

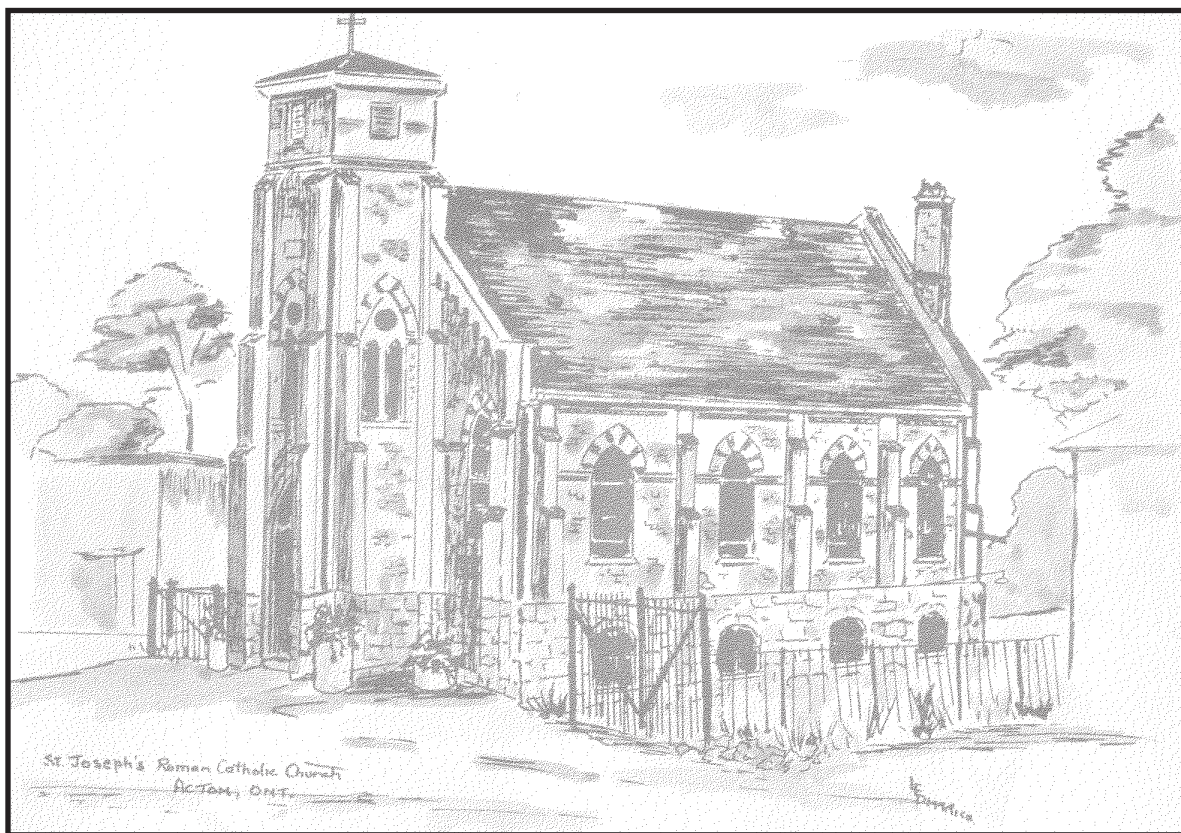
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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

Christ the King 905-702-8838

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:

A possession of mine which I truly cherish is a large wooden crucifix at my house. It was placed on the casket of my Great Grandmother at her funeral at St. Patrick's Church in Hamilton in 1937. My Grandmother had it for many years and then she passed it on to my mother in the 1960's. My mother gave it to me just before I started my studies at the seminary in 1986. First of all, I was touched by my mother's gesture in giving me the crucifix. I also did not know that this crucifix was in our family possession for many years.

I could not hang the crucifix properly at the seminary because we were forbidden to hang anything on the walls, this also included pictures and paintings. What I did was to place it on my desk in my room throughout my seminary years.

After being ordained, I have hung the crucifix in many different rooms, throughout my priestly ministry. I have hung it in my offices, my bedrooms, and one time it was displayed in the sacristy of one of my appointments because there was no crucifix in the room. Currently, it hangs on the right side of the inside of my front door. This gives me the opportunity to look at the crucifix and to ponder it each day.

I brought this story up to you because, I was reading a story where a priest was visiting the home of his parishioners. He remarked about the beautiful crucifix hanging in their front hallway. The wife asked, "what crucifix"? When the priest pointed to it, the wife simply said, "I guess I've walked past it for so many years that I don't even notice it anymore."

A challenge for us today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross this Sunday, is to ask ourselves if the cross, the crucifix, we see, has been around so long that we have forgotten what it is about. Is it just another pretty thing to hang on the wall, or a pretty thing on a necklace, or pretty, dangling earrings?

How can we show our love for the cross? We can do this by displaying our crucifix proudly. We can place it where we will see it day in and day out and remember. This constant remembering can make a change in us.

How do we love the cross? There is nothing that more identifies us as Catholics than the prayer gesture we call the 'Sign of the Cross'. We certainly make a Sign of the Cross at Mass, but is it real or

haphazard? Is it a prayer or an empty gesture? Are we willing to allow ourselves to be seen making a Sign of the Cross?

On this feast day, we must see that Jesus gives us hope through the cross. At times, this hope may be the only thing that gets us through our days and the challenges we may face. We are called to the cross and to everything we have been offered because of it.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is good, because it is good, if bad, because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country."

- C.S. Lewis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Mary Palmateer, Paul Kavanagh,
Avelinda Toledo**



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

**Fernandes, Fernandez, Foster-Fiore,
Fuller, Gajda, Gallagher**

RESTART: Moving Forward Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run **Tuesdays from Sept. 23 – Nov. 25** from 7-9 pm and are held in person at the Chancery Office, Hamilton, in person. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration online: **hamiltondiocese.com** under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail **familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com**

STRUGGLING IN YOUR MARRIAGE? FIND HOPE WITH RETROUVAILLE – Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples who are struggling to restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and aids couples to reconnect. Join us for our upcoming weekend **Oct. 17 (evening), 18 and 19th** because no marriage is beyond hope. For more information visit **www.retrouvaille.org**, or email **1013r@helpourmarriage.org**, or call 905-664-5212.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 15 – Sept 21)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Paul Cronin	Mary Smith and Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Kosir Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Ron and Shirley Dunlop	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of Knights of Columbus 8050 and their families	Knights of Columbus 8050
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Marlyn Kiernan	Peggy and Garry DeBryun
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Manuel Pereira	Pereira Family
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Sept 20 5 p.m.
 Lector Lilli
 Ex. Minister Chris

Sun. Sept 21 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Jay Lizzie
 Ex. Minister Ann 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. KofC General
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing

Act II (Separated & Divorced Support Group) - Our Act II monthly informal support group that meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm, in the Resource Centre/Library at St. Michael's Parish Waterloo. With the support of others, you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Join us anytime you can; registration is not required. Visit our website (www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced), or contact our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca for more information.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH #151 In the busy schedules we often adhere to, we can let our time as a couple slip away, compromising it to accomplish other necessary things. The mistake of that is that we can become disconnected, distant and less in synch with each other. Take the time to schedule couple time and don't compromise, unless it is an emergency. Your relationship will flourish and spill over to other aspects of your life! (Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM - This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and set realistic goals for your future. The program will run Tuesdays from Sept. 23 – Nov. 25 from 7-9 pm and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

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