

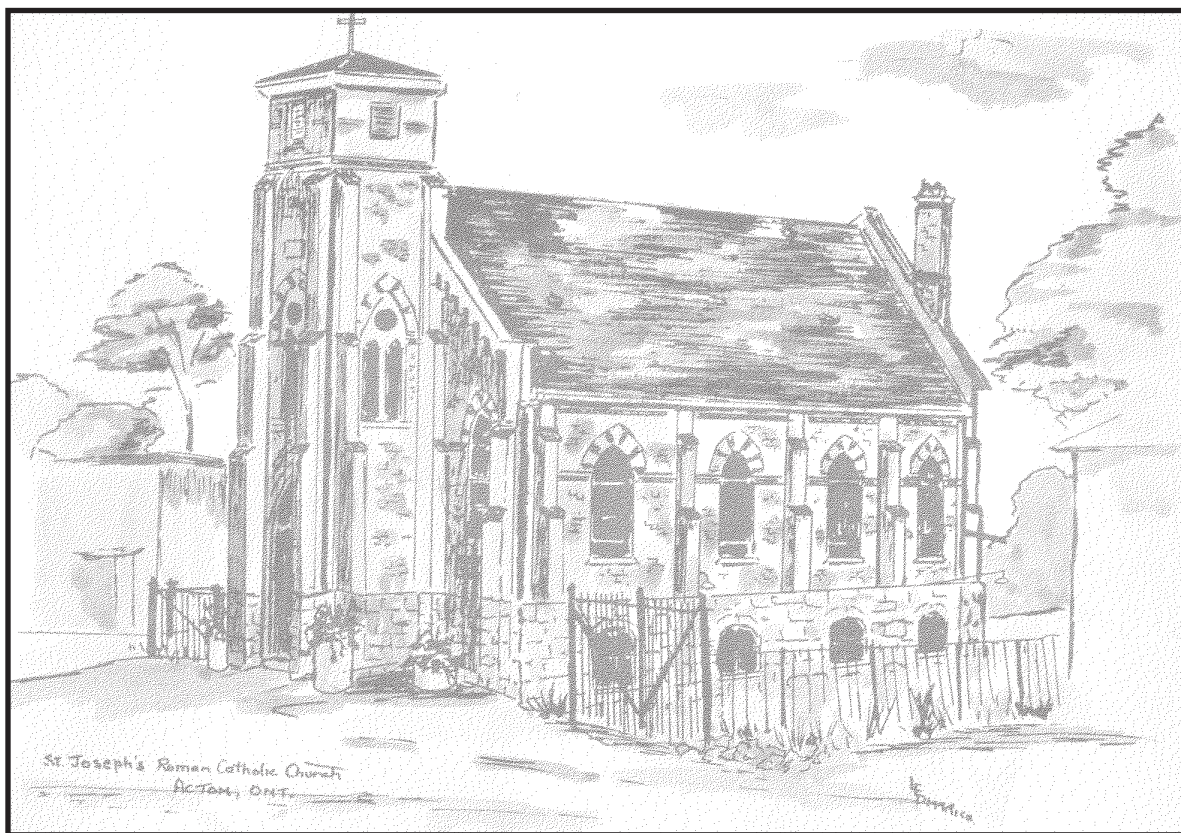
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

Most of us do not remember our Baptisms. We were infants or young children. Many of us will have knowledge of our Baptisms through photos, videos or proof of a Baptismal Certificate.

For me personally, I have photos of my Baptism. There are photos of me with my parents, my sister, and my godparents. As I reflect on that day, I feel fortunate to have been able to celebrate both my parents' funerals as well as my Godmother's, my Godfather passed away while I was still in the seminary. These photos which I cherish are still precious because they tell the story of where I came from and who I am.

The question which begins the Baptismal Rite is: What names have you given your child? This question is posed to the parents. When they respond with the child's names, the child attains an identity and with the identity of the child, the identity of the parents is altered also.

Perhaps the question could be rephrased: What identity do you give your child and yourselves? With the names, a child will always know where he or she came from. Parents are no longer John and Mary. They are also now known as 'Robert's parents'. Parents of Robert's classmates will meet Mary and will ask her name, and she will reply; "I'm Robert's Mother." In naming their child, the parents name themselves and their families as well.

It has long been a question of why the sinless Jesus stepped into the water to receive Baptism by John. What we must realize is that what happened with Jesus' Baptism happens with every Baptism, identity is established, new realities are created.

Through His Baptism, God provided for us an identity for His Son and as with any parent, it changed God's identity as well. God was no longer to be seen as being distant or impersonal, rather, through the Baptism of Jesus, He becomes for us 'Father'. God has become personal for us.

As we come to the end of this Christmas season, we should ponder how the entry of God into the World has meaning for us. The presence of God in the World was announced by angels to shepherds, those who needed God. The Epiphany speaks to us of the star that guided the Magi to the Lord. The idea of the star invites us to look to the heavens as well, to

seek God for ourselves. Today with the Baptism of His Son, we hear His voice in the World pointing us toward the presence of Christ.

Today we are reminded of our Baptism, but even beyond this we are given the chance to look at our very identity a chance to know who God is and who we are, a chance to take our name, which is Christian.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave me cards, gifts, and treats during this Christmas season. Thank you for your continuing support and your prayers towards me.

Thank you.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

If we put into practice our love for our neighbor, according to the Gospel message, we then pave the way for the lordship of God, and his kingdom is realized by means of us. If instead each one thinks only of his own interests, the world can't help but go forward in ruins. — Pope Benedict XVI

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Pat South, Jacques Agnes,
Joe Humenyk***



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

***Campbell, Campos-Teharia,
Cantwell, Cassar, Castellino,
Caswell***

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JANUARY 12, 2025

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (January 13 – January 19)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Stephanie Lampkin</i>	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>For those serving in our Parish Ministries</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Jean Maloney	Mary Smith and Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Theresa Pozniak	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Fran Marcoux	Bev Duval
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Stanislaw and Janina Borkowski	Kazi and Zorika
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.	CWL General
Wed. 8:00 p.m.	Acton Sharing



Sat. Jan 18	5 p.m.	
Lector	Chris	
Ex. Minister	Patricia	
Sun. Jan 19	9 a.m.	11 a.m.
Lector	Marcus	Lar
Ex. Minister	Jay	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.

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025 The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" All invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

On December 29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family the Jubilee Year was inaugurated in our Cathedral Church and all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for *Heros of Hope* – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish Ministries:

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call to be leaders in our parish community and for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts for the building up of your Church and the service of their sisters and brothers.

Through their varied ministries, may they touch the hearts of all in our community who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.




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