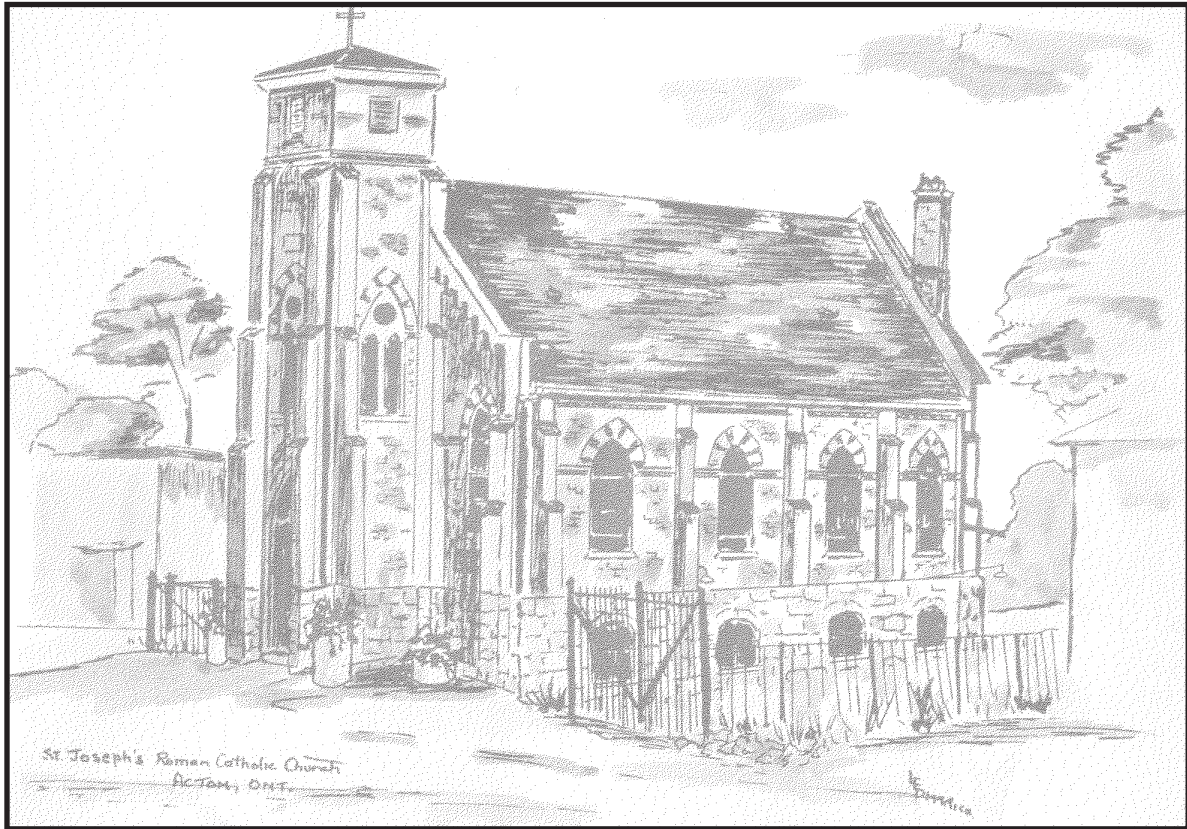


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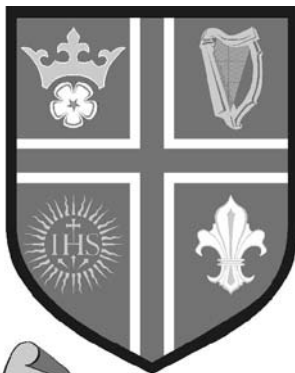
Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

## 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:

It is hard to believe that we are at the second weekend of May the month of May is usually very busy for priests. Many parishes will be celebrating First Holy Communions and Confirmations. This is also the beginning of the season for celebrating weddings in a parish as well.

