

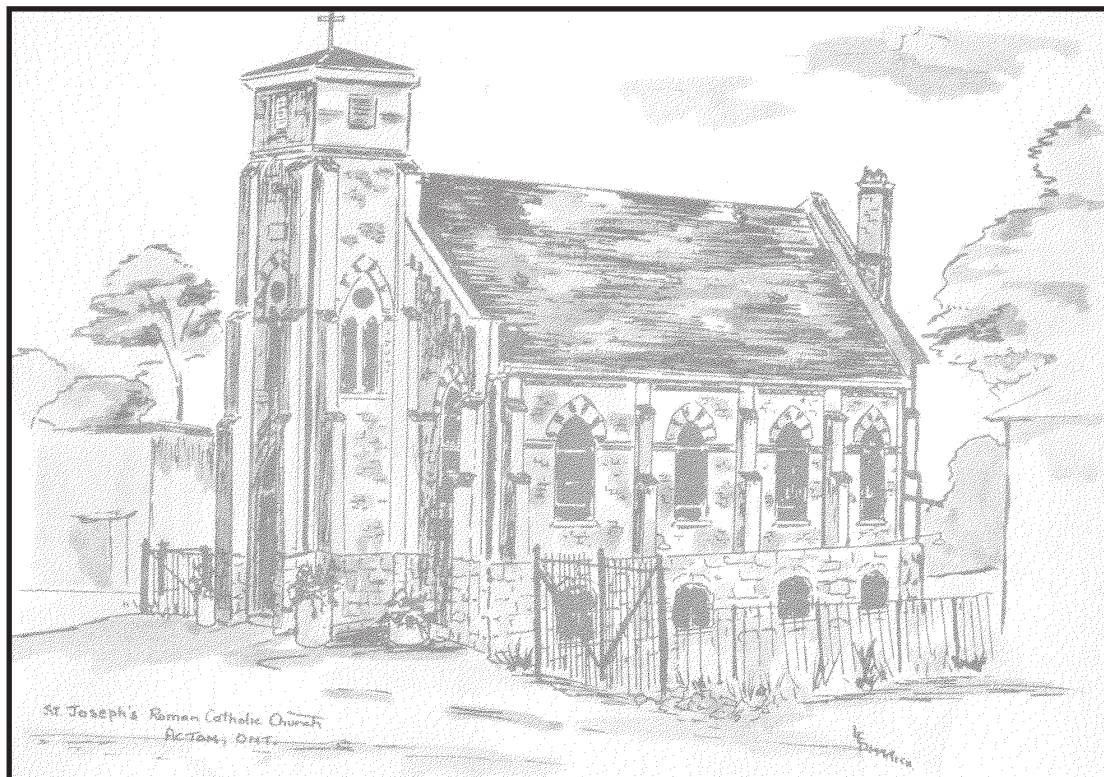
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

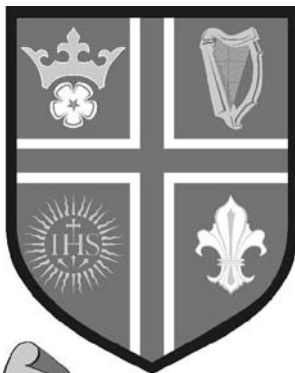
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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 begin Ordinary Time for this New Year we read the beautiful Gospel passage of the Wedding in Cana from John.

Two weeks ago, we celebrated the Epiphany of Our Lord and last week was the Baptism of Our Lord. Both Feasts are revelations or 'manifestations' of the Lord to the world and the Jewish people. The Wedding at Cana can also be seen as a revelation of Jesus as well. What is revealed through the performing of His first miracle is that it reveals His Passion and Resurrection. His 'time' in the Gospel of John always meant Jesus facing His Cross, thus this is a revelation to all who believe in Him.

The image of Mary is important in the passage as well. Mary, at the wedding feast is a good model for all Christians as we are called to bring Christ to all people. Still, a part of the story that should make us squirm is Jesus' response to His mother's request. No matter how scholars try to translate the passage, Jesus' response to His mother's request is a harsh rebuke. He dismisses her request! There is no other way to describe His statement to her.

What we can learn from Mary today is that her response to Jesus' rebuke gives us a model of how we should respond. Her words "Do whatever He tells you", teaches us how to be disciples. Mary was rebuked, dismissed. She now had a choice herself. Even after a rebuke from her Son, she chose to trust Him.

When we feel rebuked or ignored by God, when we feel our prayers to be unanswered, we become angry with God or give up. Today we are told to trust as Mary did. In Jesus death God made the ultimate choice for us and He will be generous. We are called to trust Him.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"If we put into practice our love for our neighbor, according to the Gospel message, we then pave the way for the lordship of God, and his kingdom is realized by means of us. If instead each one thinks only of his own interests, the world can't help but go forward in ruins" – Pope Benedict XVI

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Cheryl Longstaff, Pat O'Meara,
Mary Humenyk***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

Collection Envelopes – New envelopes have been prepared for 2022 and some number assignments may have changed. Envelopes may be picked up from the church hall.

The **Reel Justice Film Festival** is back! We are excited to offer another year of engaging films, which spotlight issues of social, political, and economic injustice. **Join us January 27, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. for "There's Something in the Water"**. The film documents environmental racism in Nova Scotia, revealing a portrait of ecological and social disaster, where rural areas are plagued by toxic fallout from industrial development and your postal code determines your health. 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!

Bible Sunday - The Diocese of Hamilton celebrates Bible Sunday on January 23, 2022. Bishop Crosby has chosen the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how #TheBibleSpeaks and how #WeListen. We encourage you to visit our Diocesan webpage dedicated to Bible Sunday 2022. Here you will find resources for adults, youth and children to help foster a relationship with God's living Word: www.hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks

Covid-19 Update – As of the production of this bulletin the Parish Office is closed and staff are working from home. Messages and emails will be monitored. Masses will continue as scheduled with our capacity limits remaining at 50 per cent for Mass. For now, all Parishioners are asked to continue to follow current Covid Protocols regarding masking and distancing.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (January 17 – January 23)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Gini Figueiredo	Howard Coultrup
Wed 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of those who are ill</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Staff and Students of St. Joseph School</i>	
Friday 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Lynne, Dave, and Bea Spencer, and Jenn Ferro</i>	Spencer Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Maria Amarelo	Pereira Family
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	Spencer Family
10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:30 a.m.	Charles Spencer	



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:

deSouza, Dick, Doucette, Downey, Dunn, Duval

CWL Members – Just a gentle reminder that membership fees are now due for 2022.



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


PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 136.

Our children are, in many ways, like sponges absorbing all we say and do. Even when we think they aren't watching or listening, they are often taking in our comments, actions and attitudes. In fact, our influence lasts their entire lives and impacts them throughout their lifetime. Equally important is what we don't say about something they are seeing or hearing or doing, since silence is considered consent. Parenting takes constant work, which is why it is considered a vitally important vocation. The rewards, however, of seeing your children grow into healthy, strong adults is worth the effort.

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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