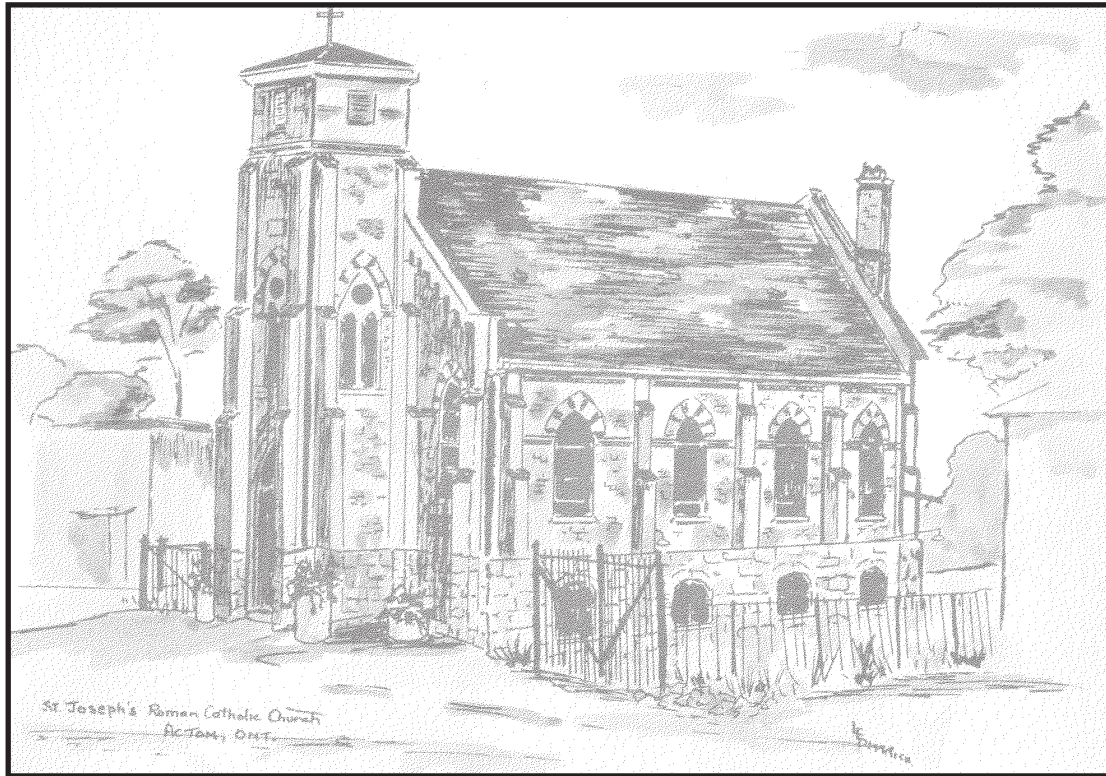


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Saturday 5:00 pm

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:

The lighting of the Easter Candle is one of the most powerful symbols at the Easter Vigil. Usually, parishioners gather outside of the church doors and a large fire is created. The priest begins the Solemn Vigil by lighting the new Easter Candles at the fire. Sometimes the weather may not cooperate with the solemn proceedings. There have been times when snow, rain, and wind, changed the plan. This year wind affected the fire, so some changes were made, but still the vigil was a beautiful experience for all who were present.

Fire, like water, can have both positive and negative attributes. Fire can be dangerous to us; it can disfigure us and even kill us. But fire can also provide light and warmth and used properly can mould and shape things to better our lives.

During Holy Week and the Easter Season, we see two charcoal fires in the Gospel of St. John. One was lit by human beings; one was lit by Jesus. With the fire lit by humans, Peter denied Jesus three times during the night of Jesus' trial. He returned to the community of disciples despite his shame and sin. As Jesus encounters the Apostles who had been out fishing, Peter jumped out of the boat to get to Jesus faster than the boat could, but it was more an act of relief. The Man he had betrayed had come to him.

The second fire lit by Jesus, showed Jesus putting His trust in Peter, and this trust had remained despite Peter's behaviour, but the two had to be reconciled for Peter's sake. Once denying Jesus three times, Peter could now tell Jesus three times that he did love Him. To reconcile Peter to Himself, Jesus met Peter where Peter was in life. This is also an opportunity that is presented to all of us in our own lives. John, in his Gospel, uses the experience of Peter with the resurrected Jesus to emphasize that Jesus remained with His followers to seek to help them understand. As He did with Peter, Jesus will meet us where we are in our faith.

It is important to note also that Jesus' act of preparing and serving food on the shore with the fire which He lit, is reminiscent of the Eucharist. We are called to the charcoal fire of the Eucharist where Jesus still feeds us, where Jesus keeps us reconciled to Himself.

On this, the Third Sunday of Easter, we are invited to choose which fire we stand before in our lives. Is it the one lit by man or the one lit by Christ?

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: "Go down again - I dwell among the people."

- John Henry Newman

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Kevin Hickey, Evelyn Morel,
Gerry Cronin**



This week we pray especially for the following families:

**Knapton, Kolosko,
Kolozsvari**

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space, Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. For more information, please visit: www.mountmary.ca

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Mass - The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to announce that the Spring Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington, will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 11:00am. Please be advised that this Mass will take place outdoors. All are welcome!

MAY 1, 2022

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May 2 - May 8)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>The People of Ukraine</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Rea, Mastracci, Reinhardt Families</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Donald MacLellan	Margaret MacLellan
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:30 a.m.	Deceased Mothers of Our Parish	



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.



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
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Join the Reel Justice Film Festival April 28, 2022 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM for the screening of Seed: The Untold Story. As biotech companies control most of our seeds, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight to defend the future of our food. In a harrowing and heartening story, these reluctant heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds. 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!

Bulletins are available online at:

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

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops

Wed. 8:00 p.m. AA

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022 Registration

The Wedding Anniversary Mass, which would normally have been scheduled for June of 2022, will not occur this year due to the continued concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and we will be happy to send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. The Wedding Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page under Upcoming Events

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