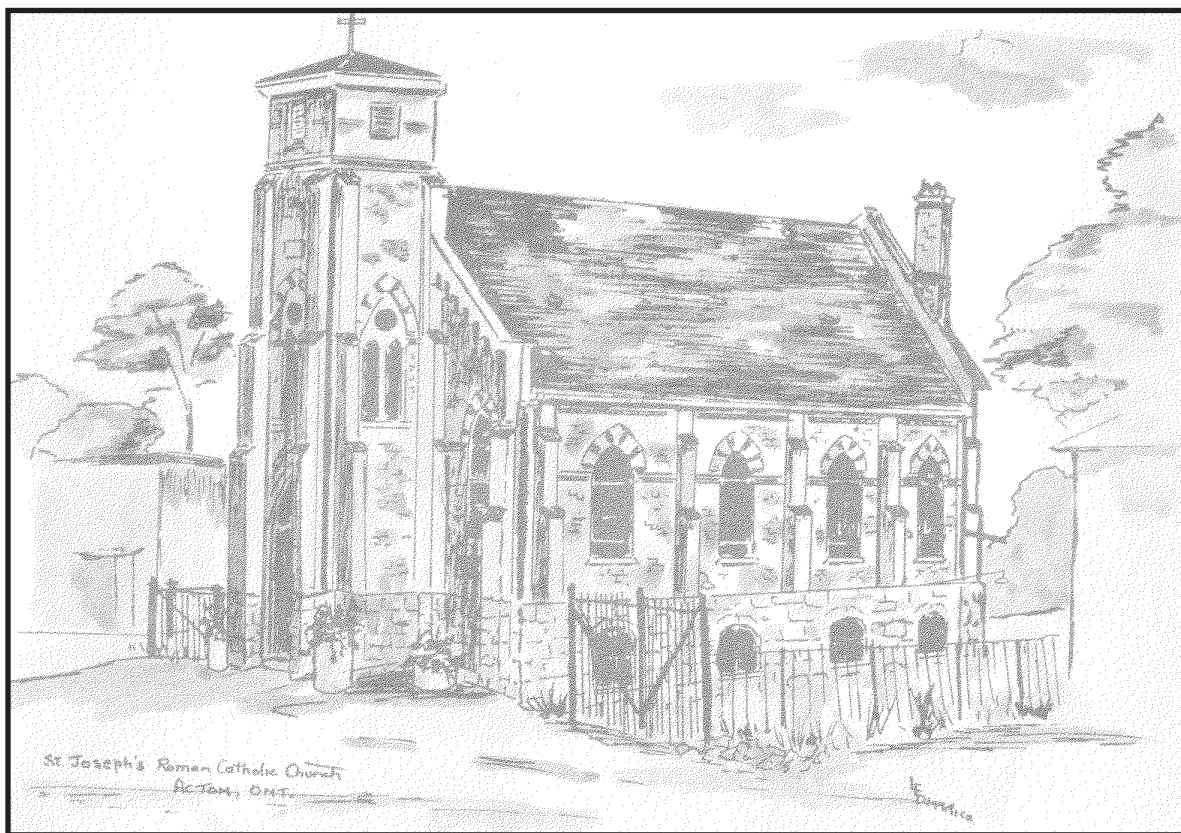


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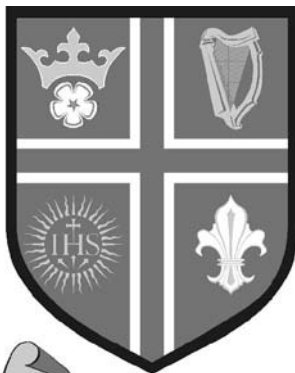
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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
Knights of Columbus
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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:

Some of you may have heard the name Casey Kasem. He was a famous disc jockey who hosted for many years a show on the radio titled America's Top 40. His show was very popular, and I would tune in to listen to it on Sunday mornings after I had returned from Mass with my family.

Casey would always end one of his shows with the words: "Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars." Casey said that he always wanted to leave his audience with a positive message, rather than a simple goodbye.

As we celebrate the Ascension this Sunday, we as a faith community can echo these words in our celebration of this solemnity. We can say: "Head in the air, feet on the ground." This motto may not be as popular as Casey Kasem's slogan was, but it can remind us of what we celebrate today.

What we celebrate today is that Jesus Christ is glorified, made the ruler of everything and given all authority in Heaven and on Earth.

Our Gospel passage this Sunday gives us what we call the "great commission" which is nothing more or nothing less than spreading the joy of the Gospel. We are to make disciples of all nations. We don't have to be left in loss, staring at the sky. We know with certainty that the early Christians definitely believed that Jesus intended for them to spread this message, and they understood fully that it is in the Church that the Good News of Jesus and the mission of Jesus are spread.

Our passage from Matthew's gospel contains the last words of Jesus that Matthew records. Matthew did not know Jesus. But he knew the Christian community very well. Those early Christians had an exuberance about their faith that was infectious. They brought hundreds of people to faith just through their witness. Matthew sees this as a direct result of Jesus' command and puts it into words for us, "Go therefore, and make disciples of all, baptizing them." This command should capture our attention.

In just a week we will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church. We need to ask what diverts our attention away from the joy that the Risen Christ offers. What keeps us from being

joyful? What keeps us from feeling compelled to share our joy?

We are called to hold our heads high in the air, but we should not spend our days looking at the sky either. We should not need to have two men dressed in white asking us why we are standing around looking at the sky. Our mission requires us to have our feet planted firmly on the ground to bring the Good News to all.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

We thank Him less by words than by the serene happiness of silent acceptance. It is our emptiness in the presence of His reality, our silence in the presence of His infinitely rich silence, our joy in the bosom of the serene darkness in which His light holds us absorbed, it is all this that praises Him.

- Thomas Merton

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Bob Dzioba, Paul Kavanagh,
Mary Albert**



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

**Humenyk, Jakubiec, James
Jones, Joseph, and Jowett**

Bulletins are available online at:

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

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 17, 2026

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May 18– May 24)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Our Country</i>	
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Pope Leo</i>	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Sick of Our Parish</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>World Peace</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Vivien Luis	Baldwin and Nancy Monteiro
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Emma</i>	Kazi and Zorika
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. K of C General
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing

CWL Potluck Dinner

All women of the parish are invited to attend our annual June Potluck Dinner on Tuesday June 9th at 6:30 pm following the 6:00 pm Mass. We will also be presented pins to our new members as well as years of service pins.



Sat. May 23 5 p.m.
 Lector Maria
 Ex. Minister Nancy
Sun. May 24 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
 Lector Ann Gita
 Ex. Minister Jay Lorin

YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2026. Join us as we explore the practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

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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