As Catholics we also set aside the month of May as being a month in which we honour our Blessed Mother, Mary in a special way. With this in mind, we also honour mother both living and deceased on Mothers' Day (May 12).

We honour Mothers on this day by the fact that they give us life. For the most part, our mothers were the first ones to instill a faith life or faith practices in us. We pray the mothers will always be strengthened by the image of the Blessed Mother in their lives. I am always comforted by the Gospel passage of the Wedding of Can, which was the first public miracle of Jesus. We are reminded of the words spoken by Mary at the wedding. She told the servants: "Do whatever He asks you."

A mother, if her own faith life is important to her, would encourage her children to follow this example by listening to Our Lord. Of all the mothers that are out there, there is one group of mothers who stand distinct. Their role is prominent and unique, but I have never seen published rules of etiquette for them. They hold a place of prominence but there is no rite of initiation for them to assume the role. I'm speaking of the mothers of priests.

Some mothers of priests fulfill the role not knowing they are doing it. Some fulfill the role so naturally it is as if they were destined for it.

All priests have mothers. Unfortunately, I know of some colleagues in the priesthood whose mothers died before they were even ordained, and never had the opportunity to enjoy the role for themselves. I was very blessed to have my mother present at my ordination, even though she was ill at the time, in fact she was in the hospital a few days after my ordination.

I can always remember, while being in the seminary, that I attended the funeral of a priest's mother. I was home for the summer and as I sat there, I kept wondering how the priest could possibly manage to celebrate his own mother's funeral. At that stage of my formation, I could not imagine doing this once I was allowed to be ordained. Of course, I had this opportunity when my own mother died a number of years after my ordination. I remember being told that celebrating her Funeral Mass would be a wonderful opportunity for me to show my love and respect for my mother. It was a great example of returning the faith practices she had instilled in me as a young child.

On this Mothers' Day, let us pray for all mothers on their special day. Especially deceased mothers who we pray have received God's eternal blessings.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"What is a godly mother? A godly mother is one who loves the Lord her God with all her heart, soul, mind, and strength and then passionately, consistently, and unrelentingly teaches her child to do the same." - Elizabeth George

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Marg Davey, Ronald Parker,  
Karin Brozic***

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This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Bell, Bhikha, Biernacki,  
Blanchet-Haffey, Bodi, Bolina***

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MAY 12, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May 13 – May 19)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Pat South</i>	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	People of Ukraine	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Peter Spencer	Spencer Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Lynne Spencer	Spencer Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	Bruce Fowler	Howard Coultrup



Sat. May 18 5 p.m. Lector Maria  
 Extraordinary Minister Nancy  
 Sun. May 19 9 a.m. Lector Catherine  
 Extraordinary Minister Ann  
 11 a.m. Lector Marcus  
 Extraordinary Minister Lar

**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)

**MEETINGS**

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops  
 Tues. 7:30 p.m. (after Mass) CWL General  
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing Group

**NEW TO YOUTH MINISTRY NETWORKING**

**EVENT** The Office of Youth Ministry is hosting a networking evening for those adult leaders who are new to parish youth ministry. Join us on **June 6<sup>th</sup>** at St. Benedict Parish in Milton for an evening of conversation and fellowship. Registration and additional information available on the Diocesan website: <https://tinyurl.com/ymnetwork>

**RELICS OF ST. BROTHER ANDRE BESSETTE VISIT HAMILTON DIOCESE** -The major reliquary of St. Andre Bessette (Brother Andre of Montreal Oratory) will visit the Diocese of Hamilton May 17-24, 2024. The relics of Brother Andre start their tour at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King and finish at Holy Family, Hanover. See the diocesan website, [Saint Brother André in the Diocese of Hamilton \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](http://Saint Brother André in the Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com)) for dates and times. This is a wonderful opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our own Canadian Saints. We are truly blessed to have the relics of St. Andre Bessette visit our Diocese.

**THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED** - In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, "A good marriage must be created" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 – 3:00 pm** at Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.







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