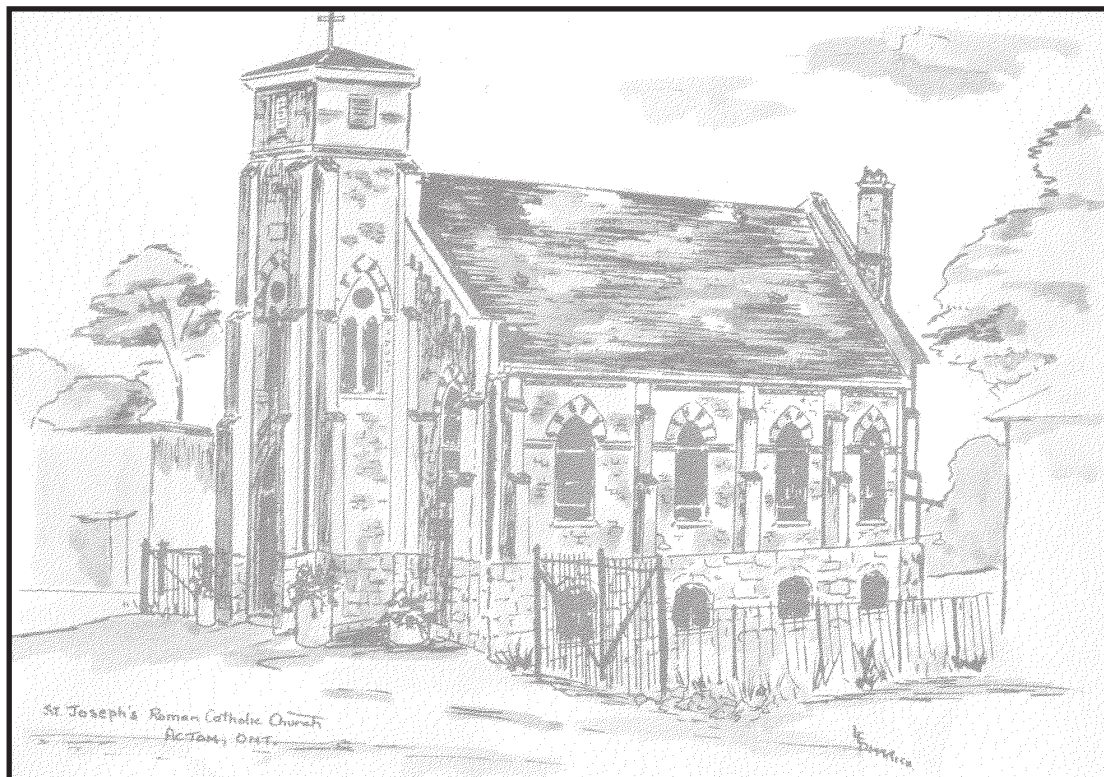


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Saturday 5:00 pm

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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.

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By arrangement one year in advance.

CONFESSIONS:

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:

All of us have experienced the wrenching pain caused by saying goodbye. It can be saying goodbye to someone as they move across the country to begin a new career. Perhaps someone is graduating from a particular school and moving on to further studies. This one is very common at this time of the year. However, I think the goodbye which we dread most is when a loved one is dying, and we are called in to express our love and to say goodbye. These past two years have led to many opportunities lost to say goodbye to a loved one due to restrictions being in place in hospitals and long-term care facilities.

In the Gospel of this Sunday, we have Jesus gently saying goodbye to His disciples. The thought of His going away was so painful that their minds were almost numbed to what He had to say to them. Without Him, their futures would be bleak and meaningless as the whole focus and direction of their lives would now be gone. But Christ did not abandon them, for His parting gift was to offer a peace which the world cannot give. This peace is offered to us in many ways as well.

At Mass, we as Catholics have a rite of peace. After a short prayer, the priest or deacon says, "Let us offer each other the sign of peace." This offer is seen as being an acknowledgment of the deep human need for our unity with God and with each other. It is stated in the General Instructions of the Roman Missal that in this rite "the Church asks for peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating the sacrament." We are reminded as Catholics that the reception of Holy Communion is the ultimate expression of unity in God and with each other.

Sometimes, when invited to share the sign of peace at Mass, our very way of offering it makes clear that we do not always understand the gift which Jesus gives us. Once again, the General Instruction states "that each person offer

the sign of peace only to those who are nearest and in a sober manner". Before pandemic restrictions, one may have seen people embracing, kissing in a passionate way, some giving the 'peace sign' or giving someone a 'high five'. As a priest, I have seen fellow priests go up and down the church embracing many people of the congregation. This peace which Jesus offers is not a 'feel good' peace, but rather, a peace that shows us a unity with God and with those around us.

One should look upon this rite as being one of reconciliation. We are called to seek out both unity with God and with each other. We basically need to approach the one who gives us peace, Jesus, so that we are reconciled both with God and with one another.

The peace which Jesus offers us is achieved by victory over sin due to the power of God. He offered it to His disciples the night before He died, and He offers it to us now in our lives.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself because it is not there. There is no such thing."

- C. S. Lewis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Eileen Quackenbush,
Helen Garrett, Jasmin Lang***



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***MacFarlane, MacLellan,
Marchese, Marcoux, Masse,
McCabe***

MAY 22, 2022

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May23 - May 29)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon. 9:00 a.m.	Victoria Day	
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Father Robert Bulbrook</i>	Geralda Savoie
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	People of Ukraine	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Angelo Stocco	Luisetto Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Haffey and Chasse Families
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
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.

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops

Wed. 8:00 p.m. AA



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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The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to present Accompanying Forward – An Afternoon with Roy Petitfils May 27 at 1 pm for a virtual conversation about accompanying young people as they navigate their new realities and their mental health. Roy is a Catholic author, speaker, and psychotherapist with over 25 years experience ministering to youth and young adults in parishes, dioceses, and schools. Registration can be found on our Diocesan website under Youth Ministers Events and Resources.

Bulletins are available online at:
<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

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.

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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