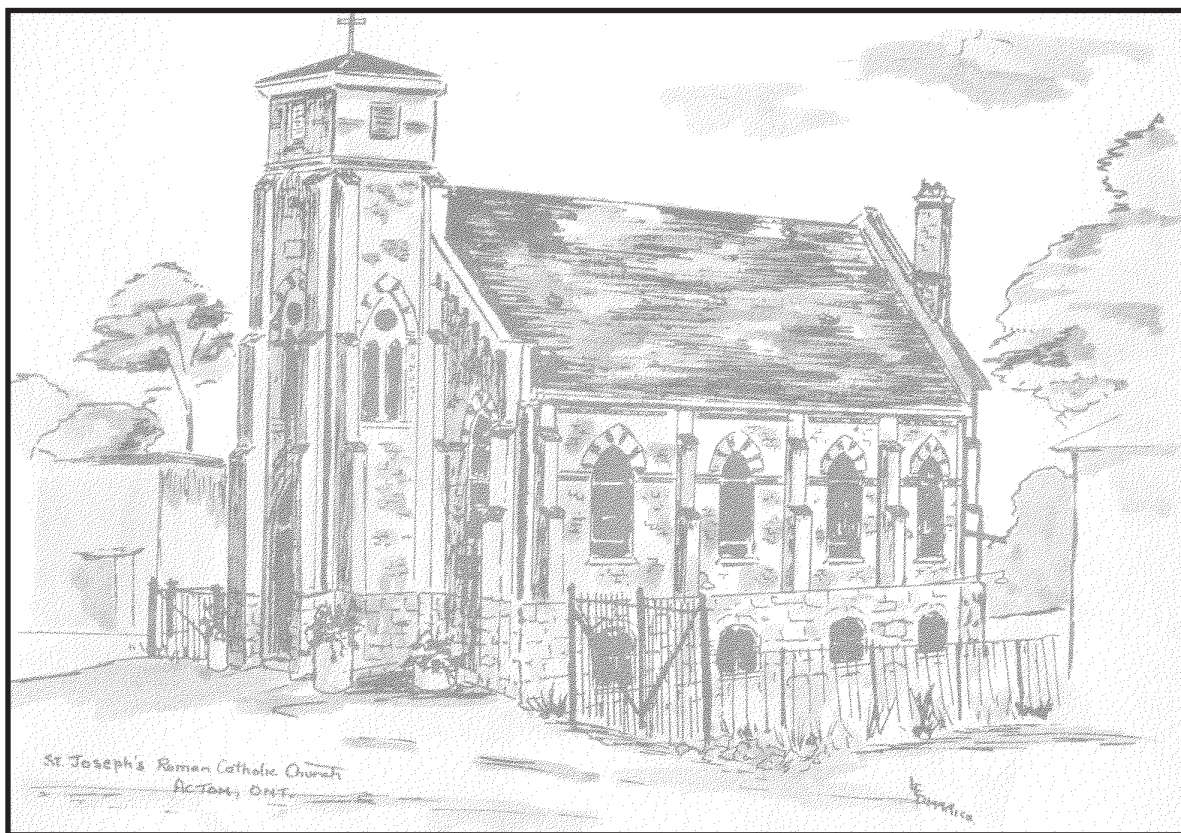


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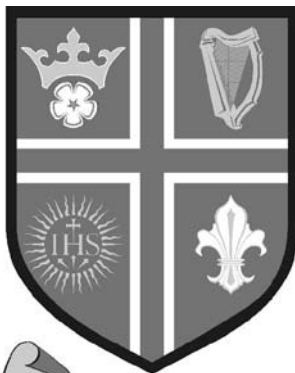
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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
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BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

MARRIAGES:

By arrangement one year in advance.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment.

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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:

With this Sunday, we return to Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical year. We also have an extended period of Ordinary Time this year because Lent and Easter are later than usual. We will celebrate some Sundays in Ordinary Time this year that we seldom have an opportunity to celebrate.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time gives us the beautiful story of the wedding at Cana in Galilee. We see Jesus performing His first miracle. However, there is more to His action of changing barrels of water into vats of wine than appears at first sight. He is not merely saving a couple of newlyweds from public shame because their wine is running short. What He is really doing is speaking to each one of us personally about the shortages in our own lives.

On this Sunday we must see that Christ is the spirit of new life continually bursting into a world that is weary of meaningless living. The Gospel of John is telling us that we need to be refreshed, to let Christ touch the water of our lives and bring greater understanding.

We might be surprised at how Jesus refused His Mother but ultimately, He did take upon Himself the responsibility to fix the situation. Why? John's Gospel is telling us something about God's relationship with us. Jesus did not perform a miracle because He was asked, even if asked by His Mother. Jesus performed the miracle because that was what He wanted to do. It was not the request that moved Jesus, it was His desire to assist us in our lives. In this case it was only to rescue a groom who had not fully prepared for his guests, but it serves as an example that not only can God help us, but that God wants to help us.

There is another beautiful image which we can take from this Gospel passage. The jars in the story were for Jewish ceremonial washings. The water that had been contained in them was to wash the hands, faces, and feet of the guests, an act of hospitality to help the guests purify themselves. The wine from these jars was a sign of an even better purification when God's people would be washed by the Blood of Christ.

The 'hour' Jesus spoke of was His Crucifixion and He wasn't ready for this yet. However, with the

miracle at Cana, John is telling us that our relationship with God was already changing because Jesus was now among us. This is a belief which we must carry throughout this Ordinary Time.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"We are to be re-made. All the rabbit in us is to disappear-and then, surprisingly, we shall find underneath it all a thing we have never yet imagined: a real Man, an ageless god, a son of God, strong, radiant, wise, beautiful, and drenched in joy." - C.S. Lewis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Olga and Eugene Malysa,
Pat Haffey, Helen Stroz***



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

***Champagne, Clough, Coles,
Conroy, Costley, DaCruz***

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>

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 of Hamilton 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

JANUARY 19, 2025

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (January 20 – January 26)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Anne Marie Vrscaj
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Mariola and Mirek Gosk</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Ron and Shirley Dunlop	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her Parents
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Anne Merrett</i>	Bell Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Kristen McCarthy</i>	Kosir 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 General
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing



Sat. Jan 25 5 p.m.
 Lector Patricia
 Ex. Minister Chris

Sun. Jan 26 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Kazi Cheryl
 Ex. Minister Marcus Lar

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.

Acton Unity Service Sunday January 19th Bethel Christian Reform Church, 10:30 a.m. Childcare provided. Everyone Welcome.
 Live stream at <https://actonbethelcrc.com>

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH Marriage Tip #145

January is a perfect time to sit together as a couple with a good cup of coffee or hot chocolate and do a little year in review. Did we spend enough time with each other and with our families? What went well for us and where do we recognize challenges? Discuss how these things could be better in 2025 and commit to making it happen for your couple relationship. A little marriage reflection and tune-up can keep the sparks alive!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Valentine Dance: The Knights of Columbus at Holy Rosary are raising funds for the Townsend Smith Foundation on Saturday February 15. The notice is a bit crooked but has pertinent details.

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