

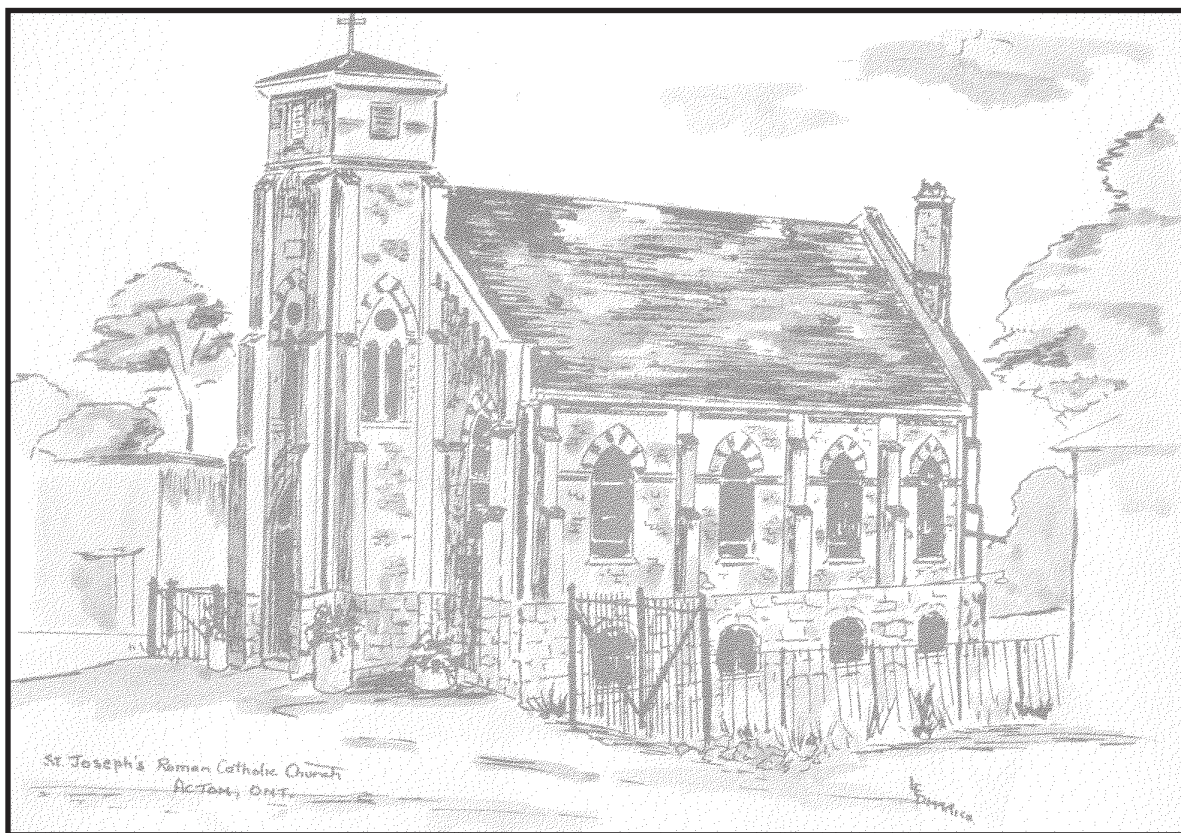
St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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:

This week we celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew, both Apostle and Evangelist of the Church (September 21).

With this being the year in which we read from the Gospel of St. Matthew (Year A), it is good for us to look at this saint on his feast day. We can see from the Gospel for the Feast Day that Matthew was considered a sinner and a dishonourable man by the Jewish community because he worked as a tax collector for the Roman Empire. It was likely assumed that every tax collector cheated the population and was corrupt.

Jesus enters this picture by accepting the invitation of Matthew to share a meal with him at his home, much to the disapproval of the Jewish elders. Jesus reminds them, as he does us, that He came for the sick. Many will concentrate just on the healing stories throughout the Gospels, without realizing that He came for all who were in need of healing. This is something that we need to be aware of as well. Jesus came for the salvation of souls and this continues to be the mission of the Church to this very moment.

On this Feast Day of St. Matthew, let us be inspired by this Saint and Apostle. Matthew was someone who realized that he needed Jesus in his life. He was not afraid to invite Him into his home and into his soul.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Some people feel guilty about their anxieties and regard them as a defect of faith. I don't agree at all. They are afflictions, not sins. Like all afflictions, they are, if we can so take them, our share in the Passion of Christ"

— C.S. Lewis,

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Susan Lindsay, Laura Kupferschmidt,
Susan McGilloway-Robson***



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

***Banks, Bartczak, Baxter,
Bell, Biernacki, Biggs***

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT Fr. John Ha, our new Vocations Director, invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, October 3rd at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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

St. Joseph Patron of Canada

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.

AI AND HUMAN DIGNITY The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us as we explore Pope Leo's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* and our call to protect human dignity in an age of technological revolution. There will be 2 locations for this series:

Kitchener: Saturday, October 24th, 2026 (1:00 – 3:00pm): St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener

Hamilton: Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026 (1:00 – 3:00pm): Chancery Office, Hamilton

Registration and more information can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/ai-and-human-dignity-workshop/>

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 21 – Sept 27)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Pat South</i>	Bev Duval
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Julia and Peter Dyczkowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Paul Foster	Fiore Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of The Monteiro Family</i>	Monteiro Family



Sat. Sept 26 5 p.m.

Lector Chris
Ex. Minister

Sun. Sept 27 9 a.m. 11 a.m.

Lector Catherine Lar
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. CWL Executive
Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing

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>





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