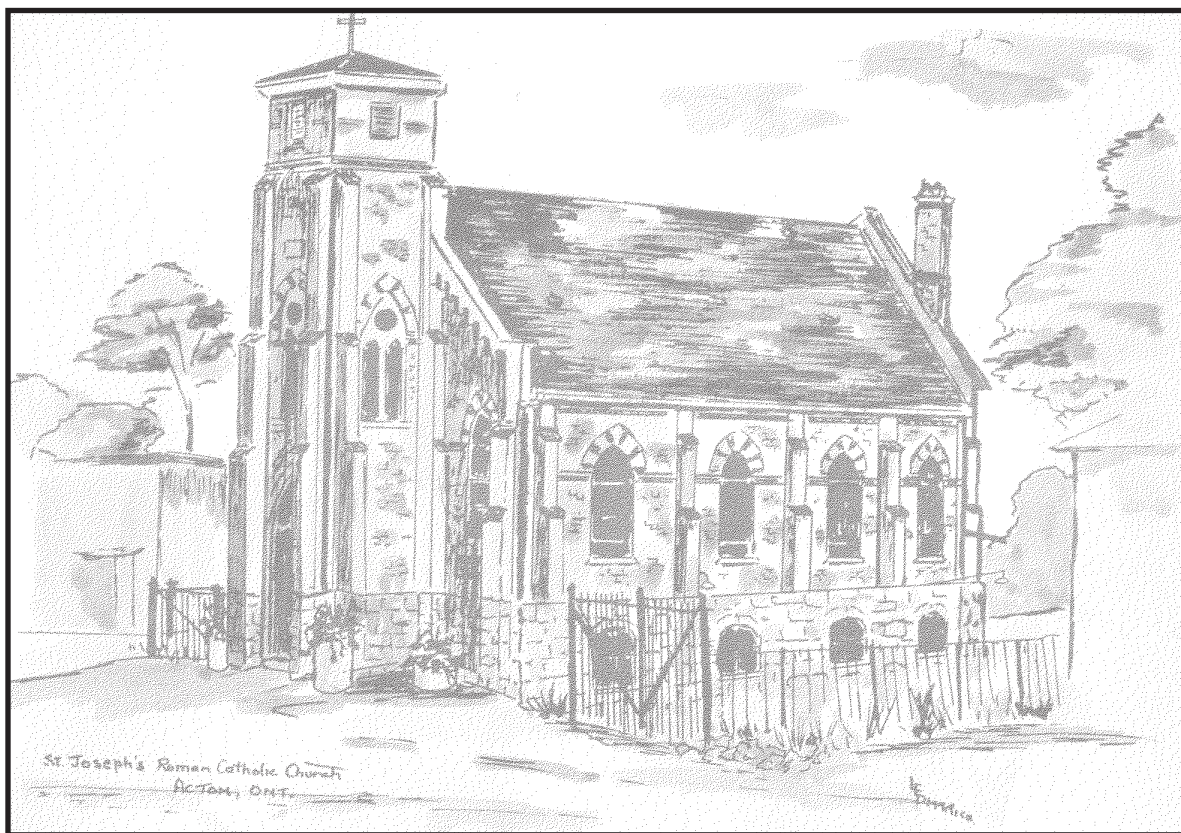


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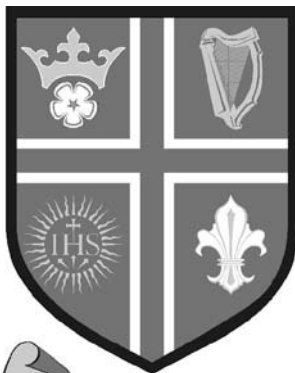
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## SUNDAY MASSES:

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.

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## A Word From Our Pastor:

**T**his weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and blood of Christ. Many of us would know it by its other name, Corpus Christi.

There are two saints who we will talk about in this message pertaining to this Solemnity. One is one of the most famous Saints in our Church's history. The other is very obscure but is still important in teaching the holiness and significance of Corpus Christi.

The more obscure Saint is St. Juliana of Liège. She was an Augustinian Nun, who lived in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century in what is now known as Belgium. She was an immensely talented woman and scholar who through her devotion and faithfulness was able to teach that the bread and wine presented at Mass becomes the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. Until St. Juliana's time, the Body of Christ was not elevated after the Consecration. Her Eucharistic devotion became a movement that drove the desire of Medieval Catholics to want to see the Body of Christ, so the elevation of the host began in France around 1220. Also, Adoration became a regular practice.

The famous Saint we will talk about is St. Thomas Aquinas. St. Thomas was one of the greatest minds in Church history. He is a Doctor of the Church, and his writings are still taught to this day.

We can see the influence of St. Thomas today in our solemnity through what we call the Sequence of the Mass. When we see a Sequence during the Mass, we are reminded that the Church is pointing us to something essential in our faith. We had a Sequence on Pentecost Sunday and on Easter Sunday.

A Sequence is optional during Mass. It should always be sung by a very talented choir. I must admit, in my time as a priest, I have only heard a Sequence sung perhaps five times. If you wish to read and pray the Sequence for Corpus Christi, it starts on page 411 in the Sunday Missal.

This brings us to St. Thomas today. The Sequence for this Sunday has its origins in a

hymn written by St. Thomas. Its original name in Latin was 'Laude Sion' meaning 'Praise, O Sion'. He wrote it specifically for the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, in about the year 1264. The 10<sup>th</sup> verse truly teaches us what the Feast is all about.

This Feast today celebrates the gift Jesus gave us, His Body and Blood, but despite all the teachings which have been given to us, many still do not completely understand the depth and profundity of this precious gift. Through the Body and Blood of Christ, we are allowed to share in the life of God. This is the perfect sacrifice. It is the perfect act of love.

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing..."  
—St. Therese of Lisieux

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Dennis DeMelo, Mary Albert,  
David Champagne,***



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Castellino, Caswell, Champagne,  
Clough, Coles, Conroy***

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### TO INFORM, ENCOURAGE AND HEAL

June is Indigenous History Month in Canada. We invite you take time in this season to learn more about the Catholic Church's commitment to ongoing reconciliation efforts with Indigenous communities through a four-week learning opportunity through the VLCCFF (Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation). To learn more about this study, please visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com)

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JUNE 2, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (June 3 – June 9)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	No Mass	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	No Mass	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Paul Hutchison	Janet Raats
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Helen and Dusan Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Abel and Virginia Castellino and Benny Dias	Castellino Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup Pro populo	Gorjup Family



Sat. June 8 5 p.m. Lector Lilli  
Extraordinary Minister Chris

Sun. June 9 9 a.m. Lector Andrew  
Extraordinary Minister Jay

11 a.m. Lector Lar  
Extraordinary Minister Lorin

### 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.



### 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](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)

K of C: Ian Nolan: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS** - The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June to October. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at noon. The presiders for these days will be Fr. Ian Duffy (June 1), Bishop Wayne Lobsinger (July 6), Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki (August 3), Bishop Douglas Crosby (September 7) and Bishop Daniel Miehm (October 5). For more information, see the Diocesan website.

### MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops  
Tues. 7:30 p.m. (after Mass) K of C Executive  
Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing Group

**CWL Potluck Dinner June 1** - All women of the parish are invited to attend a potluck dinner in the church hall on Tuesday June 11 following 6:00 pm Mass.

**Attention Parents of Students Entering Grade 7 in September:** Father Mark will be holding a Confirmation meeting for parents on June 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.






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