

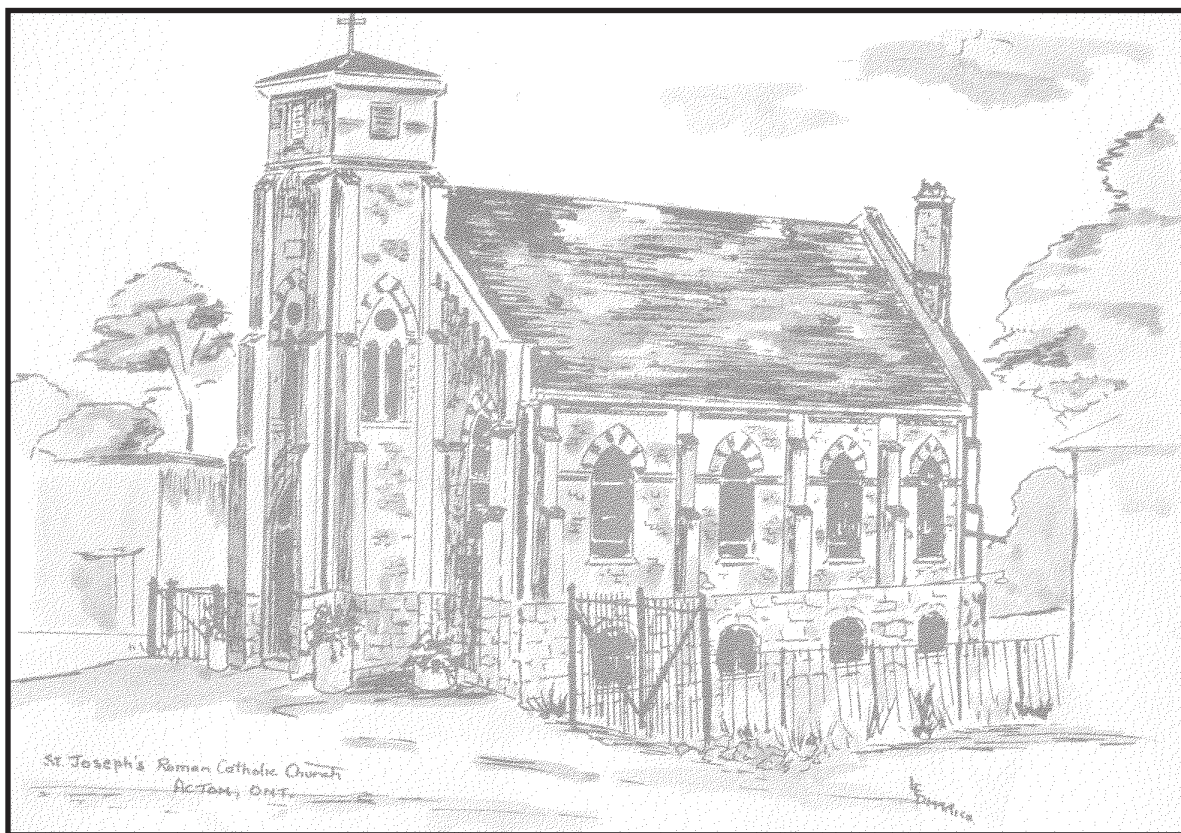
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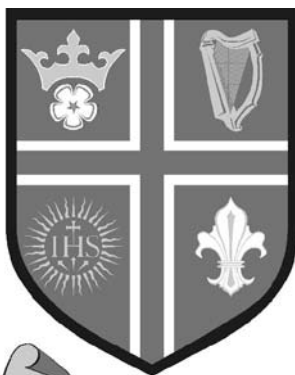
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

The Gospel for this 5th Sunday of Easter is a beautiful passage from John which provides comfort and support to many. It is the most ‘popular’ passage that is used for Funerals. The hope of the Resurrection is its central theme.

Perhaps over the years you may have heard someone say that a loved one is “going home to their Maker” or they will say that one is “finally home”. Yes, Jesus speaks of His “Father’s House” and in it there are “many dwelling places”. While Jesus is using familiar terms which people would understand and comprehend, He is not saying where God is living, for God cannot be contained in any space. The ‘dwelling place’ is not merely a room but rather is an “abiding place”. When we use the word abide, it carries a sense of permanence. The abiding places of which Jesus speaks in the Gospel are our places in Heaven.

What one must remember is that we don’t go to this place, but rather we are invited to enter God’s House with Him. When God invites us, we have a choice whether or not to accept.

We need to ponder Jesus’ response to St. Thomas when He tells him that He is the “way, truth and life”. What does this mean for us today? First of all, Jesus is not laying out for us a map or app which we can put direction in. Rather ‘the way’ is a metaphor for the way a person chooses to live their life. When Jesus says to St. Thomas that He is ‘the way’ we are being told that the proper response to the invitation to live in God’s House is to identify our lives with that of Jesus and to live a Christlike life. We do this by living the truths that Jesus taught. We do that by sacrificing our lives as did Jesus to live the life of Christ.

For us to follow Christ, we should want to join Jesus in the place He has prepared for us. Life with God should be our motivation. For Jesus to be ‘the life’ means that we must make Him and serving Him the whole point of living.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

There is still time for endurance, time for patience, time for healing, time for change. Have you slipped? Rise up. Have you sinned? Cease. Do not stand among sinners but leap aside.
St. Basil the Great

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:
**Susan McGilloway-Robson,
Denise Harper, Lisa Fuller**



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

**Gouveia, Grabauskas, Graham,
Green, Halstead, Hanlon**

Bulletins are available online at:

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

Christ the King “Care Bears” Bake Sale

A bake sale at the church is being held this weekend, May 2nd and 3rd. By attending the sale you will help support Relay For Life, a nationwide event hosted by the Canadian Cancer Society to help raise funds for cancer research. Students running the sale are part of a team named “The Care Bears” at Christ the King High School in Georgetown. The team has the goal of being the one donating the most this year at the school and are so close! The team is currently in third place. 100% of the money raised will be going towards the team goal. The students will be selling homemade brownies, cookies, cupcakes, brookies, rice krispies, lemon bars, cake pops, banana bread, and “crack squares”. If you’re interested in helping to raise money for cancer research and in need of a sweet treat, consider coming and checking out what they have to offer!

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 3, 2026

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May 4 – May 10)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Pope Leo</i>	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Haroutian Simonian	Simonian Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for the Intentions of Nuria	Gomes Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Haroutian Simonian	Simonian Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey Pro populo	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey



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

MEETINGS

Tues. 7:30 p.m. KofC Executive
Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing



Sat. May 2 5 p.m.
Lector Chris
Ex. Minister Nancy

Sun. May 3 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Lector Kazi Lar
Ex. Minister Jay Lorin

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/>

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 The young people of the world have begun their preparations to meet with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV at the 41st International Celebration of World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith, visit: <https://wydseoul.org/en> Join us in praying for all young people discerning their participation from our Diocese.

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**





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