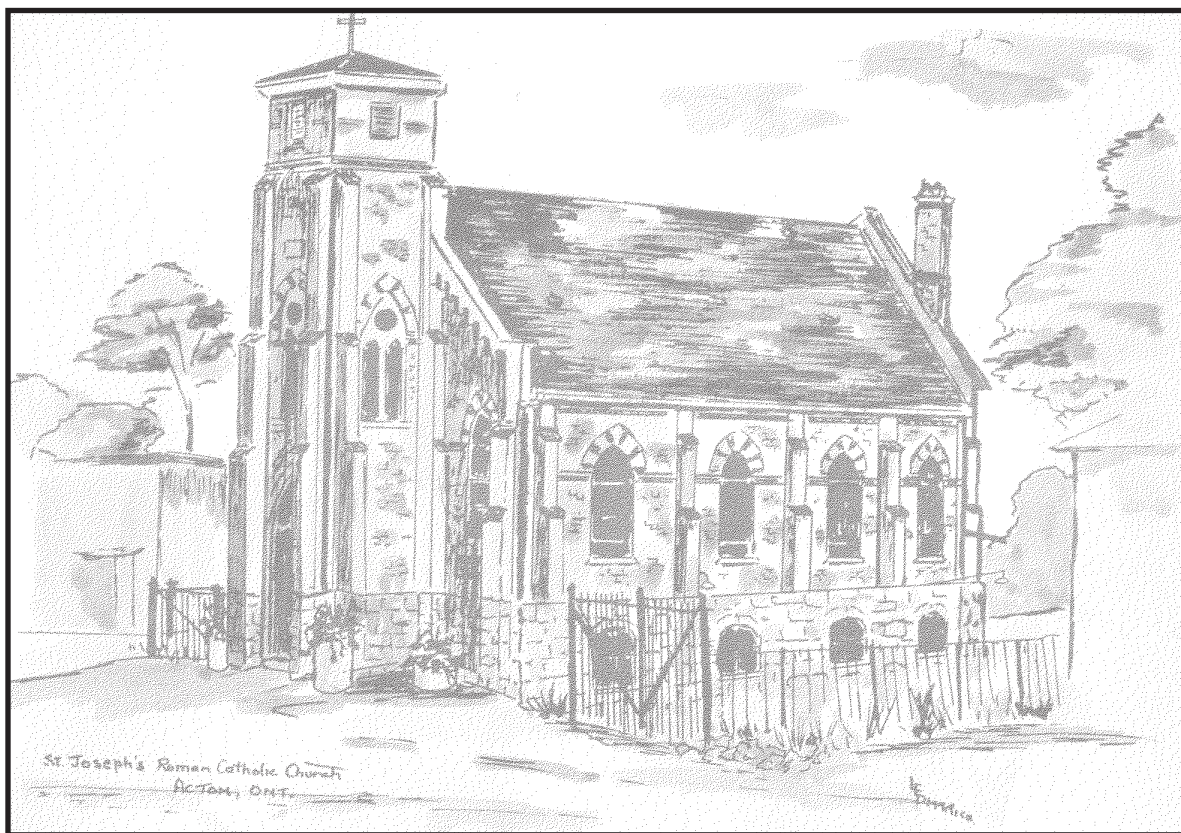


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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
Knights of Columbus
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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:

First of all, I wish all of you and your families a blessed and Holy Thanksgiving. Let us be reminded of the blessing which God has provided for us and may we always be thankful for the gift of His Son, Jesus.

The Gospel of this Sunday is very appropriate for the Thanksgiving weekend. In it, we have images of bearing fruit, harvesting, vineyards and gratitude. Another image which we may not see immediately, is that of stewardship. This parable is about giving what is due and about practicing justice.

The landlord is just like the one from the Gospel of two weeks ago who went beyond the usual ownership of the vineyard. This landlord planted the vineyard and planted a hedge around it to protect it from thieves and animals. He dug a winepress and built a tower so a watchman could look for intruders.

Usually a landlord would say, "Here's the land. You put on it what you need to. I'll be back to collect the rent later." This landlord was very different. He provided for everything. All the tenants had to do was care for the wines and then gather the harvest.

The tenants could not even do this for the landlord. They had become ungrateful for his work and care for them. We must always remember that God's ways are different from what we usually expect.

What we must recognize is that Matthew is not speaking of destroying the vineyard, which a lot of people at that time would have expected Matthew to say. Rather, he speaks of not destroying but of starting over, telling us of an owner (God) who has a history of trying over and over to renew His relationship with us after each one of our failures.

This parable challenges us to keep working is God's service and not become complacent. We can disappoint our Lord when we sit back and fail

to appreciate the beauty of our lives, the joy of our families, and His loving care. Christ is concerned that we respond to His appeal to bear fruit and become an immense and beautiful harvest.

Once again, blessings to all on this Thanksgiving weekend.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good."

-Maya Angelou

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Nicole McInnis, Judy Landry,
Paul Kavanagh***



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

***Any new families or families
which may have been missed.***

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/>

SMART STEPS – SUPPORTING STEP-FAMILIES

This is a one-day workshop designed to assist all parents and step-parents who are adjusting to blended family life. Sessions will be held at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. Time: 9:15a.m. - 3:30p.m., Price: \$50 per person, Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023. Register on line: hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

OCTOBER 8, 2023

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (October 9 – October 15)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Ray and Rena Arbic</i>	The Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Czeslawa Hercyk	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Maria and Giuseppe Querques	Querques and Spehar Families
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	People of Ukraine	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Evelyn Baker	deSouza Family

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:

General Meeting: Tuesday October 10 at 7:30 p.m.

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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