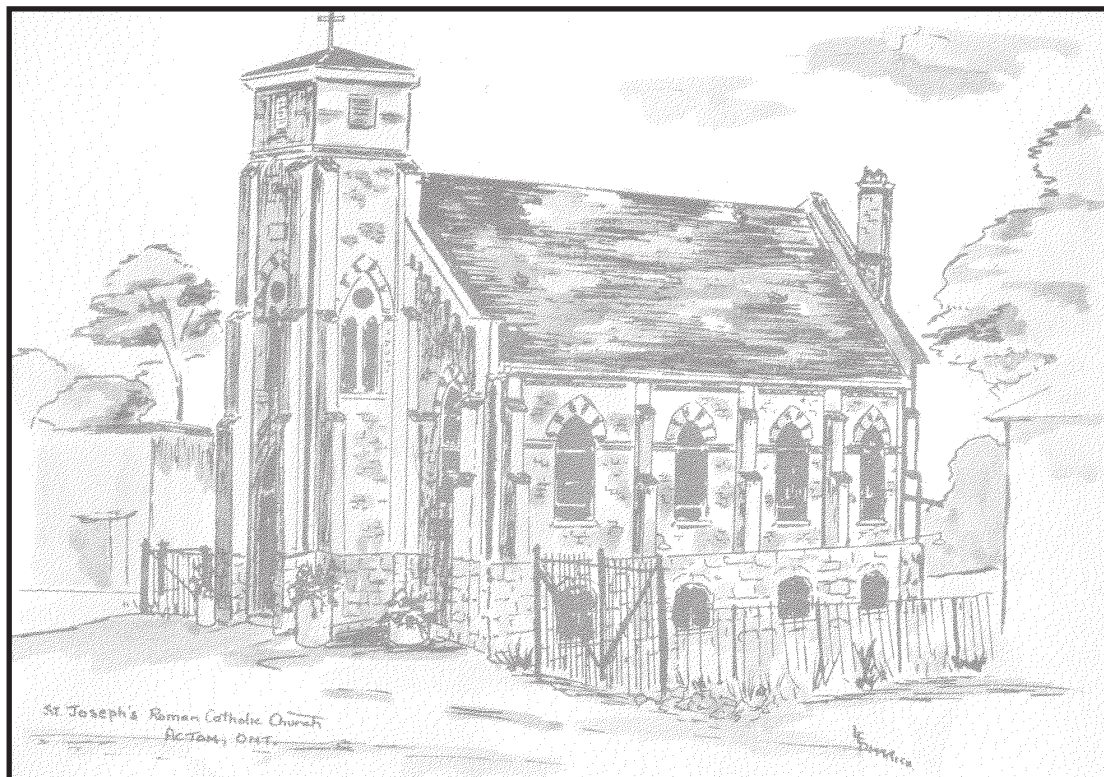


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Saturday 5:00 pm

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:

The Gospel for this Sunday ends with Jesus speaking to His Disciples about the Beatitudes. One can see that this passage is very timely for the modern world. With the advancement of 'social media' we have seen the rise of people expressing their opinions, conspiracy theories etc. Many will use social media to express gossip and negative thoughts towards individuals and groups. It's no exaggeration to say that gossip is the most vicious and dangerous type of talk no matter what forum it is presented on. All this business of passing on scandalous takes about people, does untold damage as it results in tearing reputations to shreds. All who have been victimized by this mentality know the pain which can be inflicted.

Socrates, the Greek philosopher, stated that nature has given us two ears, two eyes and only one tongue so that we should hear more than we speak. We were taught as children, if we cannot say something good about another person then it is better to remain silent. Isn't it refreshing when we meet someone who isn't interested in people's failing but only in their good points?

Jesus is challenging His disciples to be aware of who leads them in their lives. Jesus warns them as He warns us about such leaders who presume to guide us in matters that they do not personally understand or believe. If disciples choose leader who do not believe, they will remain blind.

Luke, in his Gospel, is not saying that human imperfections make a person unqualified to be a leader. What Luke is saying, is that the real blindness is when we are blind to our own flaws; the inability to be honest with ourselves, that is the real blindness of which we need to be aware. One should never seek to follow someone who doesn't recognize their own flaws.

If one is honest with themselves, they will come to the realization that it is only with God's help that these shortcomings can be overcome. Our call today is to never be afraid to approach Him.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism." -- Pope Benedict XVI

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Bev Boisvenue, Austin Hunak,
Ian Munday***

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<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.

Stations of the Cross will be said on Fridays in Lent at 4:30 p.m. There will not be Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip

137: Children of all ages, but especially very young children, take their clues on how to respond to the world for the most part from their parents. No one will have a greater impact on your child. So, as you go about your day, know that your children are watching and listening to everything you say and do and taking lessons from you. Communicate about actions, life, the faith, on a day-to-day basis to help solidify what is important. Check your own actions and remember silence is consent, so if hear or see something that you know is wrong, speak up and tell your children why. We need goodness in our world, and you have the power to teach it.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (February 28 – March 6)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Ash Wednesday 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.		
Thurs. 7:00 p.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.	Vincencia 'Cenka' Maria Kosir	Nunzio and Christina DiFelice
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Peter McDonald Pro populo Pro populo	LaSelva 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.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

**Graham, Gualtieri,
Hanlon/Redford**



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

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.

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.




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