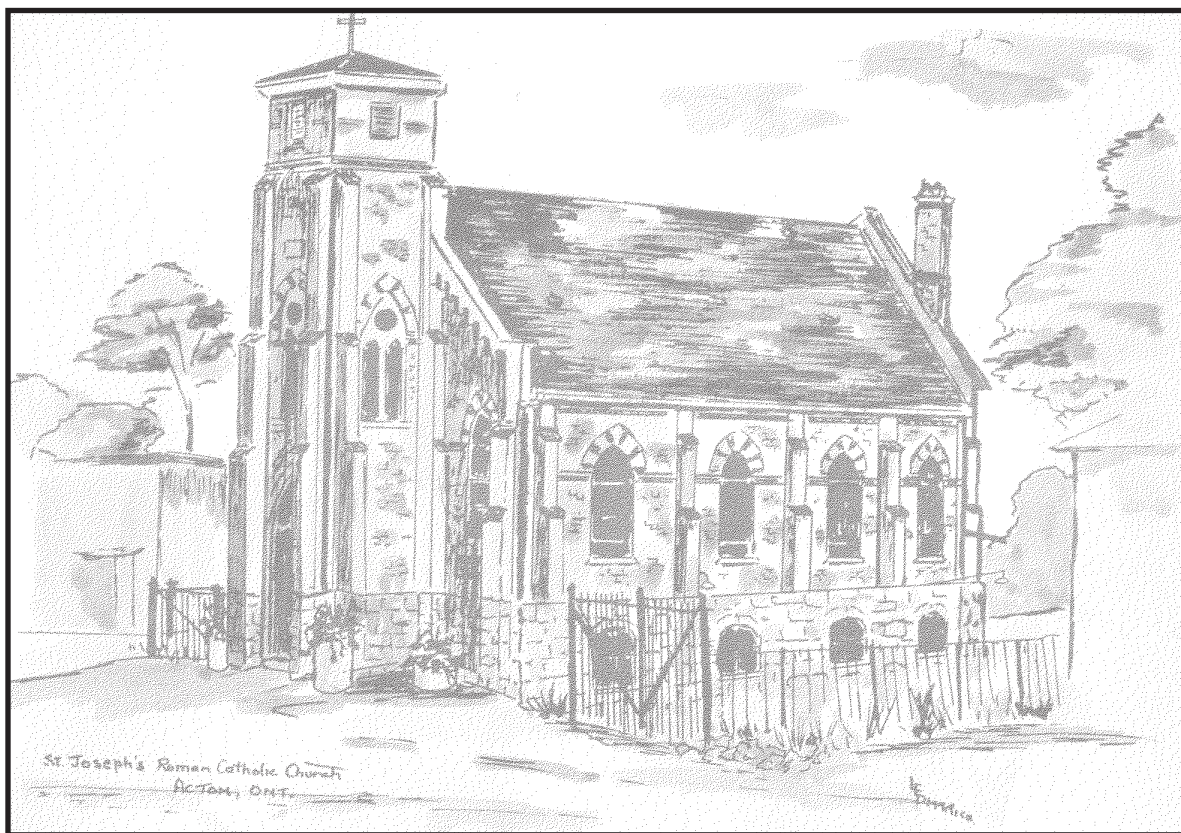


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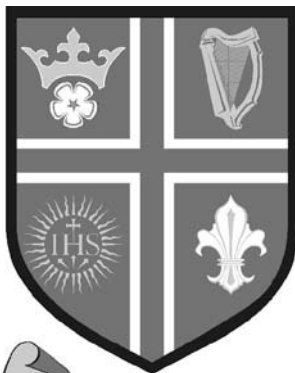
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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
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BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

MARRIAGES:

By arrangement one year in advance.

CONFESSIONS:

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:

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 into 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:

***Pat Haffey, Pat O'Meara,
Patricia Deevey, Stephanie Lampkin***



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Torres, Umbrello, van Asseldonk,
Vlasic, Vranic, Weglicki***

Knights News:

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the parishioners and friends for supporting us throughout Lent for the Friday fish and chip dinners. It was our most successful to date.

In addition, a reminder to all the Knights that we have our general meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Church Hall.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD Saturday, April 13, 2024, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

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 7, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (April 8 - April 14)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Shirley Braida</i>	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Sam</i>	Janine Milton
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	People of the Holy Land	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Adam Dyczkowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Dusan and Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo	
11:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of the Bell Family</i>	Bell Family



Sat. Apr 13 5 p.m. Lector Lilli
Extraordinary Minister Chris

Sun. Apr 14 9 a.m. Lector Catherine
Extraordinary Minister Penny

11 a.m. Lector Marcus
Extraordinary Minister Lorin

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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MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
Tues. 7:00 p.m. CWL 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

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.

THE PASTORAL PARISH IN THE MODERN WORLD The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is happy to offer a three-workshop series this spring entitled, *The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World*. This new handbook by David Wells and Bill Huebsch provides a comprehensive outline of the new vocabulary of pastoral ministry, and how to enact it in your local setting. This workshop series is for anyone working or volunteering in parish life including pastoral teams, parish councils, and youth ministry leaders. Registration is open for our last session taking place on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**. You can register here: <https://bit.ly/pastoralparish>





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