

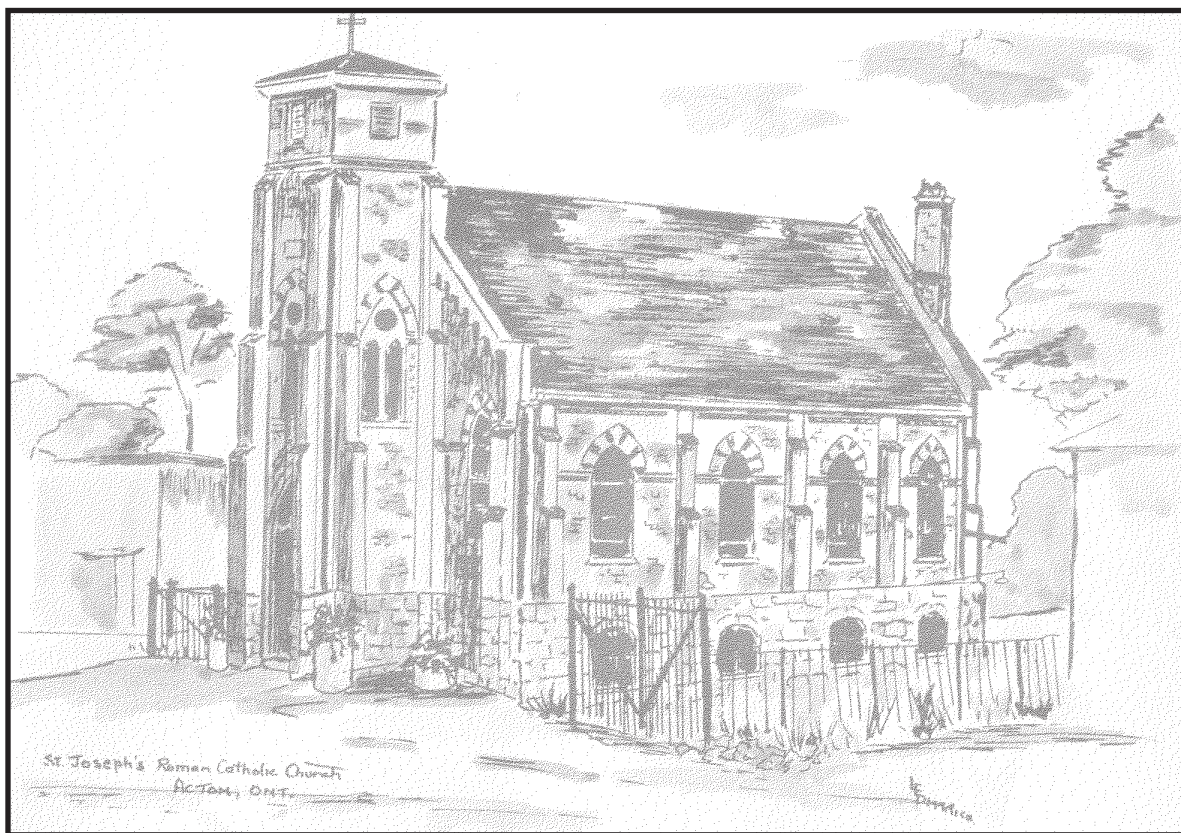
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

For the last three Sundays Matthew has presented Jesus as criticizing the leaders of the people for their failure to listen to God and for tangling the priorities of God's way of life. In the Gospel passage of the week, we see the tables have been turned.

The leaders, having taken offense to Jesus's parables, begin attempting to destroy Jesus or at least discredit Him in the eyes of the people. However, Jesus takes their challenge and once again reminds everyone of God's supremacy.

The tax which is mentioned in the Gospel was called a 'census tax' which was levied on every man, woman, and slave from age 12 to 65 just for the privilege of living in the Roman Empire. The amount was roughly the equivalent of a full day's wage for a labourer.

This tax was a political and spiritual sore point. The tax had to be paid in Roman currency. On it was the image of Emperor Tiberius Caesar, with the inscription, "Tiberius Caesar, august son of the divine Augustus, high priest".

