

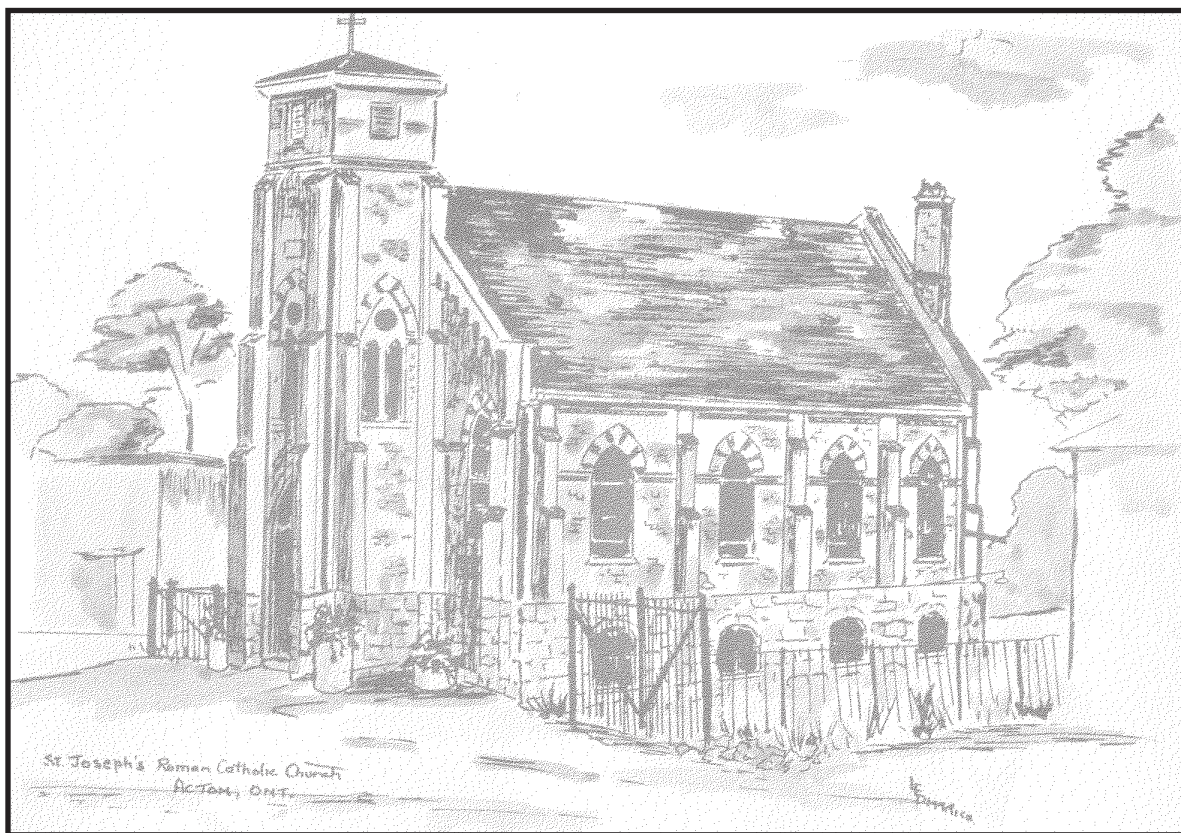
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

The special seasons of the Church's liturgical year make up the 'Extraordinary Time' throughout the year. The vestments are either purple, white, or even red. It is perhaps sufficient to say that 'Extraordinary Time' is when the really special stuff of Jesus' life happens.

We have of course just celebrated two of these seasons, Advent, and Christmas. In just over four weeks we will begin to celebrate two more of these special seasons, Lent and then Easter.

After last weekend in which we celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord followed by the Baptism of the Lord, we began what the Church calls Ordinary Time. The priest will wear green on each of the 33 Sundays of Ordinary Time. During this period, the Church picks readings from the Gospels that will systematically take us through the teachings of Jesus. We began appropriately with the Baptism of the Lord the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Today, still at the beginning of Ordinary Time, Jesus asks us a question that should remain with us through the rest of our year: "What are you looking for?"

Yes, this is a challenge to us. Indeed, what are we looking for? Why have we come here? The initial response of Andrew and the other disciple (who scholars say is St. John) to the question of Jesus was, on one level, a superficial response made by someone who doesn't quite know what to say: "Where are you staying?" On another level, it is a question with great depth. "Where can we find you, Jesus?" Through this Ordinary Time, and our ordinary daily life we will ask again and again, "Where can we find you Jesus? Where are you staying?"

Like watching people in the mall, John the Baptist pointed Jesus out to Andrew and His other disciple. The Gospel doesn't really say the statement was directed to the men. It could easily have been a remark made by John to no one in particular, yet it reveals what he thought of Jesus.

What we must not fail to notice is that Jesus did not wait for them to catch up. Instead, He stopped and turned to them and initiated a relationship with the men. We must remember that He does the same with us throughout our lives.

This Gospel passage at the beginning of this Ordinary Time is about discipleship. It's about being called and about what discipleship means. Throughout this Ordinary Time, we will discover that there is a cost to discipleship. But if we come to know Jesus, it will be worth the cost.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"We are called to live our Baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." - Pope Francis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Donna Mae Zacheriah,
Judy Landry, Gerry Cronin***

From the Parish Office: - Collection Envelopes are available in the church hall after Masses.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Kavanagh, Kelly, Kilby, Knapton,
Kolosko, Kolozsvari, Kopec***

WHEN LIFE CHANGES - Hamilton Diocese is offering a new grief program. Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! Our six-week grief program starts January 17 and will be held from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

JANUARY 14, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (January 15-January 21)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:30 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Stephanie Lampkin</i>	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	People of Ukraine	
Thurs. 9:00 a.m.	Maria and Giuseppe Querques	Querques and Spehar families
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of the Sick and Infirm of our Parish</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Jean Marcoux	Suzanne Blanchet Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Clarence Albert	Kevin and Alice Hickey
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo	



Sat. Jan 20 5 p.m.
 Lector Maria
 Extraordinary Minister Nancy

Sun. Jan 21 9 a.m.
 Lector Andrew
 Extraordinary Minister Ann

11 a.m.
 Lector Gita
 Extraordinary Minister Lizzie

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, 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 and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Friday, February 3rd** at St. Michael Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD - The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>



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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

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Tues. 7:00 p.m. K of C General
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing Group

World Day of Prayer for Christian Unity
 Sunday January 21st at 11:00 am at Bethel CRC.
 All are invited to join with the Christian Churches in Acton as we celebrate our common faith.

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges all 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. Application forms are found at the back of the church.



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