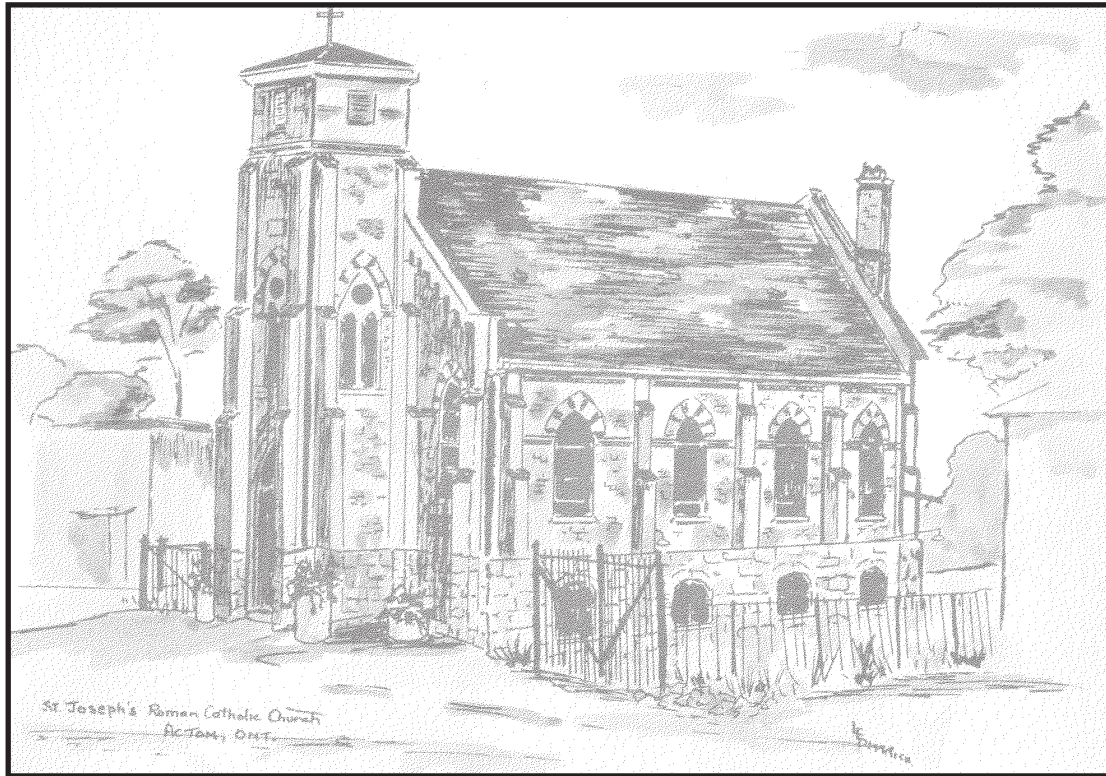


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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.

## A Word From Our Pastor:

It is sad that for the most part, we cannot keep our churches open on a daily basis. At one time you could visit a church to pray morning, noon, and night, but this is not the case anymore. With the recent attacks on places of worship this has become even more of a distant memory. Many will also look upon previous times as being more peaceful and feel it was more enjoyable to have lived in a certain era. People may remember that they were friendlier with their neighbours and that people knew each other better. Today many will say that they don't know their neighbours as much or that people are more private.

During the Easter Season, we will read from the Acts of the Apostles which was written by St. Luke. In the vision of the early Christian Church Community, we read of people helping others learn about Jesus and sharing their gifts and possessions with others. Private ownership of things was assumed. However, possessiveness did not exist. Generosity, selflessness, and charity were the rule.

Acts gives us an ideal, a vision of the Christian Community in its perfection. Some say it was never really achieved, but we all have tasted true Christian Community to one degree or another. Most of us have at least some family, friends, or neighbours with whom we hold things in common.

Many of us can identify with the image of St. Thomas. We want to believe in the image of the perfect Christian Community, but like Thomas, we can't bring ourselves to believe it until we see it. Thomas could accept that God was acting among his friends, but it was a stretch to believe that Jesus had bodily and physically entered their locked room. If Thomas made a mistake, it was that he created a stumbling block in his faith life. The stumbling block? Thomas basically put conditions on his faith. "Unless I see... I will not believe." Many will almost bargain or place conditions on their belief in God.

What we must learn is that God rarely meets our conditions as He gives us unconditional love. However, Jesus did meet Thomas' condition, not so much for the sake of Thomas but for us. Thomas came to faith quickly, but Jesus also gave Thomas a command: Do not be unbelieving but believe!

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are called to give in to our yearning for God. We must avoid the conditions we place on God. If we can allow God to be God and trust Him unconditionally, despite reasons not to, the peace Jesus offered to the Apostles can be ours as well.

*Fr. Mark*

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done."

(C.S. Lewis, *Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer*)

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Kevin Hickey, Mary Humenyk,  
Ronnie Lampkin**



This week we pray especially for the following families:

**Mastracci, Rea, Reinhardt**

**ReStart** – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care, and tools for your journey. We invite you to check out the Diocesan website at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>

to see the programs we offer and to find out dates of the new program for 2022. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**Religious Articles for Sale: On April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Religious Articles for First Communion will be available for purchase after Mass in the Church Hall. Items are available on a cash only basis.**

## MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage

**Tip 119:** Warmer weather brings with it "spring cleaning and maintenance" for our homes and gardens, so they can provide us with continued pleasure through the year. It is a perfect time to provide a little of that same maintenance to your marriage. Plan a quiet and relaxed time to talk about the care your marriage needs: are you spending enough time together, are you communicating well and on many topics, are you handling conflict in ways that won't harm your love, are there feeling that something is lacking? Take the time to ask what may need to be "tidied up" and then plan active solutions so that, like a well-maintained garden, your love will continue to flourish. (Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

APRIL 24, 2022

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (April 25- May 1)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>The People of Ukraine</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Guiseppe Querques, Rocco Querques, and John and Tonica Spehar	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Maria and Antony Pozniak	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:30 a.m.	Marjorie Hutchison and Anna Raats	Raats Family



Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and can fill in, it would be most appreciated.



**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: Sean Saunders: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

**Join the Reel Justice Film Festival April 28, 2022 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM for the screening of Seed: The Untold Story.** As biotech companies control most of our seeds, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight to defend the future of our food. In a harrowing and heartening story, these reluctant heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to view our 2022 schedule or to secure your spot at any of our virtual screenings!

**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

**MEETINGS**

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops

Wed. 8:00 p.m. AA

**Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022 Registration**

The Wedding Anniversary Mass, which would normally have been scheduled for June of 2022, will not occur this year due to the continued concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and we will be happy to send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. The Wedding Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page under Upcoming Events



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