

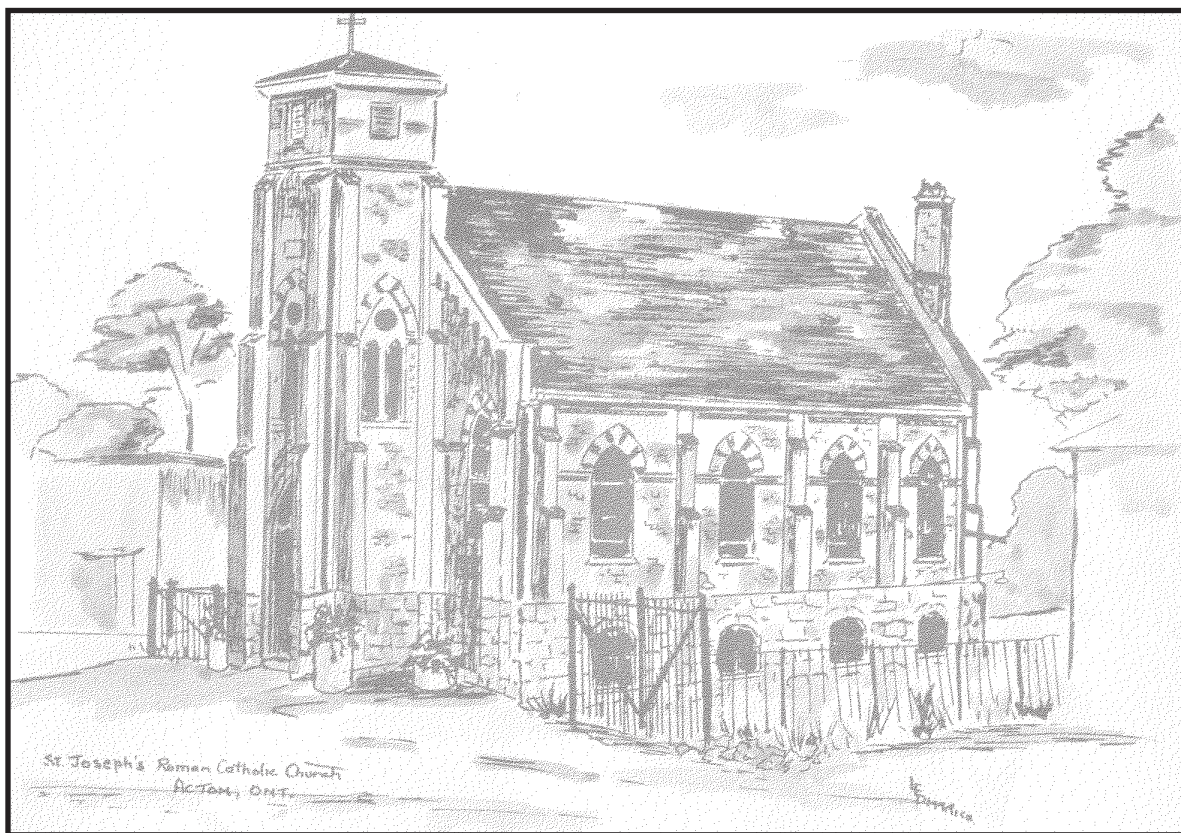
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

When the Church introduced the revised Roman Missal in 2011 there were numerous changes to wording we use at Mass. The late Pope Benedict XVI wanted the New Missal to offer a clearer understanding of what the Mass should be for us both as a Church and as Catholics. The Holy Father desired for the same Mass to be celebrated throughout the Church's world. Yes, it may be celebrated in different languages throughout the world, but it still has the reverence, faithfulness, and the beauty it has had throughout the centuries. The Paschal memorial of Christ must always be the centre of our worship.

This Sunday's Gospel gives us an opportunity to study a change in the wording of one of the Eucharistic Prayers in the Missal. The Second Eucharistic Prayer is the shortest of the Eucharistic Prayers, but it is used a lot by celebrants.

With the previous Missal, the phrase "We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you." Was said by the priest right after the memorial acclamation. Today, with the New Missal, the passage is still in the same location of the prayer, but the wording is different. It goes like this: "giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you."

The major difference is between the words 'to serve' and 'to minister to you'. To serve is a very broad statement. It does not need to be seen in a religious context. One can serve by helping others especially when they are in distress.

To 'minister to you' is very specific in nature. It is seen in serving God and Christ. However, it must also be seen with the attitude that we are returning in thanksgiving what God has given us in our lives.

Luke, in his Gospel is showing us how we are expected to act towards God. It was expected, and it was the purpose of servants and slaves, to serve. They were neither paid nor rewarded. Luke is in no way endorsing nor condemning the social practices of his time. Luke is contrasting this image to the one we are called to live by. Yes, we are to serve God, but with a deeper understanding of what He has already offered to us. We have His Son and have been graced by the Holy Spirit. This gives us an opportunity to both serve

in a generous way but also in a way which pleases God and motivates us to be good.

This weekend we need to see that we exist to love Him and to serve Him. This must never be seen in a demeaning way. We are called to imitate Christ, who served His Father to the point of giving up His life.

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:

**Mary Palmateer, Ronald Parker,
Karin Brozic**



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

**Hickey, Himeshazi, Hrynkiw,
Humenyk, Jakubiec, James**

Diocesan Vocations Month - October 2025

Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday your parish will pray for vocations during Mass.

For more information about praying for vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/> Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

The CWL 50/50 Draw

The CWL would like your help in selling their 50/50 tickets. Next weekend we will be distributing them after each Mass. The sold tickets and money can be returned in the collection in a separate envelope marked 50/50 draw by November 23.

This is an important fund raiser and contributes to our ongoing charitable causes and school awards. We thank you in advance for your support.

Parish Office Closure: The office will be closed from October 15 until November 7. Phone messages will be monitored. Please speak directly to Father Mark for any further information.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (October 6 – October 12)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Maria Albano	Schiafone Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Marcin and Kamila Jakubiec</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Giuseppe and Maria Querques	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Mariellen Penrose	Janine Milton
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Victor Pek</i>	Mira and Karl Pek
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Jane McDowall	Paul and Chris Hansen
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Oct 11 5 p.m.
 Lector Chris
 Ex. Minister Nancy

Sun. Oct 12 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Catherine Gita
 Ex. Minister Ann 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. K of C Executive
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing

Diocesan Vocations Month

October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, sister or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. For more information about praying for vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/> Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

From the Knights of Columbus: I would like to thank everyone that helped at the Fall Fair; through your efforts we will be able to continue donations to the various organisations in our community with the anticipated funds from the Agricultural Society.

- Ian Nolan, Grand Knight, Council 8050



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