

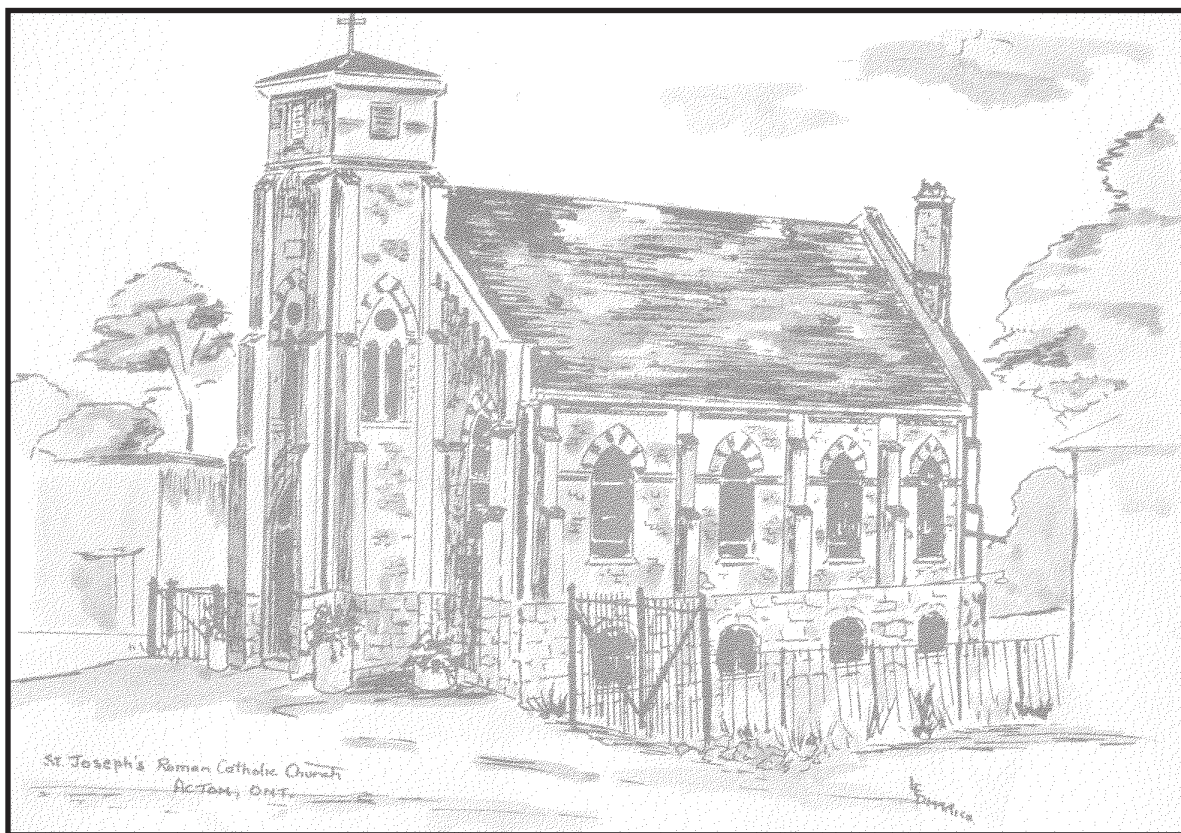
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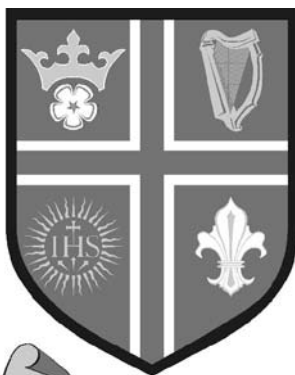
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

I may have mentioned this story previously in a bulletin blurb, but I feel this story is so wonderful for Pentecost Sunday.

Many of you would know Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki, the retired former Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. Bishop Ustrzycki resides at the Basilica in Guelph and he recently celebrated his 94th birthday! We continue as a parish to pray for the well-being of Bishop Ustrzycki.

I had the opportunity as both a seminarian and as a priest to be present at confirmations which Bishop Ustrzycki celebrated. On a few occasions he would ask the students who was present at Pentecost. The young people would answer the Bishop with the Apostles or disciples. The Bishop would keep asking them who else was there. A couple of times he would have to tell that Mary was also present. I can remember on one occasion when a young lady responded with Mary, which obviously pleased Bishop Ustrzycki. He would then remind the young people of the importance of the Blessed Mother in all aspects of their lives.

There were three Jewish festivals that required a pilgrimage to Jerusalem if you lived within a certain radius. They were Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles. Pentecost was the 50th day after Passover. It was a day that Luke, the author of Acts, knew as the celebration of the giving of the Law of Moses.

Today on this Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the giving of a New Law, the law of love given by Christ through the Spirit. Luke saw the world as being torn apart with little understanding between peoples. However today, through God's gift of the Spirit promised by the Risen Christ, the world is made whole again. It is a vision of the world as it should be.

Luke's discussion of the gift of tongues is not about the "speaking in tongues" we've come to associate with charismatic prayer. Rather, it is about communicating and understanding. On the Feast of Pentecost, Jerusalem would have been packed with pilgrims from all over the region. God chose this moment to prove that despite great differences, we can enjoy a spirit of understanding.

The gift of the Spirit that we celebrate this Pentecost Sunday is the gift that helps us find understanding. Like the Parthians, Medes, and Elamites

etc., we can come to an understanding of one another. We can listen to one another and truly understand one another.

As we stand before our Altar, we are still aware of many differences between us, but the Altar still holds us together. Today we are asked to see that God showed Himself in His Spirit and that His hope for us is our unity in Jesus Christ.

Fr. Mark

Please note: Father Mark will be away from the Parish from May 25 through June 2

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

How can we not give thanks to God for the wonders the Spirit has never ceased to accomplish in these two millenniums of Christian life? Indeed, the event of grace at Pentecost has continued to bear its marvellous fruits, everywhere instilling apostolic zeal, a desire for contemplation, the commitment to live and serve God and our brothers and sisters with complete dedication.

-Pope John Paul II(May 31, 1998)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Brian Tanney, Pat Haffey,
Lisa Fuller**



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

**Kavanagh, Kelly, Knapczyk,
Knapton, Kolosko, Kolozsvari**

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.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May 25– May 31)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue.	No Mass	
Wed.	No Mass	
Thurs.	No Mass	
Fri.	No Mass	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Julian Podsada	Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus 8050	Knights of Columbus
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 Executive
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 presenting pins to our new members as well as years of service pins.



Sat. May 30 5 p.m.
Lector Kathleen
Ex. Minister Patricia

Sun. May 31 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Lector Jay Lizzie
Ex. Minister Kazi Lar

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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