The Pharisees and the Herodians were political enemies. The only thing that united the Pharisees and the Herodians was their dislike for Jesus. The trap they set was meant to force Jesus into taking a side. If Jesus gave support to the Pharisees' dislike of the tax, at least He would alienate the Herodians and most likely, at worst, He could be tried for sedition by the Romans. If He sided with the Herodians He would turn most of the people against Himself.

Naturally, Jesus did not directly answer the question He was asked. Instead, He changed the topic from a problem of political discontent to a statement about God.

With all the conflict and infighting that existed in Jesus' day, the one aspect of life that was taking second seat was God. It was becoming a question of who was serving who. All Jesus did was to remind the crowd whose image was on the coin. It was Caesar's; therefore, Caesar must be given what is already his.

Then comes Jesus' point, "Give to God what is God's," or put another way, "you are worried about giving Caesar what is his. Why aren't you worried about giving God what is due Him?"

We must remind ourselves that we may worry too much about 'what is ours', and fail to concern ourselves with 'what is God's'. It is easy to forget that the coins of our lives belong to God in the first place. Our treasures are given to us that we may serve God.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"The family is the test of freedom; because the family is the only thing that the free man makes for himself and by himself."
Gilbert K. Chesterton

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

Bob Dzioba, Pat Haffey, Helen Stroz



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

**Clough, Coles, Conroy,
Cordeiro, Costley, DaSilva**

From the Office: all cheques to our Parish should be made payable to:

St. Joseph Patron of Canada

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: "One in Christ, united in mission" Today the whole Catholic world keeps the 100th World Mission Sunday. The psalm sings, "Tell his glory among the nations" (Ps 96). Pope Leo XIV reminds us that no baptized person is exempt from mission, and that if unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence. A second collection is taken up today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your gift, joined to those of Catholics everywhere, supports seminarians, catechists, chapels, healthcare, and the poor in young Churches. Pray also for new missionary vocations. Father, make us one in Christ, united in mission. Amen.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Oct 19 – Oct 25)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	World Peace	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Marie and Zdislaw Pozniak	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Jeremy Smith	Socha Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Ray Arbic	Yvonne Caswell
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo Melanie Kavanagh	Kavanagh Family



Sat. Oct 24 5 p.m.
 Lector Patricia
 Ex. Minister Chris

Sun. Oct 25 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Catherine Lar
 Ex. Minister Jay Lorin

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges 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. Applications may be obtained from Father Mark.



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. K of C General
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing

Bulletins are available online at:

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

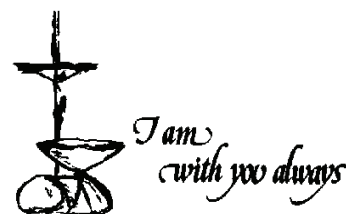
CWL 50/50 draw

The tickets can be returned in an envelope marked 50/50 and put in with the weekly collection by Nov 23. This is an important fund raiser and contributes to our charitable causes. We thank you in advance for your support.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, invites all young adults in their **20s and 30s** across the Diocese of Hamilton to an evening of prayer, fellowship, and praise music. Come meet other young adults and find encouragement as you discern and live out God's call. Join us at on **Saturday, November 7, 2026** from 6:30pm–9:00pm at **St. Francis Xavier Church** (304 Hwy 8, Stoney Creek, ON L8G 1E6). Bring a friend—all young adults are welcome! Sponsored by the **Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton**. Visit hamiltondiocese.com/vocations For more information, contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

MEN DISCERNMENT GROUP Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, invites all young men in the Diocese of Hamilton to join the **Priesthood Discernment Group**. Come for prayer, fellowship, and conversation as we explore God's call together. Whether you are just beginning to ask questions or have been considering the priesthood for some time, you are welcome. Feel free to invite a friend who may be interested. You do not need to have all the answers—simply come with an open heart.

Meeting locations: in **Hamilton** on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 6:00pm at the Chancery Office (700 King St W, Hamilton, ON L8P 1C7) and in **Kitchener-Waterloo** on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at **10:00am** at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church (80 University Ave W, Waterloo, ON N2L 3C7). Sponsored by the **Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton**. Visit hamiltondiocese.com/vocations. For more information, contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.





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