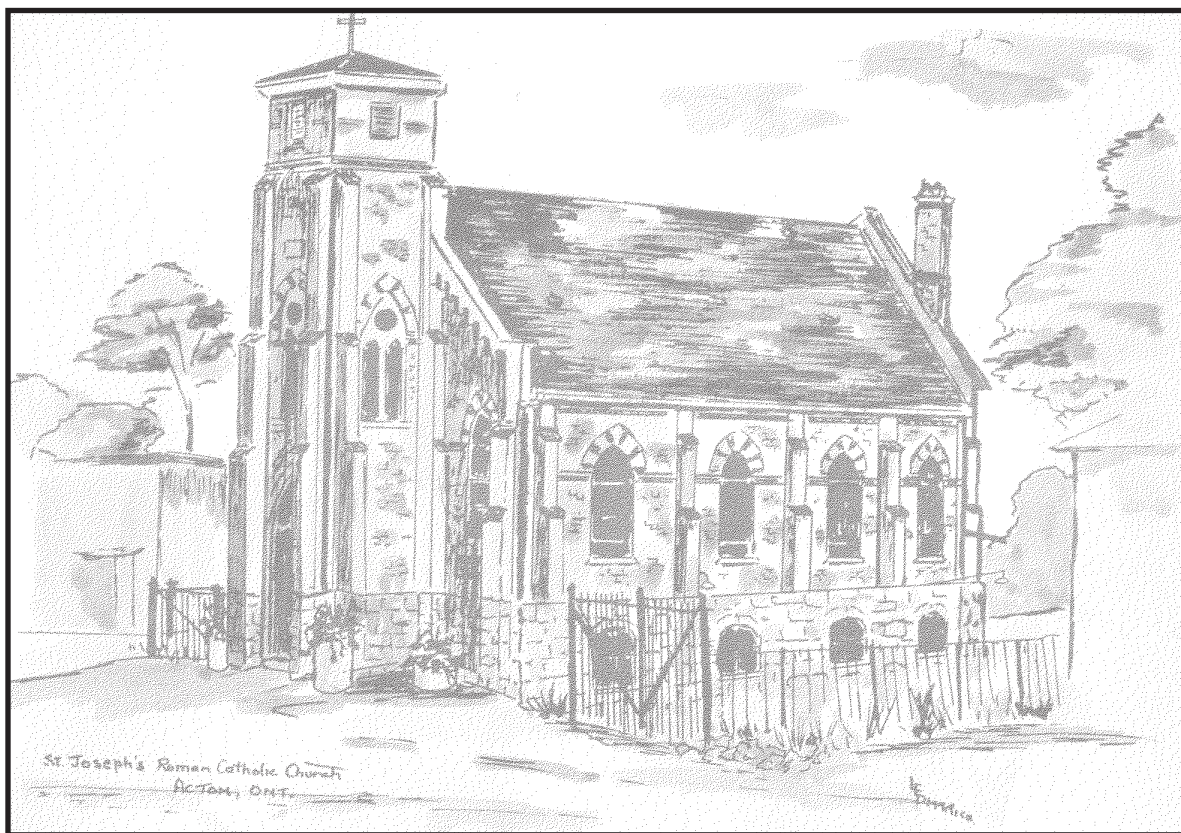


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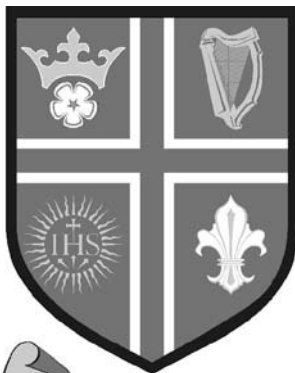
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Saturday 5:00 pm
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

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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:

I do not like correcting people, especially in a public forum. Probably because I don't like being corrected as well by others, however; there are times as a priest when I need to correct people over aspects of faith or teachings of the Church.

One thing which I do correct people about is making a proper Sign of the Cross. Children, in particular, have difficulties in making the Sign of the Cross. Many will use their left hands. I always feel that I need to correct them on this practice. I must admit that it is discouraging when adults make the Sign of the Cross with their left hands, or they don't even attempt to make the Sign of the Cross at all!

What does it say when we make a proper Sign of the Cross and say the words: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"? It tells us that God has revealed Himself to us in the past, the present, and hopefully in the future. Without any hesitation, we must admit that the Trinity is the central mystery of our Christian faith, thus God is a mystery to us as well.

We could explore the Church's doctrine on the Trinity. We could study the Catechism of the Catholic Church which say, "we worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity, without either confusing the persons or dividing the substance; for the Person of the Father is one, the Son another, the Holy Spirit another, but the Godhead of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, Their glory equal, Their majesty coeternal."

The Trinity is stuff for the head, but what we can take from this Solemnity of the Trinity this Sunday is that while it is very important to know about God, it is more important to know God; therefore, today is not a celebration of Catholic doctrine; it is a celebration that we can know something fundamental about God: God knows us and loves us, and God wants us to know it. Ultimately, God is Love, and we can experience this love.

The Trinity is an expression of perfect love. It is a love that Jesus wants us to share. We cannot understand this love, it is simply too much to bear. However, with the Holy Spirit, we can begin to approach understanding. All that the Father has belongs to Jesus precisely because Jesus is perfectly united with the Father. Jesus wants us to be part of this, so the Holy Spirit is given to show us the way.

The Trinity is about God's desire to express Himself to us and to give us love, however, this love demands a response. How do we respond to God?

We can respond by mending ways, encouraging one another, agreeing with one another, and to live in peace. These are attributes which are lacking in our secular world, but if with effort, we can achieve many things in our response to God's love.

We should want to be like our God, our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sanctifier. If we live in peace, "the God of love and peace will be" with us. The Trinity is God revealing Himself, and we should want to share in grace, love, and fellowship.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others."
- St. Augustine

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Juanita Malysa, Austin Hunak
Mary and Joe Humenyk,***



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Campbell, Campos-Teharia,
Cantwell, Carney, Cassar***

MAY 26, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May 27 – June 2)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	No Mass	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	No Mass	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	No Mass	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	No Mass	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Gus and Anna Raats Pro populo	Raats Family



Sat. June 1 5 p.m. Lector Patricia
Extraordinary Minister Nancy

Sun. June 2 9 a.m. Lector Jay
Extraordinary Minister Penny

11 a.m. Lector Lizzie
Extraordinary Minister Marcus

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

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops

Tues. 7:30 p.m. (after Mass) CWL Executive

Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing Group

CWL Potluck Dinner June 11

All women of the parish are invited to attend a potluck dinner in the church hall on Tuesday June 11 following 6:00 pm Mass.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST - STONEY CREEK

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship, and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, June 1st at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (934 Highway #8, Stoney Creek, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.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.






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