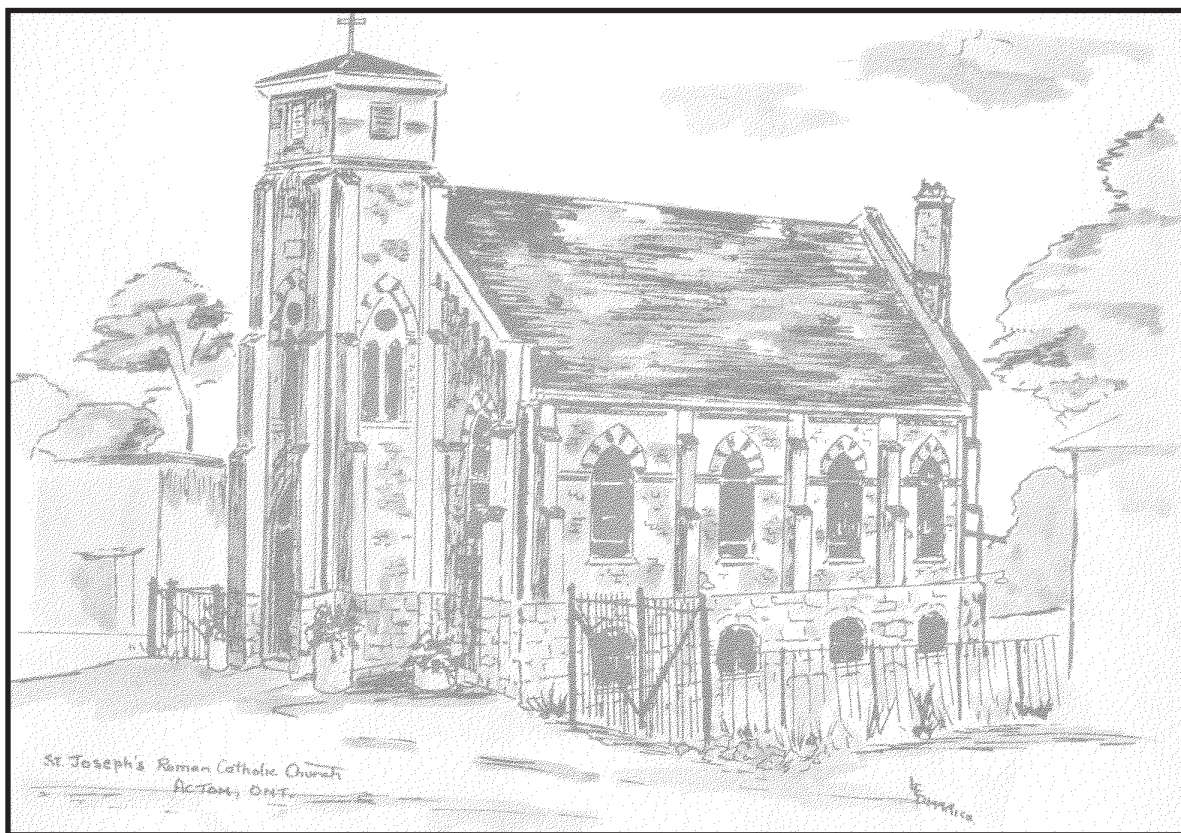


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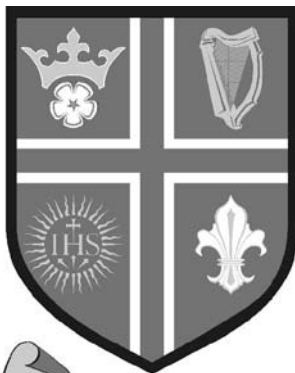
Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

## 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:**

**O**n the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, our second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews gives us an image of Christ which many do not know much about.

In Hebrews, Paul describes Jesus as being, "a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens." This image of Christ has been skewed over time, especially in movies, where often someone who is a 'high priest' is portrayed as being conniving, arrogant, and unscrupulous. Just think back to the biblical movies of the 1950's and 60's.

Just as not every priest today is holy and some have been gravely sinful, there were sinful priests in the Temple, but by and large, they were good and holy men. The purpose of the priest was to be a servant of the people.

A priest acts as a mediator, offering sacrifice for the people and intervening with God on the people's behalf. God uses the priesthood to communicate His love and care. In the modern-day Catholic priesthood, this is expressed through the sacraments as the priest acts "in persona Christi", in the person of Christ, sharing God's grace.

With Jesus being described as our "great High Priest," we are given an opportunity to reflect upon what it is to be a priest in the line of Jesus Christ. While there is the ordained ministerial priesthood, every person baptized becomes, in baptism, a part of the priesthood of believers. We are all called to ministry, in service to God.

In this Sunday's Gospel, James and John did not understand what they were asking Jesus to do for them. They thought the kingship of Jesus was based on terms of glory and authority. They did not realize that Christ's kingship was to be understood in terms of His priesthood, that of the suffering servant.

We need to see and recognize that we have a High Priest who sympathizes with us. Christ understands the challenge it is to be

faithful. This sympathy leads to compassion and mercy. With this in mind, Hebrews tells us that we should "approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace in time of need." Christ's compassion leads Him to want to help us, not judge us. This too, is part of what it means to be a priest in the line of Christ, helping should be our first response.

This Sunday we are reminded that Jesus is a King who serves the needs of His people, not a King that is content merely to have authority and power. We should understand what it means to be part of the priesthood of believers in the line of Christ.

*Fr. Mark*

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.  
-Thomas Merton

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

This week please pray especially for:

***Juanita Malysa, Mary Humenyk,  
Austin Hunak***



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

***Pereira, Plimmer, Podsada,  
Pratt, Previte, Quackenbush***

**WHEN LIFE CHANGES** Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese is offering our six-week grief program from **November 6th to December 11th, 2024**. The program runs from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton To register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (October 21 – October 27)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Thomas Sadowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	People of Ukraine	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Peter Spencer	Spencer Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Francesco laizzo	Joseph and laizzo Families
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Suzanne Blanchet Haffey
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 26 5 p.m.**  
 Lector Maria  
 Ex. Minister Patricia

**Sun. Oct 27 9 a.m. 11 a.m.**  
 Lector Marcus Lar  
 Ex. Minister Jay Aaron



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

**MEETINGS**

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

**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

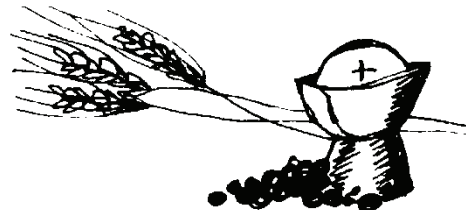
**DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH** October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, brother or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

**CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE:**

Daily Mass for October 31 will be moved to 9:00 a.m. due to Halloween festivities in town. Mass for All Souls Day will be November 2 at 9:00 a.m. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass will be held as usual and is not an All Souls Day Mass.

**Marian Pilgrimage to France & Spain – June 2025**

You are invited to take part in a Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Spain and France from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Fr. Ian Duffy, Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, will be the Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage visiting Lourdes, Lisieux, Nevers, Monserrat, Zaragoza, Barcelona, and Paris. The price of \$5,690.00 Cdn per person includes airfare, accommodation, ground transportation, most meals, and the services of English speaking guides. To register or for more information please contact Edgar Tetelbaum at Gateways International ([edgar@gateways-international.com](mailto:edgar@gateways-international.com) or 1-800-268-0900 ext. 233) There will be an information evening at the Basilica of Our Lady, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph, on November 7, 2024 at 7:30pm. All are welcome.





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