

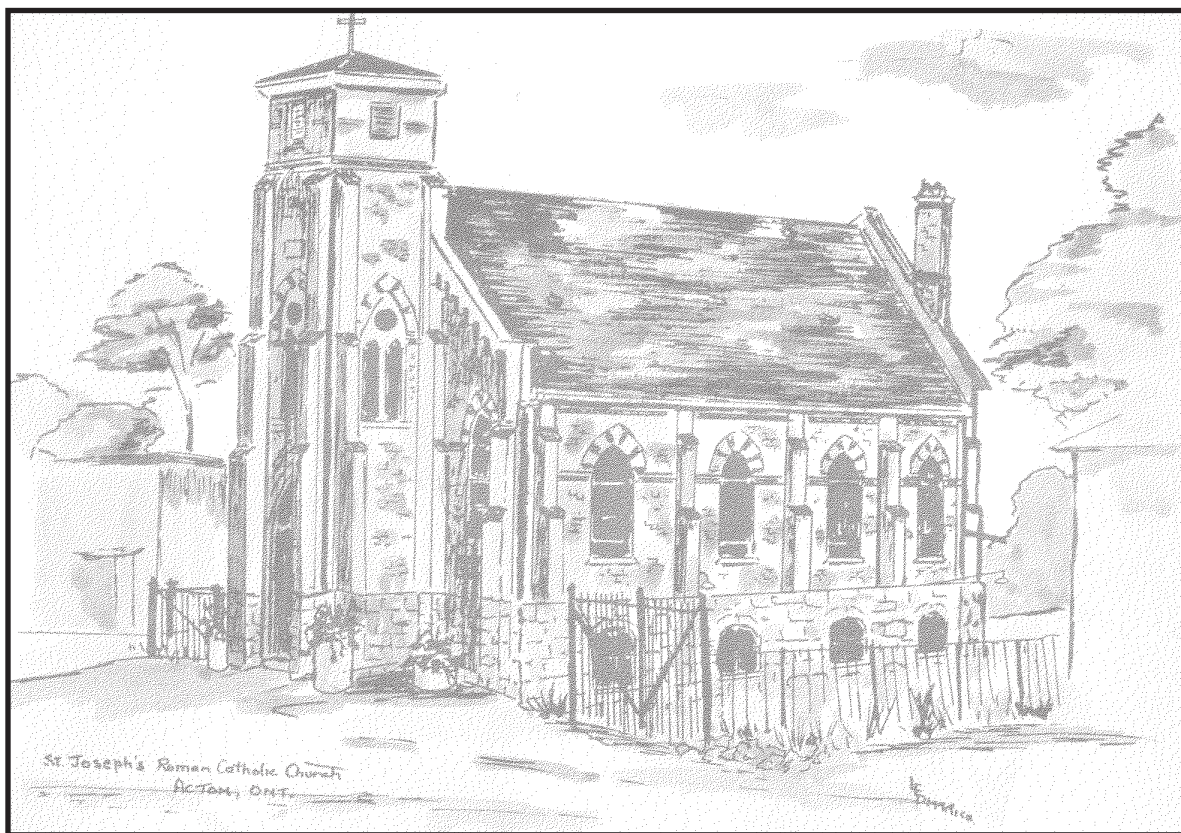
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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 couple of weeks ago, I talked about Vince Lombardi and Don Shula, two famous NFL coaches who were also devout Catholics. In that blurb, I concentrated on Coach Lombardi, this week I wish to write about Coach Shula.

In my last year in the seminary, I watched Coach Shula being interviewed by Ed Werner of ESP on television. Mr. Werner asked Coach Shula of all his accomplishments in coaching what was the one achievement he was most proud of.

Coach Shula answered by saying that a few years previously he had been invited to a Communion breakfast hosted by the Archdiocese of Miami. He said that he was honoured to be seated at the same table with Mother Teresa who was the guest speaker at the event. Coach Shula told Ed Werner that he was in the presence of holiness and that all his football accomplishments paled in comparison to what Mother Teresa had achieved and was still doing in her life.

I brought up this beautiful story this Sunday, because just this past Friday we celebrated Mother Teresa's memorial. She is now known by the Saint name of Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

Our Gospel passage today is about Jesus' call to discipleship, and what better example of answering Jesus' call is there than Mother Teresa? In her we can see everything Jesus meant by His three-fold requirement of discipleship.

First: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Second: "whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." And third: "Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Frankly, these are impossible demands, but to say they are impossible demands is not an excuse to not try to live them. Mother Teresa's life proves that with grace all things are possible. Mother Teresa left everything for the sake of Christ; her life became one of carrying the cross. What she chose to do was not easy. It cost her dearly, but in her suffering, she was able to identify more with Christ. She described her radical urge to follow Christ as a 'thirst'. That 'thirst'

made it possible for her to follow Christ despite the cost.

This is our example. While we don't literally hate our families and friends, or give everything we own away, we must change our perspective toward them. Nothing, absolutely nothing, must stand between us and following Christ. He told us it would be hard, but He also promised to help. Our challenge is to try.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"When you are weary of praying, and do not receive, consider how often you have heard a poor man calling, and have not listened to him."

Saint John Chrysostom

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Mary Palmateer, Judy Landry,
Jean Smith**



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

**Dick, Doucette, Duval,
Dzioba, Eugenio, Ferlito**

OPEN HOUSE The Bishop Farrell Library & Archives invites you to an Open House, **Sept. 20th from 2:00 - 5:00** and **Sept. 21st from 10:00 - 2:00**. We are located at 698 King St. West, on the grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Join us to view The Saint John's Bible, learn about our services, and pick up a few good books! Open to All!

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**

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 8 – Sept 14)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Sister Jean Moylan	Mary Smith and Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Halina Piotrowska	Kazi and Zorika
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Zeny Alulod	Monelette Alulod
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Maria Albano	Schiafone Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Jack South	South Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Mario Baginski	Leonora Baginski and Family
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Sept 13 5 p.m.
Lector Chris
Ex. Minister Patricia

Sun. Sept 14 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
Lector Ann Gita
Ex. Minister Kazi 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 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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