

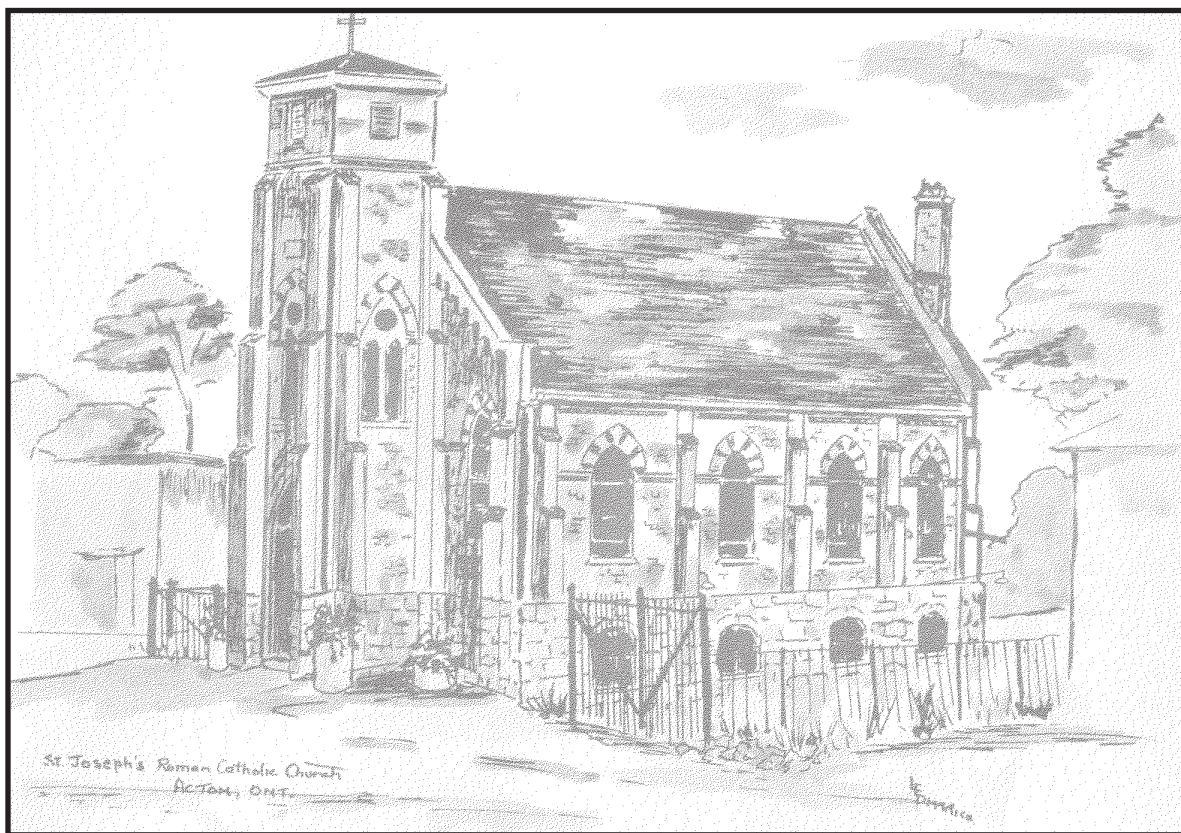
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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

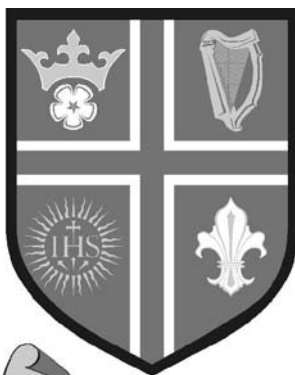
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus

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:

It is hard to believe that we are now in the month of October. Next weekend we celebrate Thanksgiving and we have much to be thankful for through our families, friends, and faith. To be able to receive the Eucharist, which itself means 'thanksgiving', is also a sign of how we need to be grateful to our loving Father.

During the month of October, the Church calls upon her faithful to see the importance of honouring our Blessed Mother throughout the whole month. How can we achieve this? The answer is by taking the time to pray the Rosary.

A memorial which we celebrate this upcoming month is Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7th). It was originally called Our Lady of Victory by Pope Pius V to give thanks to God for the miraculous Christian naval victory at the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571, against the Ottoman Empire. Over time the Feast was changed to Our Lady of the Rosary to remind the faithful that by praying the Rosary our minds can gaze upon Christ through the eyes and heart of His Mother.

Over the years, as a priest I have been amazed at how many rosaries I have blessed on many occasions. I have blessed them for people who were to give them to others as gifts. I have blessed them for schools on occasions like First Communion. In the least couple of years, I have blessed some rosaries for people who have been baptised and welcomed into the Church, which is always wonderful to see.

Recently I was reading the story of a woman who was held as a hostage in the jungle of Colombia by guerillas for six years. She was finally released and returned to her home country of France. After a few weeks home, she visited Lourdes with her children, her sister, and a group of nuns. She told an interviewer that what kept her hopes up during captivity was the rosary she had made in the jungle which she constantly prayed and which she held in her hand. At the grotto of Lourdes she prayed, "Thank you Mary, thank you for my freedom, thank you for my life." Her trust in

Mary, through the Rosary, was strengthened by her suffering combined with her prayer. By praying the Rosary, Mary as the mother of the Son of God, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, leads us to closer union with Him,

As we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary this week, let us be mindful of the joy of praying the Rosary. Through the intercessions of Mary, the Rosary leads us from not just more recitation of words, but a prayer that leads us to encounter Our Lord and Saviour.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good."

-Maya Angelou

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Bill Woodcock, Michael Symboluk,
Colleen Decarlis**



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

**Borkowski, Bourque, Brozic,
Buck, Campbell, Campos-Teharia,**

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

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PREPARING FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: "One in Christ" Today Jesus speaks of a vineyard entrusted to tenants (Mt 21:33-43). The Church is that vineyard. Pope Leo XIV's theme for World Mission Sunday, two weeks away, begins here: we are one in Christ before we are sent. The Alleluia verse says, "I have chosen you from the world to go and bear fruit that will remain." This week, pray for the unity of our parish and of the whole Church. Mission begins when Christ lives in us.

OCTOBER 4, 2026

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Oct 5 – Oct 11)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Ray Arbic	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Julia and Peter Dyczkowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Vivien Luis	Monteiro Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Joshua Jenkin	Socha Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Paul McGilton	Szczygielski Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Maria Amarelo Pro populo	Pereira Family



Sat. Oct 3 5 p.m.
Lector Patricia
Ex. Minister Chris

Sun. Oct 4 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
Lector Ann Cheryl
Ex. Minister Penny Lar

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. CWL General
Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing

Bulletins are available online at:

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

Parent and Child Drop In – Join us for our first ever **Parents' Group** meeting! Drop-in any time between **9:30 -11:30 am** on the first Wednesday of every month in the church basement for fellowship, activities, and community with other parents. Look forward to coffee and treats for the parents, and toys and activities for your little ones. Bring your babies, toddlers, and kids and we'll see you on **October 7th!** Please see Penny McCabe or Father Mark for any further information.

CWL 50/50 draw

The CWL would like your help in selling their 50/50 tickets. We will be distributing them after each mass and hopefully you will take some and sell them to family and friends. 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.

WALK WITH JESUS: A Retreat Day for Parents Who Have Experienced the Death of a Child

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us for this healing day. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we know this day will help to restore your inner core. The retreat will be offered from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, October 10 or Saturday, November 7th. The \$20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required for set up and lunch. Register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the date of the retreat), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.





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