

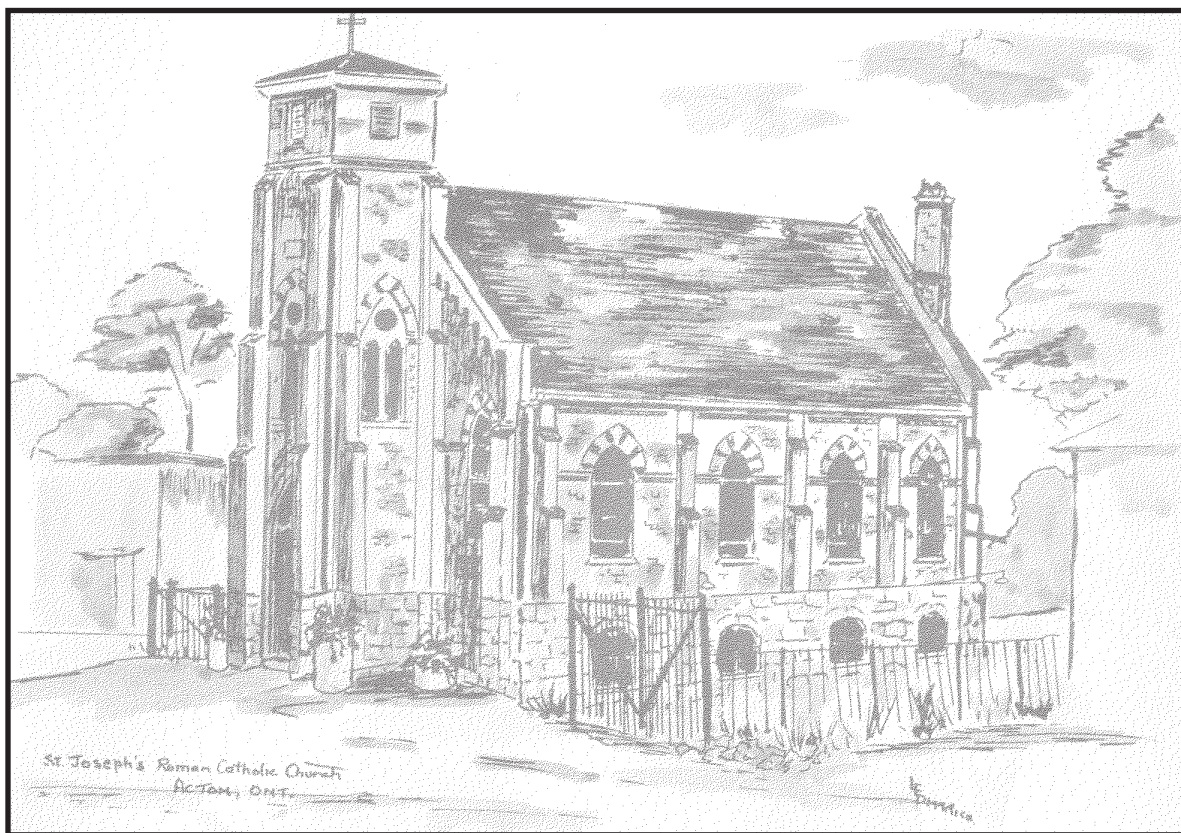
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

This Sunday, instead of celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we celebrate the beautiful Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord.

In regard to this calendar year, it is unique because we have five different Feast Days which override the Ordinary Time Sundays. They include St. Peter and St. Paul on June 29th. We then celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th. Next, we celebrate two Feast Days in a row in November. The first is the Feast of All Souls on November 2nd, followed by The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica on November 9th.

This number of Feast Days on Sundays is a nice change for us, because it allows for us to see different elements of our Catholic faith. This includes the images of great saints. There is the Passion of the Cross and the hope for the Resurrection of all who believe.

My thoughts on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord are through my first appointment as a priest back in 1995. My first assignment was at Blessed Sacrament Church in Kitchener. Up on the sanctuary, to the right of the altar, there is a beautiful statue carved from wood of the Holy Family presenting themselves at the Temple.

The figures of the statue are life sized, and the details are simply amazing. The statue was created by a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Parish. What caught my attention was the wooden cage which St. Joseph held in his one hand. It is the image of two doves and once again the details are amazing. This statue and its beauty made me want to learn more about this Feast Day.

Luke, in our passage presents us with a family that is pious, very involved in their religious tradition, extremely faith-filled and faithful. Luke tells us of the Family that follows the law of circumcision, purification for a mother who has given birth, and made presentation of their firstborn Son to the Lord as directed in the Scriptures.

The accepted offering for purification of a family after a birth was a year-old lamb and either one dove or a pigeon. If the family was poor, they could offer two birds. Luke tells us, then, that not only was

the family very faithful, but they were a family which identified with the poor.

This Feast Day gives us a choice to make. We can be like the faithful Jewish parents who took their faith seriously enough to make a return to the Lord of the most precious thing in their lives, that is, their Son, whom they presented to God in the Temple. Or do we have the attitude not to return the gifts and blessings which God has given us in our lives? This is a challenge for all of us in the lives in which we live.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"God sends us friends to be our firm support in the whirlpool of struggle. In the company of friends, we will find strength to attain our sublime ideal."

St. Maximilian Kolbe

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Stephanie Lampkin, Bob Dzioba,
Joe Humenyk***



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

***Dick, Doucette, Dunn,
Duval, Dzioba, Eugenio***

2025 Envelopes are still available in the hall. Tax Receipts are available at the back of the church, in somewhat alphabetical order.

Bulletins are available online at:

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

From the CWL: We'll be having a potluck for the CWL General meeting on Tuesday February 11. Mass at 6:00, dinner at 6:30. If you can attend, please let us know what you can bring by emailing or texting Christie (cwl@lartist.com 519-400-6012).

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (February 3 – February 9)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Wojtek and Stanislaw Borkowski	Kazi and Zorika
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	People of Ukraine	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Paul Banaszekiewicz</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Jose Ramalho	The Alves Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Josef Bawol Pro populo	His Daughter



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

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Tues. 7:30 p.m. K of C Executive
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing



Sat. Feb 8 5 p.m.
 Lector Maria
 Ex. Minister Chris

Sun. Feb 9 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Catherine Lizzie
 Ex. Minister Ann Lorin

Winter Weather Conditions:

During inclement weather, we remind Parishioners to be cautious when coming to Mass and be prepared to stay home if conditions are treacherous. We wish all our Parishioners to be safe both on the roads and on the sidewalks this Winter.

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.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

– SAVE THE DATE! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese for a **Wedding Anniversary Mass** on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in January at hamiltondiocese.com.

Milton KofC Valentine & Dinner Dance

In support of the Townsend Smith Foundation, a charity proposing to build a hospice in North Halton. Shake off those midwinter blues and at the same time support a great cause by joining us for a wonderful evening. Come out and enjoy a fabulous four course meal, music, door prizes, and silent auction, all in the elegance of the Granite Ridge Golf Club on Saturday, February 15. All are welcome to this event so feel free to get a group of your friends together. For more information or to order tickets go to:

www.holyrosaryknights.ca/valentines-gala or call Daniel Varanelli at 905-875-6699.

RCIA As we approach Lent, the Diocese of Hamilton will celebrate the Rite of Election at 1:30 p.m. on **Sunday, March 9, 2025**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, ON, for all parishes in the Diocese. The Rite of Election closes the catechumenate period and begins the Elect's final spiritual preparation to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.






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