

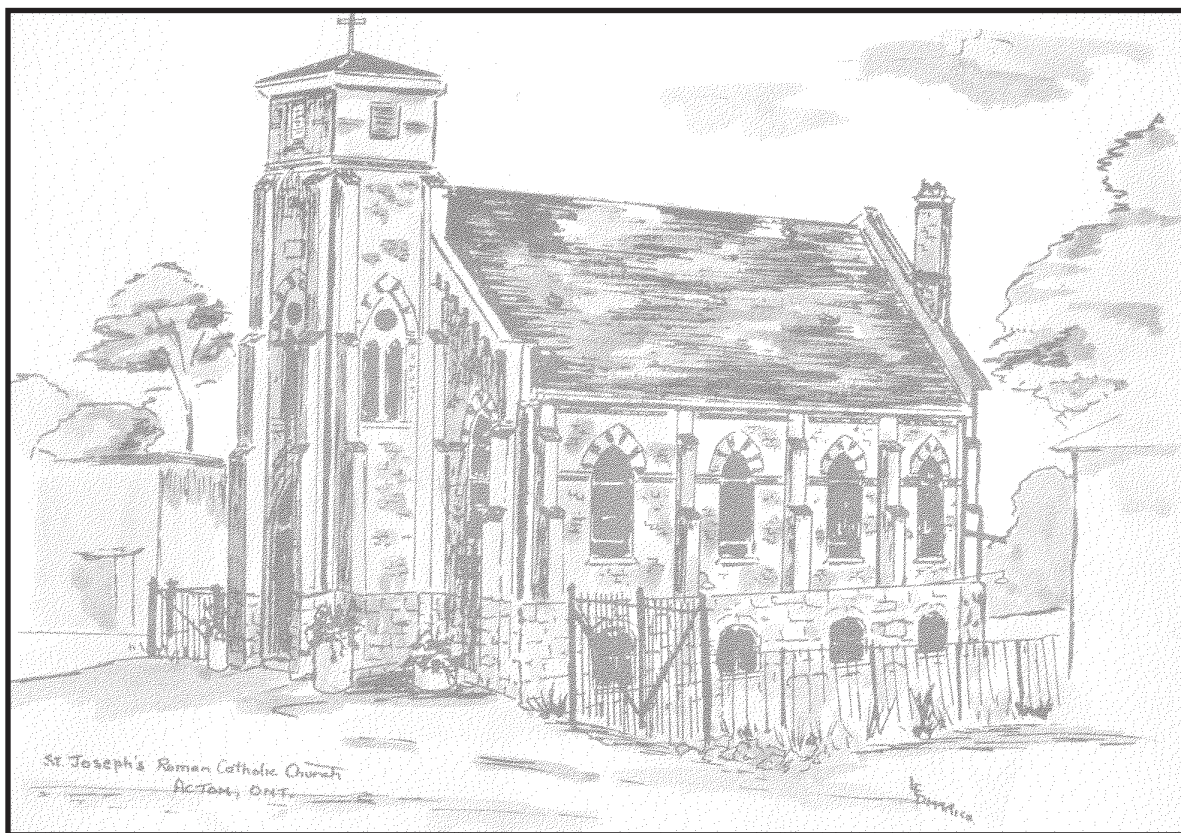
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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 one reads the bulletin blurb this Sunday, I will just have completed attending our Diocesan Clergy seminar in Burlington. The theme this year is Evangelization. What is unfortunate is that because of the timing for publication of this bulletin, I am unable to share any aspect of the theme from the seminar.

Even though this is the situation, we can speak about evangelisation. When one thinks about evangelising, they think of a televangelist on TV who is wearing a sharp suit and can speak for a long period of time. Others would think of an individual who stands on a street corner yelling at the top of their voice. An image which I always thought of growing up, is a couple of people coming to your door and attempting to tell the homeowner of the importance of their church beliefs. Whatever the image may be, the word evangelisation often has a negative tone to it.

In the Catholic Church, the word is seen as being a positive one rather than a negative one. Church teaching sees it as being the essential mission of the Church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and the witness of a holy life.

Pope Paul VI taught that the Church fundamentally exists to evangelise and that every baptised Catholic must see themselves as being active agents of evangelisation, regardless of their formal training or position in the Church.

We can identify the so-called five circles of evangelisation. They are self, family, parish, community, and finally, the World, with the circle extending out in order.

We need to realise that we must evangelise ourselves before attempting any of the other circles. This doesn't mean that all we do is to live our faith and people will magically convert. Rather, one must be able to share their own faith with others. One must be able to convert themselves each day to Christ. If

not, then one won't be an effective evangelist. Moreover, if we are truly and radically living our faith, we won't need to find people to evangelise, they will come to us asking why we live the way we do.

The other four circles will follow if an individual is able to convert their own faith life. Evangelisation isn't easy. It involves one's whole life and often it doesn't bring in noticeable results. Yet, evangelisation is a command from Our Lord. We must help each other achieve this command.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

- St. Augustine

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Mary Albert, Brian Tanney,
Rhonda Chartrand**



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

**Arbic, Arruda, Atkins,
Badin, Baginski, Bahro**

From the Office: There have been changes made to automated banking systems which mean all cheques to our Parish must be made payable to:

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There can be **no other words added and no words omitted** on the payee line. This matters for us and the local branch as well because all cheques deviating from this must be returned. We are sorry for the inconvenience to our Parishioners.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 14 – Sept 20)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Our Parish	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Ron and Shirley Dunlop	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Celina and Steve Wlazlowski	Kwiatkowski Family
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Sept 19 5 p.m.
Lector Kathleen
Ex. Minister Chris

Sun. Sept 20 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
Lector Kazi Lizzie
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

The Acton Fall Fair takes place from Friday Sept. 18th till Sunday Sept. 20th. Volunteers are needed to help with parking and admissions. If you are interested in helping please leave your name and contact information on the sheet at the back of the church. For further information please contact the Grand Knight, Ian Nolan or CWL member Catherine Hannah, (stoneyacres97@gmail.com)

MULTICULTURAL MASS All are warmly invited to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our Diocese at the Multicultural Mass on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. The Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., Bishop of Hamilton, and followed by a multicultural celebration in McNally Hall. All are welcome!

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES The 112th **World Day of Migrants and Refugees** will be observed this year on Sunday September 27, under the theme, "*Even just one of these children.*" This is taken from the Lord's promise that "*Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me*" (Matthew 18:5). The theme draws attention to the Church's special concern for children affected by migration. We are called to welcome every child with the love and dignity of Christ, recognizing their immeasurable value and need for care, protection, and hope. On this occasion, we pray in solidarity with migrants, refugees, and displaced people throughout the world.

Bulletins are available online at:
<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

MEETINGS

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





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