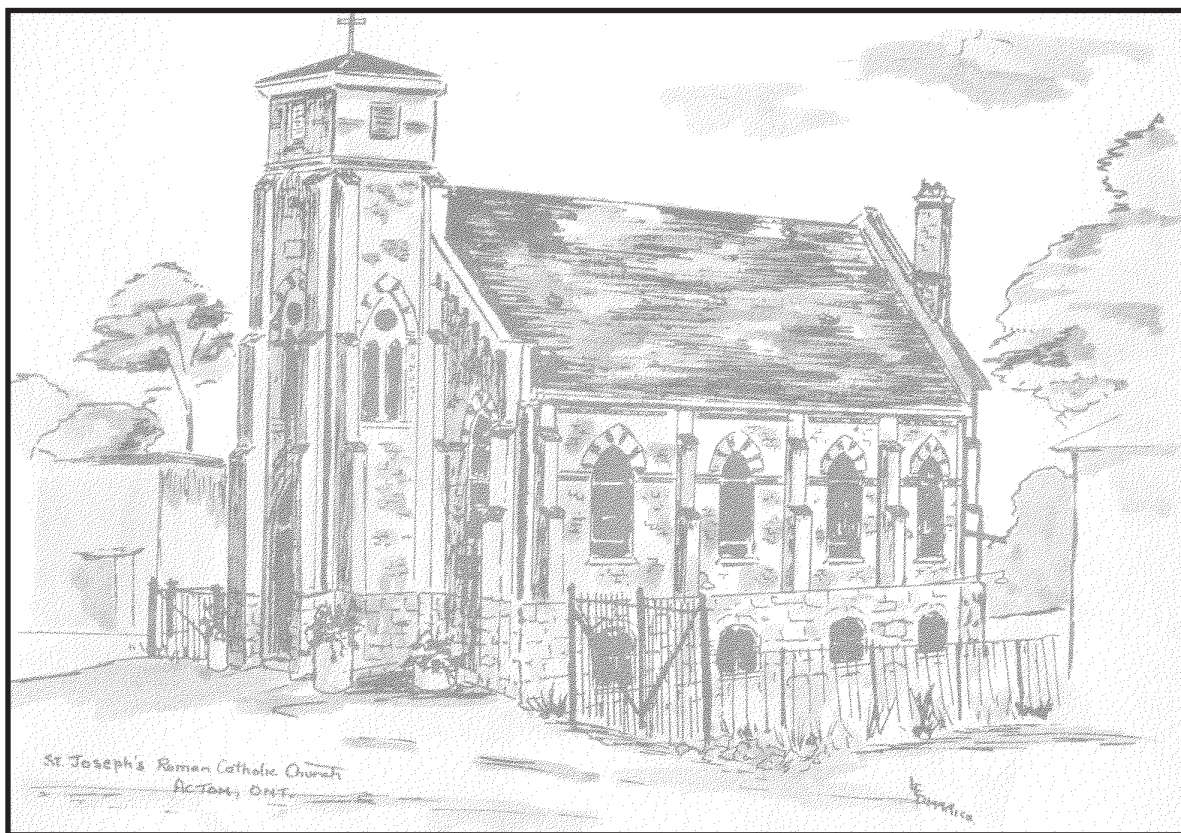


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## SUNDAY MASSES:

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.

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

**W**e have returned with our weekly bulletin blurb after a three week hiatus. I wish to begin with blessings on this Thanksgiving weekend to all of you and your loved ones. Sometimes it may not be noticeable, but we do have a lot to be thankful for in our lives. Let us continue to pray that Almighty God will continue to bless us throughout our lives.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus does not condemn wealth or the wealthy. Although the society of the day saw wealth as a sign of God's blessings, Jesus did not see wealth that way. Jesus did not see wealth as a sign of anything, rather, He saw it as a responsibility. Yes, it was a blessing of sorts, but blessings are given for a purpose, and wealth serves the purpose of allowing people to serve and be generous.

The young man who appears before Jesus in our Gospel today, is a good and righteous man. When he told Jesus that he had kept the commandments from the time of his youth, he was telling the truth. His goodness was apparent. The man was very sincere in wanting to know what else he could do to "inherit eternal life."

The problem for the man is seen in his question, "What can I do?" Essentially, Jesus responds that to be a true disciple, following Him must become the most important thing in life. We must also realize regarding the rich man's question, that simply, you can't do anything. Eternal life is a gift, not something we can win or achieve.

When Jesus initially responded to the young man's question, He stated with the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments. He also added a commandment not to defraud anyone. In saying that keeping these commandments, qualified the young man for eternal life, Jesus linked the commandments having to do with justice in the community of the faithful. In telling the young man to go and sell his possessions and give to the poor and then to

follow Him is very consistent with the requirement of living justly.

There is one more thing worth noting in this Gospel passage. It says Jesus loved the man because he had been good and faithful, but Jesus did not go running off after the man, begging him to come back. Jesus neither changed nor softened His answer to help the man out, rather, He spoke a clear truth; we must allow Jesus to become the most important thing in our lives.

Mark's Gospel makes clear that what Jesus has to offer is life in the Kingdom of God. This is a gift. We cannot do anything to earn it, rather, what God expects in return is that we will live the life of love. The problem of riches is not the riches themselves. The problem is the priority we give to riches and the pursuit of them. We must place God first in our lives.

Once again, blessings to all on this Thanksgiving weekend.

*Fr. Mark*

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## 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

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Corrie Derksen, Dennis DeMelo,  
Fran Marcoux***



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

***O'Dwyer, O'Farrell, O'Meara,  
Osman, Paisley, Palmateer***

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OCTOBER 13, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (October 14 – October 20)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Deceased members of Knights of Columbus 8050 and their families	Knights of Columbus Council 8050
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her Parents
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	People of Ukraine	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Steve Ivacko	Spencer Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Harry Bilof	Marie Bilof
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	John Hercyk	Kwiatkowski Family
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	

**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.



**Sat. Oct 19 5 p.m.**  
 Lector Lilli  
 Ex. Minister Chris

**Sun. Oct 20 9 a.m. 11 a.m.**  
 Lector Jay Lizzie  
 Ex. Minister Ann Lorin



**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:

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 K of C: Ian Nolan: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**  
 – GUELPH Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, November 2nd at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**Fall Fair**

From the Knights of Columbus: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the Fall Fair. Your hours of service were greatly needed and appreciated.

**MEETINGS**

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



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