

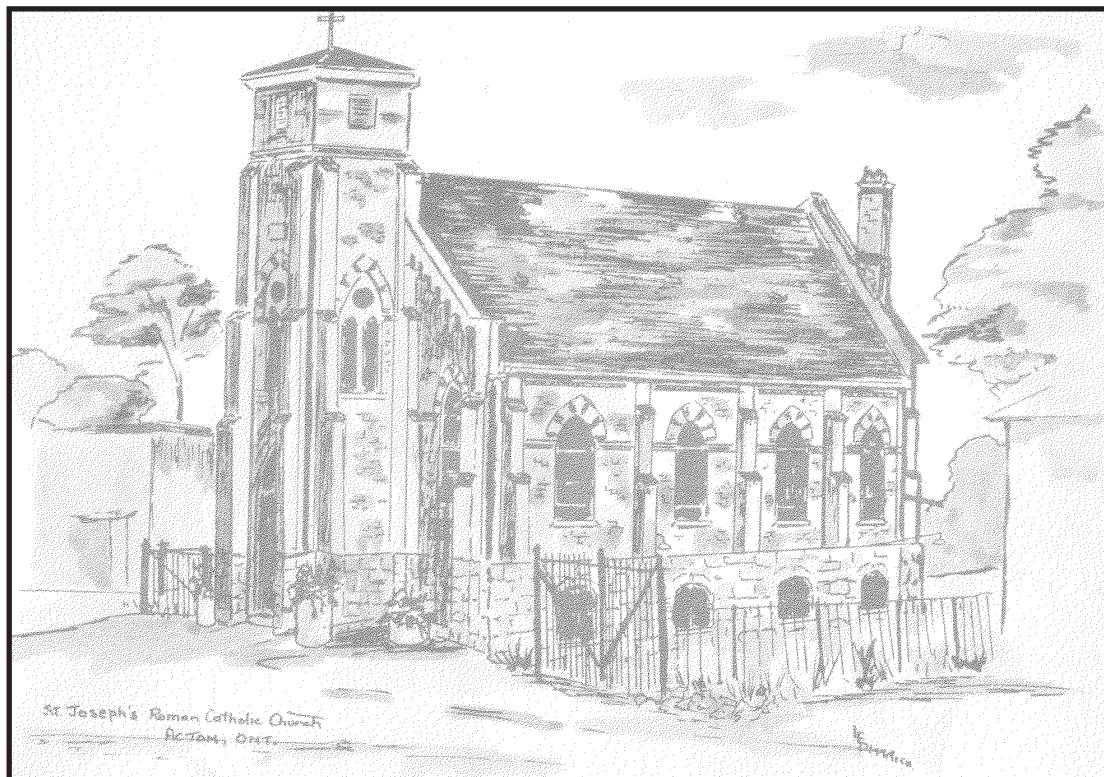
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

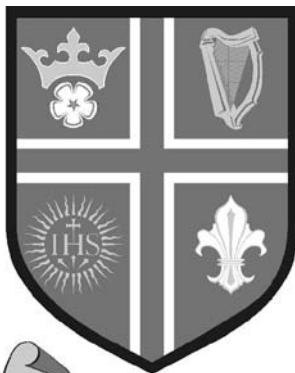
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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

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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:

AS we come closer to the beginning of Lent (March 2). We are called to adopt the Catholic tradition of 'giving up something for Lent'. Lent is about sacrifice and giving up. It is about fasting and abstaining. These are some of the many ways the people of the Scriptures purified themselves and made themselves ready for major religious events. Almsgiving, giving for the sake of the poor, has also been part of religious purification and preparation.

Lent call us to revisit these ancient ways, hopefully with the thoughts of moving beyond the unimaginative practices of giving up sweets of sodas, cigarettes, alcohol, or the computer, for 40 days. If we are to be purified if we are to be prepared to take part in the Resurrection, then we must sacrifice for more.

Lent asks us to sacrifice more than externals. Lent asks us to surrender those things within ourselves that keep us from following Jesus. Ultimately, Lent is about giving up unchristian attitudes.

The Gospel of this week is a continuation of the Beatitudes which we heard last Sunday. In today's passage, Jesus is speaking to the wealthy. What Jesus is stressing is that giving is far more important than having, but even beyond this, the ways we should be generous are without number. Our generosity should even wish well for our enemies.

Luke uses a fascinating trick of literature called 'divine reversal' to drive home the point of God's expectations of us. In many of his passages, Luke builds upon our standard expectations of behaviour, then hits us with the unexpected, what God expects. Our human instinct toward aggression is to get revenge, to get even. This is not God's way, this is not what Jesus taught, and Luke makes this very clear: love your enemies.

Jesus is not saying to us that we are to be passive and withhold any type of response to someone who wrongs us. Jesus is telling us how to respond. We pray for those who persecute us. We might not 'love' them, which means that we certainly don't have great feeling for the individual, however, our attitude should be such that we still want the best for our persecutors.

As we approach Lent, we are reminded by Luke that God expects us to bear the image of Christ in our lives, an image that never worries about getting even. This is an image that seeks God's help and love.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

If and when a horror turns up, you will then be given Grace to help you. I don't think one is usually given it in advance. "Give us our daily bread" (not an annuity for life) applies to spiritual gifts too, the little daily support for the daily trial. Life has to be taken day by day and hour by hour.
- C. S. Lewis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Eileen Quackenbush, Helen Garrett,
Jasmine Lang***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

Collection Envelopes – Envelopes for 2022 may be picked up from the church hall.

Tax Receipts for 2021 are also available in the church hall.

From Our Pastoral Minister: Join our Lenten Virtual Weekly Retreat again this year as we watch and discuss 7 episodes of "The Chosen". Materials are free. Meetings will be Wednesday evenings starting at 7pm. We had excellent discussions last year and hope that more will join in on this faith journey through Lent. Contact Eddie for more information and to register.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 117:

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis writes: "After the love that unites us to God, conjugal love is the "greatest form of friendship". It is a union possessing all the traits of a good friendship: concern for the good of the other, reciprocity, intimacy, warmth, stability and the resemblance born of a shared life." (AL #123) February is a great month to spend some time with this beautiful quote and ask yourself if your love truly reflects a great friendship, or if it is time to restore these traits to your marriage.

****Please note change to Thursday Mass time!**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (February 21 – February 27)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Vincencia "Cenka" Maria Kosir	Lauer Family
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Stan Dyczkowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. ** 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Those who are ill</i>	
Friday 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners</i>	
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:30 a.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family



This week we pray especially for the following families:

**Gomes, Gouveia,
Grabauskas**

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: cwl@lartist.com
K of C: Sean Saunders: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Invitation to All the Ladies of the Parish – The CWL is ready to welcome new members anytime! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 following the 7:00 pm Mass. There is no big commitment required, we give what time and energy we have available to various charitable and social activities in our community and beyond. Speak to Christie or send her an email if you have questions. You can also simply fill out the CWL membership envelope, pop in the membership fee, and drop the envelope in the Sunday collection.


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.

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 may be obtained from Father Mark.




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