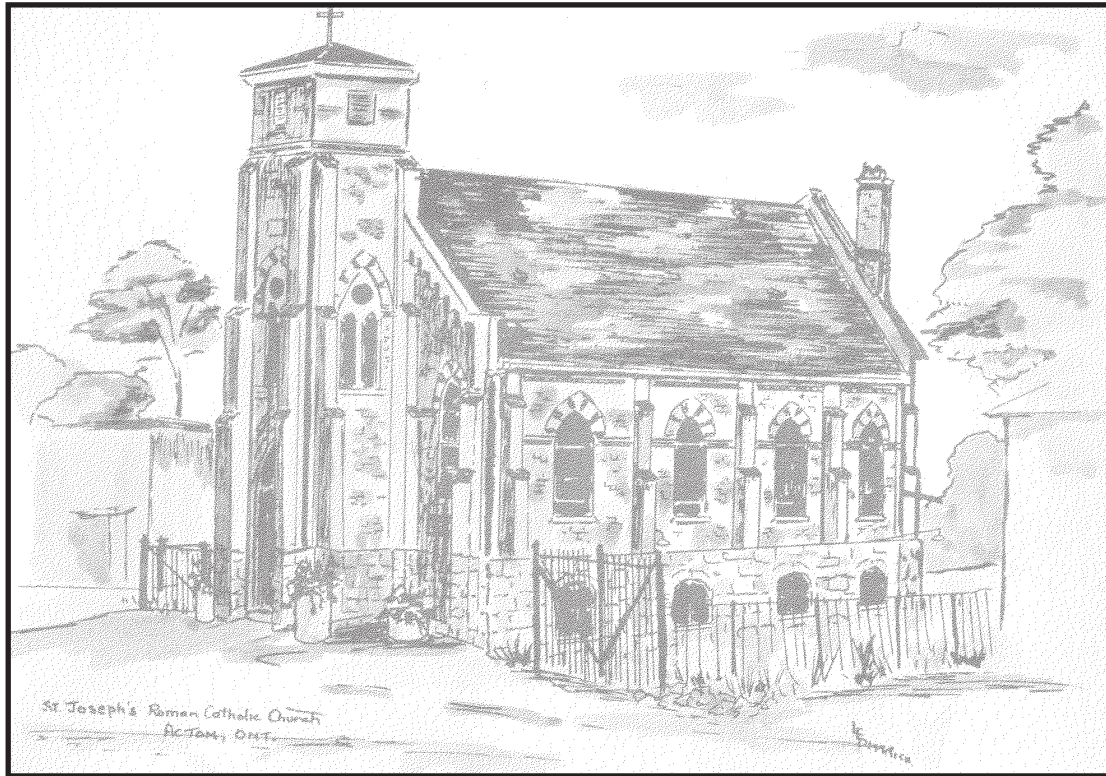


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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

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Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League

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BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

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By arrangement one year in advance.

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Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm
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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:

This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent. This Sunday is also known as 'Laetare Sunday' in which we recognize the passing of the halfway point of the Season of Lent.

Laetare means 'rejoice' and it is taken from the first word of the entrance antiphon for the weekend Masses; "Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

Laetare is the same as when we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent. That Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday, whereby we celebrate the birth of Our Lord at Christmas. While Gaudete Sunday is seen as being a rejoicing that cannot be contained but must be shown openly and should not be muted, Laetare Sunday on the other hand is a rejoicing that is inward or subdued. Yes, we are at the half point of our Lenten discipline, but we still have a period to go through.

The Church gives us a 'break' this weekend on this Fourth Sunday of Lent. You will notice that altars may be decorated with flowers and other greenery in a more substantial way than other Sundays during Lent.

A priest or deacon may also wear rose vestments on this Fourth Sunday. Traditionally, this practice began through previous generations of Holy Fathers giving out pink roses to dignitaries visiting the Vatican.

Ultimately, the Church is calling us as Catholics to 'keep your eyes on the prize' in anticipation of Easter. We are only three weeks away from celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord. It is also a joyful time for those wishing to be welcomed into the Church through baptism on Easter. This weekend they are given the Apostles Creed which summarizes the doctrine of the Church.

On this Laetare Sunday we are called to be reminded that Christ will rise from the dead.

We must always believe that we are 'Easter people'.

I also wish to mention once again that we celebrate our Parish Feast Day this week. The Feast of St. Joseph is usually celebrated on March 19th but with it being a Sunday this year, the Church has moved the Feast Day to the Monday (March 20th).

I will explain more about the role of St. Joseph in both our faith lives and in the setting of our Parish at the Mass on Monday night here at St Joseph's at 7 p.m. This week in our Parish bulletin, we have copies of a pastoral letter from Bishop Crosby explaining the significance of St. Joseph in our lives and in the Diocese of Hamilton. You will find the letter reassuring of the importance of St. Joseph in our lives as Catholics.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"While we do our good works let us not forget that the real solution lies in a world in which charity will have become unnecessary."

— Chinua Achebe, *Anthills of the Savannah*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Austin Hunak, Helen Fowler,
David Champagne***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

From the Parish Office: Tax Receipts are available at the back of the church. 2023 envelopes are still available for pickup in the hall.

Lenten Lunches- Join all the Christian Churches in Acton as we journey through Lent. We meet at noon on Wednesdays at the Salvation Army Church for worship and gather for lunch after the service.

MARCH 19, 2023

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday April 6 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration until 10:00 p.m.
Good Friday April 7 11:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
 3:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
Holy Saturday April 8 12:00 p.m. Blessing of food baskets **in the Church**
 8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass**
Easter Sunday April 9 **Easter Masses 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (March 20 – March 26)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of St Joseph Parish</i>	
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>People of Ukraine</i>	
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her Parents
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of the McCabe Family</i>	June McCabe
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<i>Special Intentions of the Bell Family</i>	Bell Family



Please see Eddie MacDonald if you have any questions or are interested in joining the team.

Stations of the Cross will be said on Fridays in Lent at 5:00 p.m. There will not be Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

**Chelliah, Clough, Coles,
Conroy, Costley, DaCruz**

CWL General Meeting Date Change!

The Tuesday, March 14 General meeting is being moved to **Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30**. Apologies for any inconvenience that causes. We look forward to seeing everyone who can make it.



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:

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