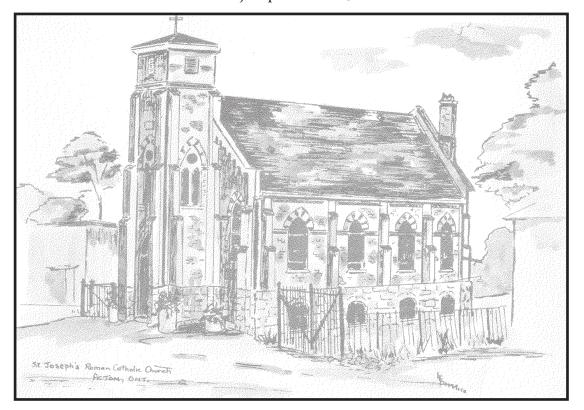
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am

EXPOSITION: Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 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 Christ the King 905-702-8838

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS We invite you to register in our parish community by filling in a blue registration form.

An Easter Message From Bishop Crosby

Dear Friends,

As we gather to celebrate the Easter feasts this year, I offer my greetings and good wishes. It has been encouraging to see such large numbers of faithful gather once again for the Holy Week celebrations! The gathering of so many at the Cathedral for the celebration of this year's Chrism Mass is a sure sign that the COVID restrictions are behind us and that fear no longer inhibits us from coming together as a community of faith to give thanks to God for blessings showered upon us.

Following the Holy Thursday and Good Friday remembrance, we gather for the Easter Vigil, hearing the scriptures, singing the psalms, and praying the prayers in anticipation of our Easter "ALLELUIA"! The lighting of the Easter candle is a powerful reminder that even a flickering flame makes a huge difference in a darkened room. Our faith, as tentative and fragile as it might seem, can make the world of difference for our children, our families, our friends, and our neighbours. And when we act as Christ teaches, our faith can mean everything for the little one who experiences the generosity of our love.

After weeks of fasting and deprivation, we now experience the joy of Easter feasting! We remember all too clearly that many still experience the pain of hunger and thirst, the misery of war and destruction, and the sorrow of hatred and rejection. As we sing our Easter Alleluias in the light of the Easter candle, we offer our greetings and goodness to those who live on the edges of darkness – praying that they, too, might know HIS LIGHT, and ours. May you be richly blessed this Easter! And through you, may many know the love that God showers upon us by letting us be called "His children" – "for that is what we are" (1 Jn.). Happy Easter to all!

Sincerely in the Risen Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas Crosby, OMI (Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI Bishop of Hamilton.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Jesus, the Crucified One, is risen! He stands in the midst of those who mourned him, locked behind closed doors and full of fear and anguish. He comes to them and says: "Peace be with you!" (*Jn* 20:19). He shows the wounds in his hands and feet, and the wound in his side. He is no ghost; it is truly Jesus, the same Jesus who died on the cross and was laid in the tomb. Before the incredulous eyes of the disciples, he repeats: "Peace be with you!" (v. 21).

Pope Francis, Easter 2022

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

Nicole McInnis, Judy Landry, Paul Kavanagh, Curtis Golden

Bulletins are available online at: http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097

Aging Issues: Listening to Indigenous Voices– join us for this chance to learn about aging from the perspective of three Indigenous speakers in our region. The Diocese, through the Family Ministry Office, is co-sponsoring this Zoom event on Saturday, April 22 from 2-4 pm. For registration and information, please contact Ellen Ryan, hamiltonagingcommunity@gmail.com

or at 905-648-0437

The Serra Club of Hamilton is holding their annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on Tuesday May 2, 2023, at Liuna Station. Tickets are \$90. Please email **SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com** or leave a message at 905-628-5682 if interested.

DAY & TIME		MASS INTENTIONS (April 17 – April 23)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues	7:00 p.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Wed	9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her Parents
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Janet Raats	Raats Family
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Peter Spencer	Spencer Family
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Barbara Fister	Fister Family
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Charlie Kelly	Mary Humenyk
	11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Please see Eddie MacDonald if you have any questions or are interested in joining the team.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

Eugenio, Ferlito, Fernandes, Foster, Fowler, Fuller

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Young Adults Night – **May 6, 2023** – **Hamilton-** Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, May 6th, at Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church and Chaplaincy, 1349 Main Street West, Hamilton Ontario. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact:

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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 <u>cwl@lartist.com</u> K of C: Marc MacDonald: **grand.knight.8050@gmail.com**

> Religious Articles and Gifts for all Occasions Please call Geralda 905-691-9082

