

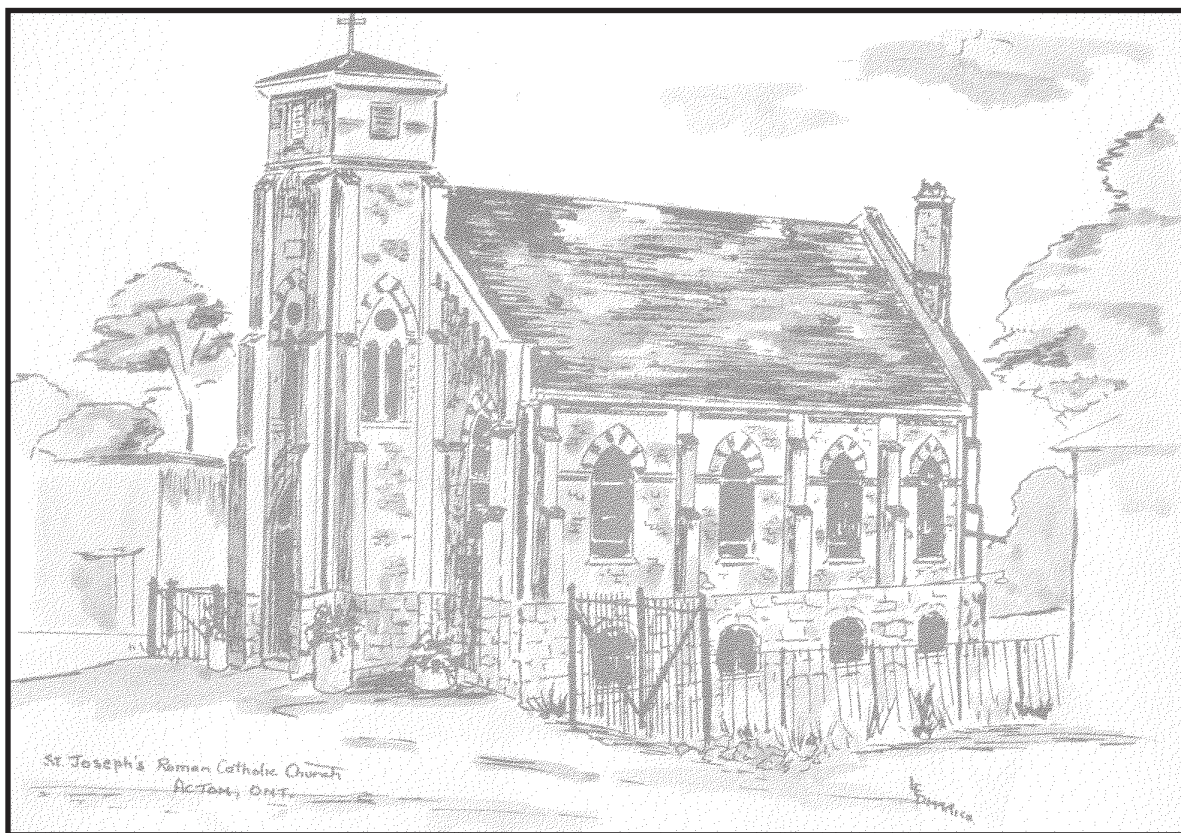
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

For the last couple of weeks and for the next few, we will be reading from the two letters from St. Paul to Timothy for our Sunday Second Readings.

Many scripture scholars believe that these were the last letters St. Paul composed before he was executed in Rome. They believe that he was in prison awaiting execution when they were written. Others believe however, that Paul was already dead when they were written. Whatever the case may be, the letters provide us with St. Paul's final statements of faith and perseverance. They also give us a glimpse into the early Church and its struggles.

One of the things we know about St. Paul is that he was an athlete. We do not know how good he was, but his continual reference to sports shows that he clearly loved them. In our reading today, Paul refers to sports when he tells Timothy to "compete well for the faith." We do not know if Paul is referring to running or wrestling, but the image is one of a very hard fought, exhausting, physically demanding competition.

Not only do we see these two letters to Timothy as being his last instructions, but we might also see them as those of a wise old pastor passing on his wisdom to a young pastor. Timothy was the young pastor who St. Paul encouraged. Paul wanted Timothy to compete well because the prize was eternal life, though Timothy was not competing for himself. Timothy was in a fight to keep his parishioners faithful and to keep them from returning to old ways. He had to be better than the competition for the sake of his parishioners' faith.

Timothy could not afford to sit back and reap the benefits of Paul's work. Timothy had to continually improve his own life "pursue righteousness devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness," so that he would be an example worth following and lead the kind of life that made people listen.

Our passage today from First Timothy begins with verse 11, however, the prior verse, verse 10, is good to note: "For the love of money is the root of all evils, and some people in their desire for it have strayed from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains."

Money is not evil; the love of money is. "Love of money" is placing possessions before everything else. This is a way of saying that anything we pursue more than God is the root of evil. This is the beginning of evil in our own lives. We cannot improve as a persons or as a persons of faith if something is more important to us than God is.

We are called by St. Paul to be like Timothy, to continually improve in our relationship with God. We are to be people of integrity and to look after and to be aware of those in need.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words."

Pope Leo XIV, May 16, 2025.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Mary Palmateer, Marg Davey,
Adrian Landry***



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

***Green, Halstead, Hanlon,
Hansen ,Hannah, Henschel***

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.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 29 – October 5)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Bill McGrath</i>	Knights of Columbus 8050
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Alice Thepen	Kazi and Zorika
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Salvatore and Inez Pupo	Umbrello Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Halina Dyczkowska</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Anita Garel	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Jane McDowell	Susy Joseph and Family
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Oct 4 5 p.m.
 Lector Kathleen
 Ex. Minister Patricia

Sun. Oct 5 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Ann Cheryl
 Ex. Minister Kazi 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.
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing

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.

Bulletins are available online at:

<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>





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