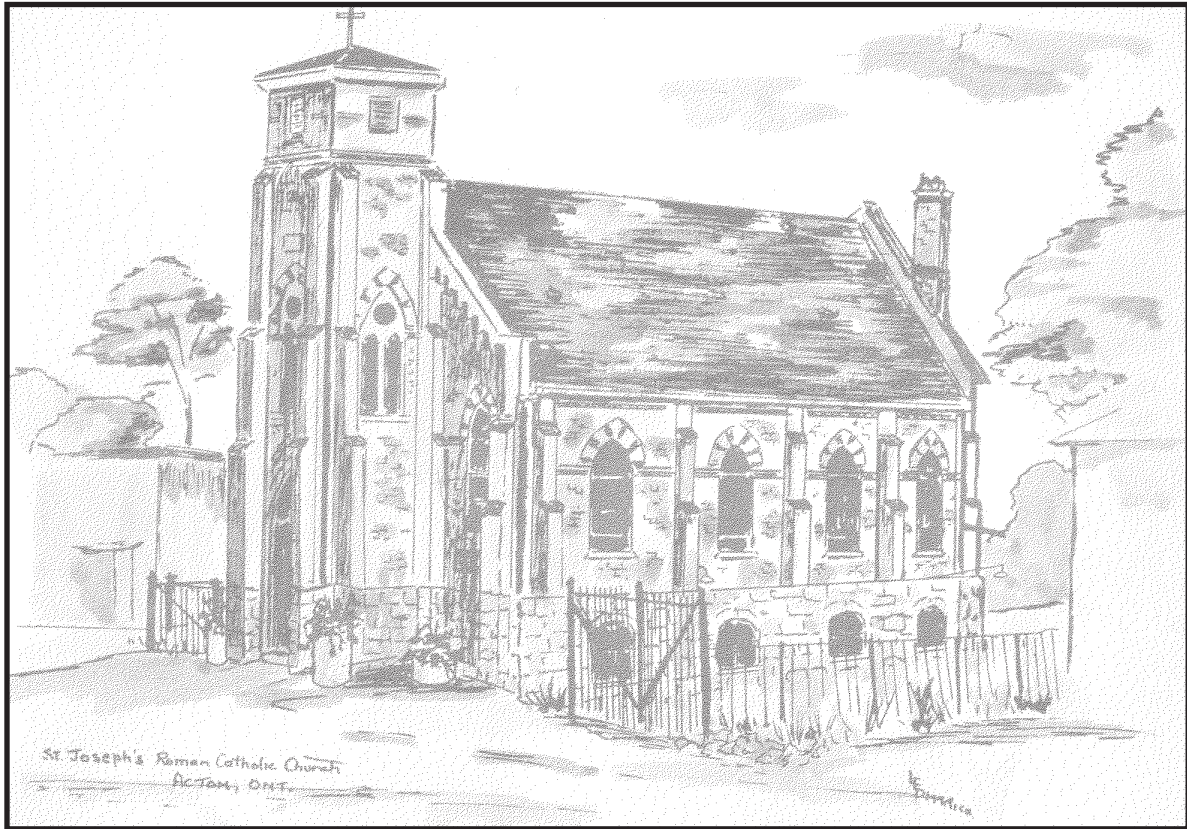


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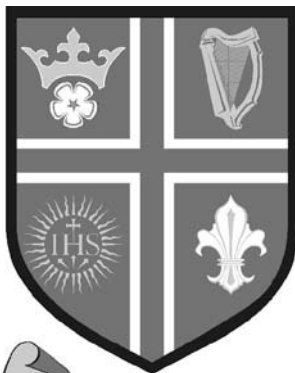
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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
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BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

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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:

We have come to the end of another Easter season. We have celebrated the Risen Lord for the last seven weeks. We have read from the Acts of the Apostles which chronicles the joys and struggles of the early Church.

The liturgical colour for this Pentecost Sunday is red, which represents the image of the tongues of fire, describing the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.

We also remove the Paschal candle from the spot where it has been located since the Easter Vigil, by the altar. We return it to its usual location by the baptismal font. Throughout the rest of the liturgical year, it will be lit for funerals and baptisms. This is done to show that Christ is the new Light and that we are baptized into the death of Him as well.

On this Solemnity of Pentecost, we are given two things: breath and fire. John tells us in the Gospel this Sunday that Jesus breathed on the disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit". The word for 'Spirit' is spiration, which means breathing out. The word respiration means to breath in and out.

For years the Church referred to the Holy Spirit as the Holy Ghost. In the English language, spirit and ghost can mean the same thing, but the spirit that we call the Holy Spirit is not that kind of spirit. Some religions rites and churches may still use the old term, but the Church stopped using it in the 1960's. The Holy Spirit takes its name from spiration, breathing out. We might say that the Holy Spirit is the very breath of God.

Breathing on someone else was part of a blessing was common for the Mediterranean Middle East. Because the breath came from inside of a person, to breathe on someone was thought to pass on something of what is inside of one person to another. Those living in the time of Christ would have understood this belief, for in Genesis it was God who breathed into the nostrils of Adam. This breath of God gives us life. The Divine is within us.

Along with the image of fire, Luke uses the Jewish feast day where God gave the Torah, the First Five books of the Old Testament referred to as "The Law" to the Israelites at Mount Sinai. Tradition was that the Israelites received the Law fifty days after the Passover, when they were freed from slavery. Hence, Luke made the connection between this Feast and our Pentecost.

The symbol of the Torah is a tongue of fire or flame. It calls to mind the presence of God seen as a burning bush on Mount Sinai when God spoke to Moses and gave Israel the Law. It is not surprising then, that Luke would represent the New Law, the Holy Spirit, as tongues of fire.

This Pentecost Sunday, we are reminded that all of us have the breath of God within us. Sometimes we may forget God's love is Spirit but God's Breath restores life again and again. Hopefully we live our lives with a desire to keep this Spirit within us.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God, and I feel fire and music under my feet."

Thomas Merton

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Anna and Stan Lis, Fran Walters,
Patricia Deevey***



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Bonello, Borkowski, Bosboom,
Bourque, Brozic, Buck,***

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May 20 – May 26)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of People of Canada</i>	
Tues 7:00 p.m.	People of the Holy Land	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her parents
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Jo Ann and Wilfred Duval	Their children
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	The Sick and Infirm of Our Parish	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	Shirley Braida	The Artem and Duval Families



Sat. May 25 5 p.m. Lector Chris
 Extraordinary Minister Patricia
 Sun. May 26 9 a.m. Lector Ann
 Extraordinary Minister Jay
 11 a.m. Lector Gita
 Extraordinary Minister Aaron

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 are found at the back of the church.



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
 K of C: Ian Nolan: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED - In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, "A good marriage must be created" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in a relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on **Saturday, June 1st from 9:30 – 3:00 pm** at Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. The cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website, go to hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Tues. 7:30 p.m. (after Mass) K of C General
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing Group

WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND A Women's Cursillo Weekend will be held in Deemerton from Thursday, May 30 to Sunday, June 2nd. For information or application forms, please contact Mary Ann Kirkconnell (Weekend Coordinator) rmkirkconnell@gmail.com.

NEW TO YOUTH MINISTRY NETWORKING

EVENT The Office of Youth Ministry is hosting a networking evening for those adult leaders who are new to parish youth ministry. Join us on **June 6th** at St. Benedict Parish in Milton for an evening of conversation and fellowship. Registration and additional information available on the Diocesan website: <https://tinyurl.com/ymnetwork>



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