

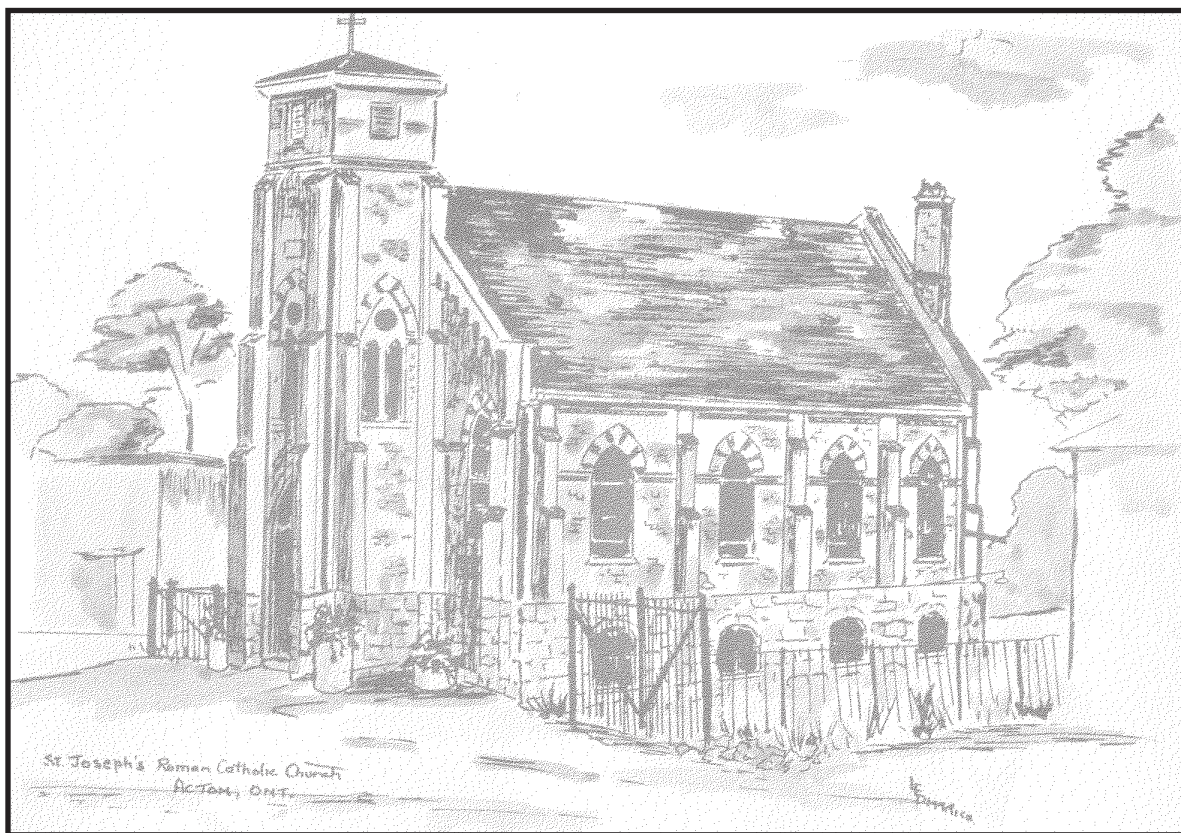
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

We return to Ordinary Time this week after celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord last Sunday.

We may be still recovering from this past Christmas; however, we need to realize that Lent is only 3 ½ weeks away with Ash Wednesday being March 5th. This year Lent and Easter are later than usual, with Easter Sunday being April 20th. It is one of the latest Easters which we have celebrated in recent memory. Last year, if you recall, we celebrated Easter Sunday on March 31st, so we are an extra three weeks later this year! Still, we should be starting to ponder how we can celebrate Lent this year.

The readings this Sunday present us with three individuals, Isaiah, Peter, and Paul. What is common between these three men was their feeling of unworthiness when confronted by the holy. This is what happens in an authentic encounter with God: holiness exposes the unholy. This is a good thing, because this exposure enables us to long for something more in our lives. The more aware we become of what we are not, the more we want to become that which God has made us to be.

Isaiah was the son of Amoz and we know little else other than that he was very well educated. Initially Isaiah was afraid of God and felt unworthy to serve God.

Peter was a fisherman who enjoyed some kind of partnership with Zebedee and his sons James and John. Peter was clearly a blue-collar worker though a small entrepreneur with his own boat. Peter was probably a typical Jewish male, not overtly religious.

Paul was born and raised in what is now Southern Turkey. He was the son of a very devout Jewish family which enjoyed Roman citizenship. Perceiving himself to have a vocation, he traveled to Jerusalem in his teenage years to study.

What we see today in our readings is God's real call to each of them and their responses. Initially they feared God, perhaps believing in themselves more than in God. Confronted with God each felt himself unworthy of Him.

All three individuals, Isaiah, Peter, and Paul, were afraid and skeptical of allowing God to enter their lives. Often one refuses to give God and the Church a

chance to teach them. One's own skepticism about God or Church can keep them away from ever really finding God in their lives.

We have a lot in common with Isaiah, Peter, and Paul. With Lent approaching, we need to see what it is that keeps us from leaving things behind to follow Jesus Christ. If we can lose the thing that holds us back, perhaps we can sing the praises of God.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Good is never accomplished except at the cost of those who do it, truth never breaks through except through the sacrifice of those who spread it."

- John Henry Newman

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Judy Landry, Jean Smith,
Paul Kavanagh***



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

***Ferlito, Fernandes, Foster,
Fuller, Gabriel, Gajda***

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).

Acton Ministerial association is hosting its annual Lenten Lunches at St. Alban's Church. At 12:00 noon every Wednesday starting Ash Wednesday (March 5th), ending on the Wednesday of Holy Week (April 16th).

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (February 10 – February 16)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 6:00 p.m.	Fran Marcoux	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Jay Raats</i>	Raats Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Giuseppe and Maria Querques	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Paul Hutchison	Raats Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Helen Joice Fowler	Coultrup Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Maria Amarelo	Pereira Family
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



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 15	5 p.m.	
Lector	Kathleen	
Ex. Minister	Patricia	
Sun. Feb 16	9 a.m.	11 a.m.
Lector	Ann	Lar
Ex. Minister	Marcus	Aaron

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.

OPENING THE HOLY DOOR: SPRING BOOK CLUB

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, **"Opening the Holy Door."** Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **March 18-April 8, 2025.** Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. Join us for this time of prayer and conversation, drawing into deeper fellowship during this Jubilee of Hope. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

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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