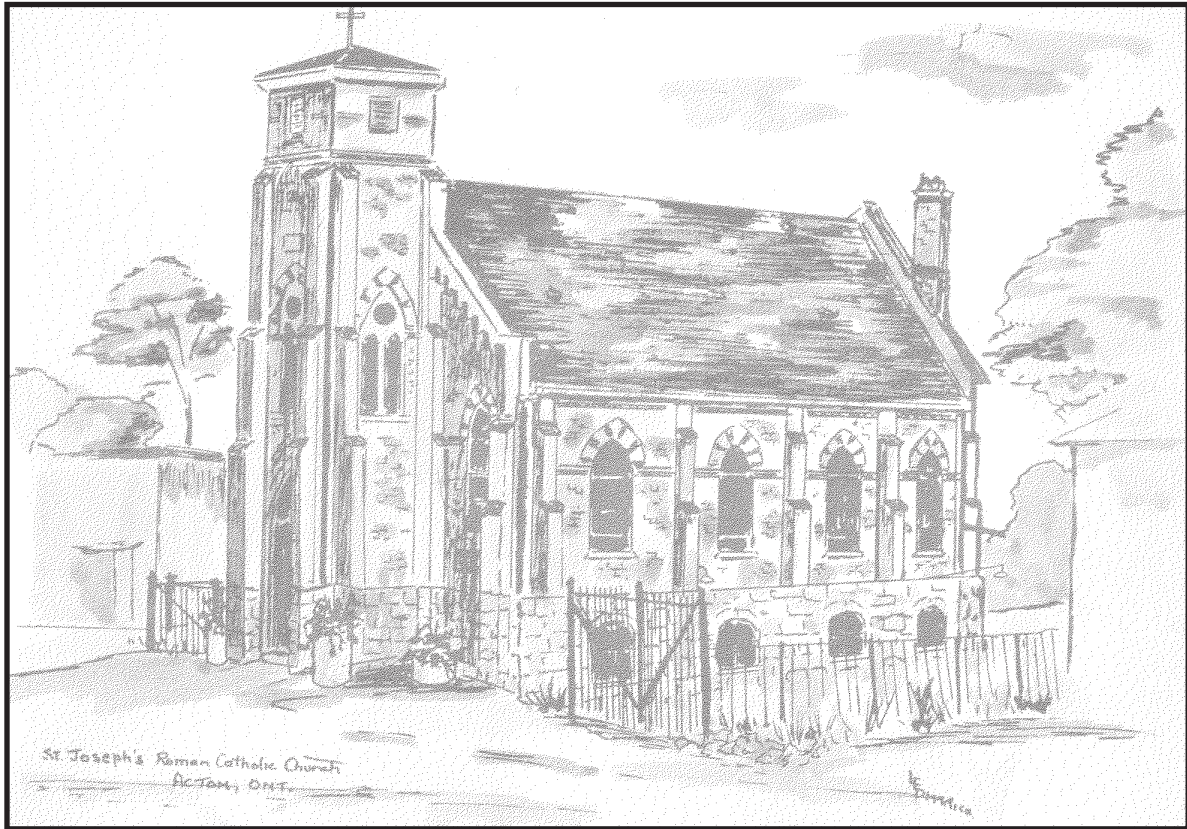


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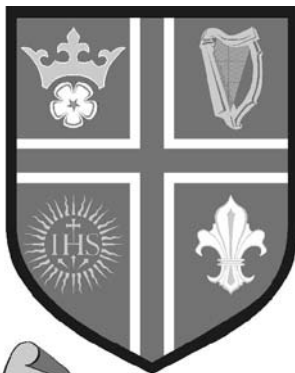
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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.

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By arrangement one year in advance.

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Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm
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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:

I recently came upon a story that is both funny and sad in many ways. A woman who taught children's liturgy at a Catholic church was faced by an angry mother after Mass one Sunday.

The mother confronted the teacher about what she was teaching the children about the Trinity. The teacher asked the parent what had upset her so. The mother angrily said, "You taught my child that the Trinity is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." Puzzled, the teacher asked the mother what was wrong with that. Even more angry, the mother responded, "Everyone knows that the Trinity is Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!"

As a Faith and a Church, Catholics tend to be less knowledgeable about Scripture and the Faith than other denominations. Many Catholics feel that once they leave school, whether elementary or high school, that they have learned everything that they need to know about the Faith. They are fooling themselves if this is their mindset.

One of the most notable areas that demonstrates our lack of understanding of Faith in the Scriptures and the teaching of the Church is the thought, "I don't have to go to church to be a good Catholic." This statement is made in all Christian denominations, not just by Catholics. The thought is very revealing of one's lack of understanding.

Throughout the Easter season, we recognize that Jesus believed in ongoing formation. The Gospels relate how much teaching and explaining Jesus continued to do even after His Death and Resurrection. After all Jesus had said and taught, we need to be reminded to allow for our minds and hearts to be open to scripture as were the disciples.

For us, on this Sunday, we must realize that Luke uses the Gospel passage to give us a sense of the Eucharistic gathering. Just prior to this passage, we read of two disciples who had fled the community but encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

The consequence of the encounter by the disciples was that they felt compelled to return to the gathered community of believers in Jerusalem. Our passage today reminds us that they met Jesus in the "breaking of the bread", a title for the Eucharist. It is within this gathering of disciples that Jesus appeared. Luke is telling us that our experience of Jesus Christ begins and ends within the gathered community of faith.

This Sunday, we cannot practice what we do not know. We cannot believe what we have not learned. Faith is an act of the heart; depth of faith is an act of the heart and of the intellect.

The most profound experience for us is to physically experience the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. We must always be open to what Jesus gave us. If we learn about Jesus, we can learn to love Him.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: "Go down again - I dwell among the people."

- John Henry Newman

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Mary and Joe Humenyk,
Stephanie Lampkin, Evelyn Morel***



This week we pray especially for the following families:

Zions, Zylstra, and any new Families or Families which were missed

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday, April 20, 2024, St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

APRIL 14, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (April 15 – April 21)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus 8050 and their Families	Knights of Columbus
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Nada	Janine Milton
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	David Vrooman	Bea Spencer
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Adam Dyczkowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Jean Marcoux	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Dusan and Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Apr 20 5 p.m. Lector Chris
 Extraordinary Minister Nancy

Sun. Apr 21 9 a.m. Lector Ann
 Extraordinary Minister Jay

11 a.m. Lector Gita
 Extraordinary Minister Lar

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges all 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. Application forms are found at the back of the church.



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

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VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024 The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024** at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Consecrated Virgins Living in the World and Permanent Deacons. Tickets: \$90pp. Contact: serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for more details.

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Tues. 7:30 p.m. (after Mass) K of C General
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing Group

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2024. Three- & five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com





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