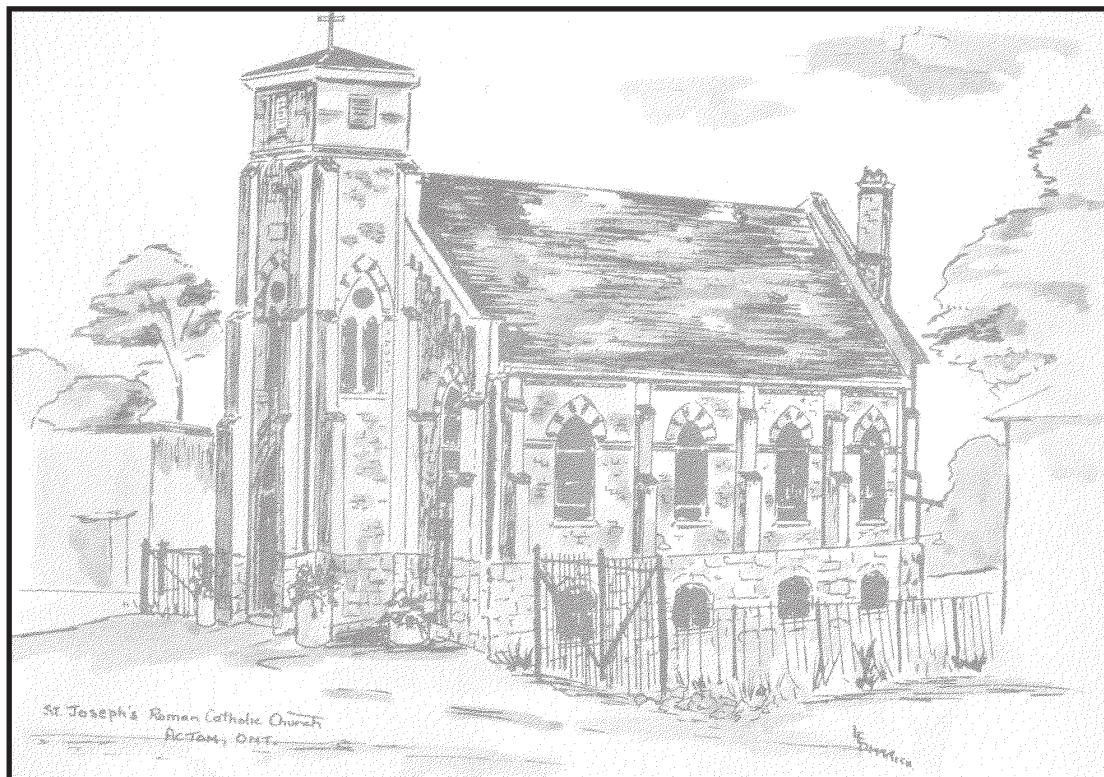


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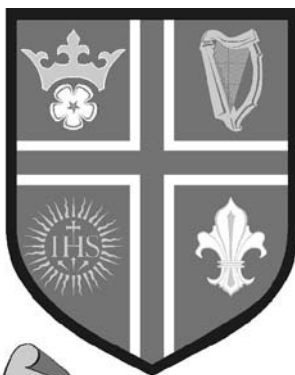
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

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
or by appointment.

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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:

In the Diocese of Hamilton, Bishop Crosby has declared this Sunday to be Bible Sunday as we begin to read and pray the Gospel of St. Luke. This weekend should remind us of the importance of scripture and how it can enrich and nourish us as God speaks to us.

The Gospel of this week is very appropriate for Bible Sunday as we see Jesus reading the scroll given to Him in His hometown Synagogue. Not only does Jesus read the word of God, but He also 'proclaims' it, which gives the people hope and the belief that God is revealing His mission in their midst through His Son. This is an image that we need to hold onto as well. God continues to reveal Himself through the scriptures on a regular basis.

One thing which we can learn from this Gospel passage is that Jesus proclaimed this scroll within a gathering of people in prayer. This suggests that we can begin to discover who we are within our own community of prayer. This is where God's word is proclaimed, and this is where our response begins.

As we begin reading from St. Luke, we should identify some themes we will come across this upcoming year. Many will notice that unlike the other Gospels, Luke's is one which shows historical names and events. Even in his prefaces he writes of recording all that had happened to Christ while He was on Earth. Luke mentions eyewitness accounts as being the source of his words. One can easily get caught up in the notion that this Gospel is basically a historical book. One must remember that not only is Jesus someone of whom it is important to know, even someone of whom it is important to imitate. He is also someone in whom it is important to believe. This is what Luke truly wants us to understand and to grow with.

Also appropriate for Bible Sunday, is that Luke teaches us that salvation is announced in scripture. He shows us that the Good News is proclaimed to the poor and marginalized. The prominence of women disciples, including Jesus' mother Mary, is an important theme

throughout the Gospel. Luke shows Jesus as being a Prophet King, God's Chosen Servant, the Son of Man, and the Saviour of the World.

These are just some of the aspects from the Gospel of Luke which we can discover through Scripture during the upcoming year. On this Bible Sunday, let us be strengthened by the words of Christ. He came to save us and for us to believe in Him.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"The Holy Bible is like a mirror before our mind's eye. In it we see our inner face. From the Scriptures we can learn our spiritual deformities and beauties. And there too we discover the progress we are making and how far we are from perfection."

- Saint Gregory the Great

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Laura Kupferschmidt, Lisa Fuller,
Eileen Quackenbush***

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

Collection Envelopes – Envelopes for 2022 may be picked up from the church hall. Some number assignments have changed.

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

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 are being monitored. Masses 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 24 – January 30)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Aldo Braidia	Raats Family
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Staff and Students of St. Joseph School</i>	
Friday 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of those who are ill</i>	
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Pro populo	Bell Family
	10:00 a.m. <i>Intentions of the Bell Family</i>	
	11:30 a.m. Pro populo	



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:

Bell, Baxter, Braidia

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
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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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