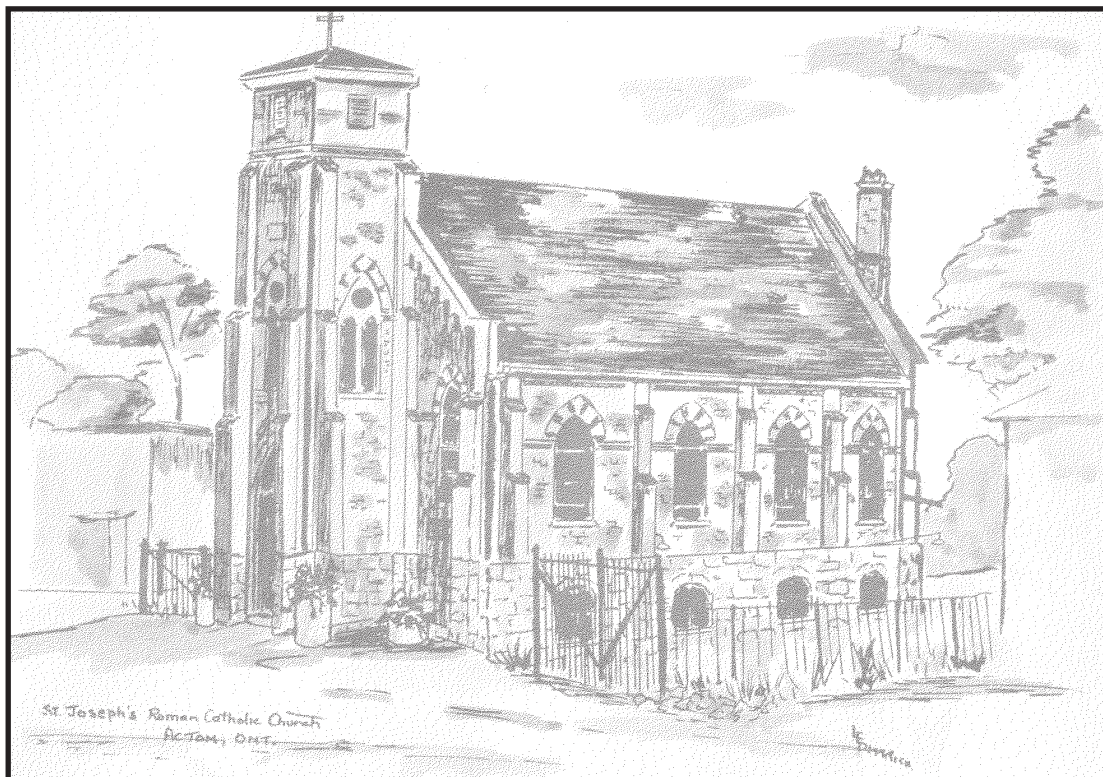


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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 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 number of years I have developed an interest in gardening. I definitely do not have a 'green thumb' but I have learned some things about flowers. I very much appreciate the knowledge some parishioners have provided to me over the last few years. I feel that flowers and trees are gifts from God.

With gardening comes the inevitable problem of weeds. I am amazed at how fast weeds can grow in one's garden. This summer so far, has been one with a lot of rain and humidity. These are perfect conditions for the growth of weeds. Just a couple of weeks ago I checked the front part of my garden, and I did not notice any significant weeds. On Tuesday, just two days later, I noticed that there were three large weeds surrounding the statue of St. Francis which I have at the front. I could not believe how tall and fast that the weeds had grown. I pulled them out immediately.

In the Gospel this Sunday, we have a passage which describes how destructive weeds can be to a farmer. The weed which Jesus describes is what is known to us as 'bearded darnel'. It is a destructive weed that wraps its roots around the roots of the wheat in competition for water and nutrients. In its early stages of growth, it is identical to wheat. Only when it begins to bear seeds is it easily identifiable. Its seeds must be separated from the wheat because it is quite poisonous. Separating the weed from the wheat could be done only at harvest time.

For us, we may not be at 'harvest time' in the world, however, we might understand that it will be God who will separate the good from the bad, because it is only God who can tell the difference.

Jesus is giving us a lesson in patience and tolerance, in our own lives and in the world. When the people heard the parable, they would have been dumbfounded at the response of the farmer. He decided not to do anything!

In the end, the farmer got his revenge. By not reacting and trying to save his wheat immediately, the farmer saved his wheat. The weeds, which were intended to destroy his crop, could be utilized for other purposes. The farmer did not need to retaliate. He knew that if he waited long enough, the enemy would be revealed for what he was, and the farmer would end up looking all the better.

The themes in this week's Gospel are about exercising patience and showing tolerance until God makes His great gathering on Judgement Day. We share in the task

of revealing the patience of God by forgiving the faults of others. This does not mean cultivating an attitude of indifference towards evil. We must always allow God to be the Final Judge.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us."
- C.S.Lewis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:
Eileen Quackenbush, Jasmin Lang, Austin Hunak, Helen Fowler, David Champagne, Ian Munday



Family Prayer

We are praying especially for the following families of our parish:

Week of July 24– July 30:

Nolan, Nother, O'Dwyer, O'Meara, Oke, Osman

Week of July 31 – Aug 6:

Paisley, Palmateer, Pereira, Podsada, Pratt, Previte

Are you a student? Are you interested in pursuing medical school? The Dr. H. Patrick and Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham Medical Scholarship has been established to provide grants for Catholics who want to pursue medical school. If you are interested or know anyone who is, please encourage them to apply. The application deadline is July 28, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Claire Morgan at: mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com

FRASSATI Leadership Program – Young people entering grade 10 in September are invited to register for the Frassati leadership program. This year long program is designed for young Catholic leaders who want to expand their Catholic leadership skills and grow in their relationship with Christ and their communities. For registration and more information please visit:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/youth-ministry/frassati>

JULY 23, 2023

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (July 24 – July 30)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Iwona Kwiatkowski</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	People of Ukraine	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	The Sick of Our Parish	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Lianna Reinhardt
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Marie MacDonald	Geralda Savoie
DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (July 31 – Aug 6)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Joseph and Joan Wilflin	Wilflin Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Helen and Dusan Klemencic	Estate of H. Klemencic
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	The Sick of Our Parish	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Aubrey Baillie	deSouza Family



Sat. July 29 5 p.m.
 Ex. Minister Baldwin
 Lector Chris
 Music Martin
 Usher Baldwin

Sun. July 30 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Ex. Minister Marcus Lorin
 Lector Andrew Gita
 Music Christie
 Usher Decio Paul H.

Sat. Aug 5 5 p.m.
 Ex. Minister Patricia
 Lector Chris
 Music Martin
 Usher Roberto

Sun. Aug 6 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Ex. Minister Penny Lar
 Lector Jay Lizzie
 Music Christie
 Usher Decio Paul H.

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

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: Marc MacDonald: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Summer Bulletin Schedule: Please note the bulletin will not be published each week throughout the summer. The next bulletin will be published for the weekend of August 6.

Please see Eddie MacDonald if you have any questions or are interested in joining the **Liturgical Team or the Music Ministry**. The Children's Liturgy returns in the Fall.



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