

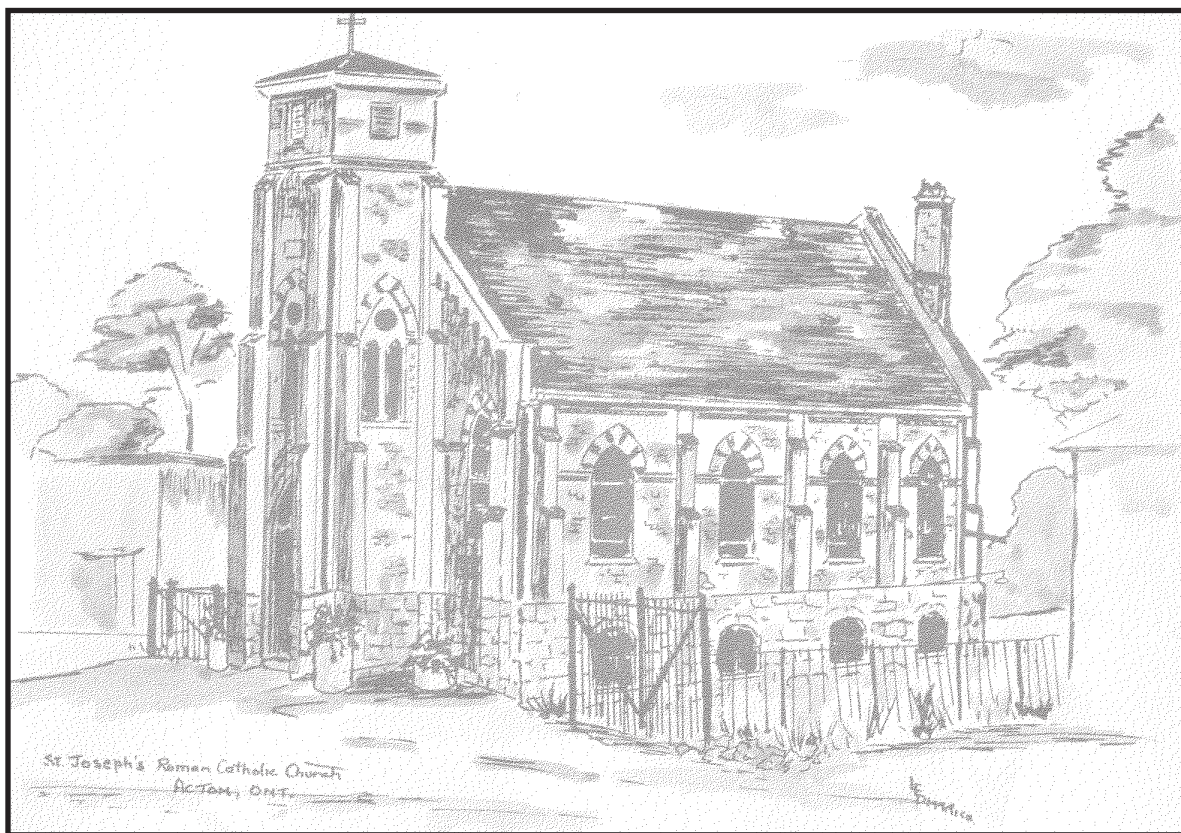
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Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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
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:

Would you accept money for something good if you knew the money being given to you was earned in dubious ways?

Most of us will never have this experience, but there is a story from Hamilton Diocese when this specific question came about. When I was in the seminary, I was told by a priest from our Diocese who is now deceased, of the building of a new church in the Diocese.

The priest told me that the Diocese was approached by a gentleman who was terminally ill. He had been away from the Church for many years, but he wanted to make amends as he was dying. This priest told me that the man had earned his wealth through illegal ways.

I was later told by others that the Diocese firmly rejected the offer, while others have said that the Diocese accepted a small sum from the individual. Whatever the case may be, there is a moral question pertaining to this issue.

This leads to the parable of the Gospel this Sunday. It seems to be a little awkward since it seems to approve of dishonesty about the mismanagement of wealth. Stewards were entrusted to watch over the rest of the household servants and the master's property. This steward was in a crisis either because of dishonesty or mismanagement, for which he was to be fired.

The morality of the situation is not the concern of Jesus as He tells the story. His concern is about the man's ability to respond to a crisis. The way the steward tried to ingratiate himself to others by lowering their debt so he would have a future somewhere else was considered a noble thing. Dishonesty was not noble, but the ability to use possessions for the sake of your future was.

This Gospel parable lets us know that how we use wealth has eternal consequences. Jesus wants His followers to learn from the world. Even though wealth can be dangerous, it is still possible to manage wealth and possessions in ways that serve the Kingdom of God.

As followers of Jesus, we are called not to pursue wealth to acquire money and possessions. We are to pursue wealth to become generous. We cannot live a split life. We are either with Jesus, or we are not.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Just as bees are driven out by smoke, and their honey is taken away from them, so a life of ease drives out the fear of the Lord from man's soul and takes away all his good works."

-Thomas Merton

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Mary Palmateer, Jacques Agnes,
Cecilia Tracy**



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

**Gallo, Giliauskas, Gomes,
Gouveia, Grabauskas, Graham**

Diocesan Vocations Month - October 2025

Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday your parish will pray for vocations during Mass. You are also asked to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone you think should consider a particular vocation, such as marriage, priesthood, consecrated life (religious life or consecrated virginity lived in the world) or the permanent diaconate, be sure to tell that person. 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.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 22 – Sept 28)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Jozef Chalupka	Jadwiga Chalupka
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her Parents
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Jerry Cronin	Mary Smith and Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Franciszek Chalupka	Jadwiga Chalupka
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Ika Rupcic	Carolyn Montgomery
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Jaraslaw Peczeniuk	Decio and Brenda Ramahlo
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Sept 27 5 p.m.
 Lector Maria
 Ex. Minister Chris

Sun. Sept 28 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Kazi Lar
 Ex. Minister Jay Aaron

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

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

FALL WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Lectors Workshop: In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for parishioners new to this ministry and a good refresher for experienced Ministers. Participants receive a mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Workshops run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Saturday, October 4, 2025**, St. Michael Parish, Waterloo, and **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington. Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/08/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-3/>

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.





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