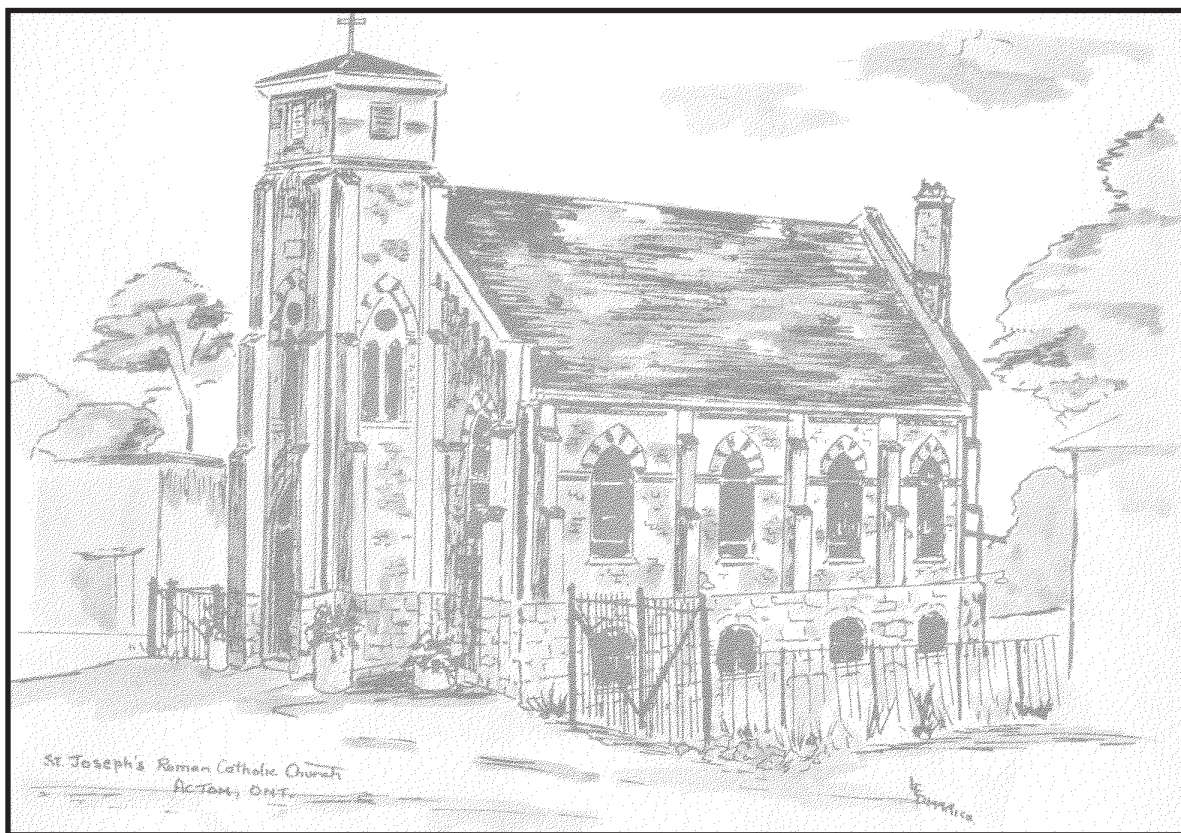


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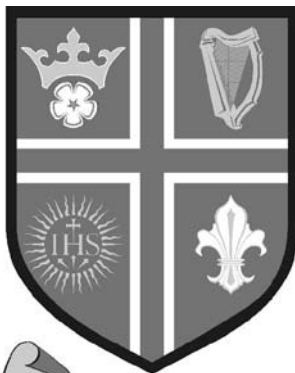
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
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BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

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By arrangement one year in advance.

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Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm
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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:

One of the most difficult moments in a family’s life is making the decision for an elderly parent about when it is time to move out of the family home and into assisted care or nursing care. Leaving a home after many years and many memories is very difficult, even traumatic for the family member.

Believe it or not, a priest can be just as adamant as a parent when it comes to moving to assisted living. Many priests are very independent and have lived on their own in many cases.

I was reading of a 92-year-old priest who had been living on his own in an apartment since he retires from active ministry. Finally, his bishop convinced him to move to an assisted care living residence. The priest stated the “Thy will be done.”

The “Thy will” was not referring to his bishop. This priest knew that he was approaching the final phase of life. When asked what had changed his mind, he responded, “God’s moves for us always take us to better places. My next real move is to Heaven. I don’t need my apartment to get ready.”

This weekend both the First Reading from Isaiah and the Gospel from Matthew are eschatological in nature. Eschatology is the branch of theology that deals with what we might call the ‘last things’ or the end of time. For us this weekend we are asked how we can get thinking about God and Heaven as we deal with the lives which we live.

This Gospel should cause us to pause and think about the wonderful future that is within our reach. It teaches us that God is longing for our homecoming in the next world. Meanwhile, the one thing necessary is to make sure that we will arrive safely by responding to His love. We are never nearer to this love than when we come forward at Mass to receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion, and in our daily lives when we have the opportunities to share in Christ’s life.

As we ponder our lives and the invitation to live with God, which we have received, do we insist on following God on our own terms, or do we accept the terms offered by Jesus? This is the reason why the guest was thrown out of the banquet hall, not because of what he was wearing but rather, he wanted God on his own personal terms.

To accept the terms of Jesus requires sacrificial love, the kind Jesus demonstrated when He gave up His life for us. Mercifully, Jesus showed us that keeping our eyes fixed on something far beyond ourselves can help us persevere through anything.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"If you have lost the taste for prayer, you will regain the desire for it by returning humbly to its practice."
- Pope Paul VI

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Avelinda Toledo, Ronald Parker,
Karin Brozic***



This week we pray especially for the following families of our parish:

***Agnes, Aitkin, Albano,
Albert, Amaral, Anastacio***

WORLD YOUTH DAY IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

Did you know that 39 delegates from the Diocese traveled to the international celebration of World Youth Day in Portugal this past summer? You can review the photo and video journals of the pilgrimage on social media: [@officeofyouthministry](#) (Instagram) or “[Diocese of Hamilton Office of Youth Ministry](#)” (Facebook). Testimonies written by participants can also be found here: <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>

OCTOBER 15, 2023

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (October 16 – October 22)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	People of Ukraine	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Edward Deevey	MacDonald Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	The Sick of our Parish	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her Parents
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Helen and Dusan Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	

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.

Bulletins are available online at:

<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>



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

From the CWL:

Rosary - In honour of the month of the Rosary (October) we will be saying the Rosary half an hour before each of the weekend Masses. If you are willing to lead one of these, please contact Christie at cwl@lartist.com or call 519-400-6012.

SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm - October 17, November 21, and December 19, 2023. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca

STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION?

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**



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