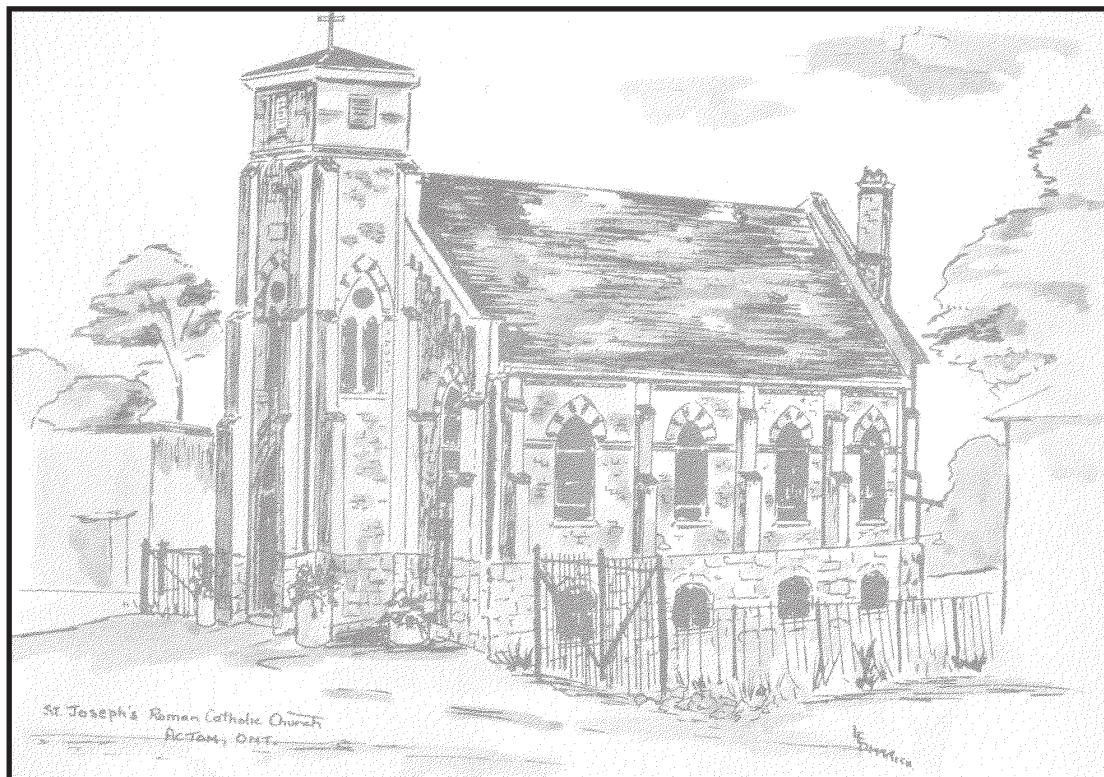


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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

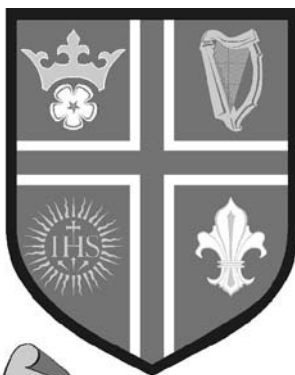
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League

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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:

As we come to the end of the Christmas Season we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Like the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord which we celebrated last week, the Baptism of the Lord is a 'manifestation' of the Lord. While the Epiphany is seen as a revelation to the Gentile world, the Baptism of the Lord is a revelation to the Jewish people.

The question which needs to be addressed on this Feast Day is why did Jesus need to be Baptized? John the Baptist even questioned this belief in the Gospels. This Baptism was the way in which Jesus presented Himself to His people at the outset of His mission. By identifying with us He took upon His shoulders the tremendous burden and responsibility of our sins and began gathering all people into the one family of God. The Baptism of the Lord was the event to which mankind had been looking forward because it brought God's light into a world of darkness and opened up the possibility of a new relationship for people with their Creator. It united us with Christ that we too can be called God's children.

Belonging to God's family involves commitment, obligations to be undertaken, and decisions to be made about how we are to lead our lives. By our Baptism we are invited to answer Jesus' call to be good, to follow in His footsteps by being honest in our dealings and kindly in our conversation. This requires strength of character because it may cause us to stand apart and be counted. Still, it will allow us to live a worthy life and make the world a better place for His presence.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"We are called to live our Baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

- Pope Francis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Madeline Ainsworth, Pat Haffey,
Corrie Derksen***

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.

Year of the Family Speaker Series: The *Amoris Laetitia* Family Conference (which was to be held in May) has been replaced with a six-month speaker series because of the ongoing uncertainty with COVID. January is the first month of the series and the only month where we will have a three evening session (all others will be one night each month). Bishop Lobsinger will give an overview of the document, *Amoris Laetitia*, on Jan. 12th and 19th and I will wrap up the sessions on Jan. 26th each session at 7 p.m. The title of this first talk will be, **The Joy and Struggles of Family: Revealing the Wisdom in Pope Francis's Amoris Laetitia.**

Information for families can be found here:

<https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/>

The Speaker Series page with the link for registration for the first talk can be found here:

<https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/speaker-series/>

- Teresa Hartnett

Family Ministry Office

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 10 – January 16)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Adam Kwiatkowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Students of Our Parish</i>	
Friday 9:00 a.m.	<i>Parishioners Who Are Ill</i>	
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred and Jo Ann Duval	Pat South
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	George Figueiredo
10:00 a.m.	Gini Figueiredo	
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.



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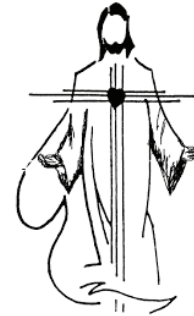
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CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C

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



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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