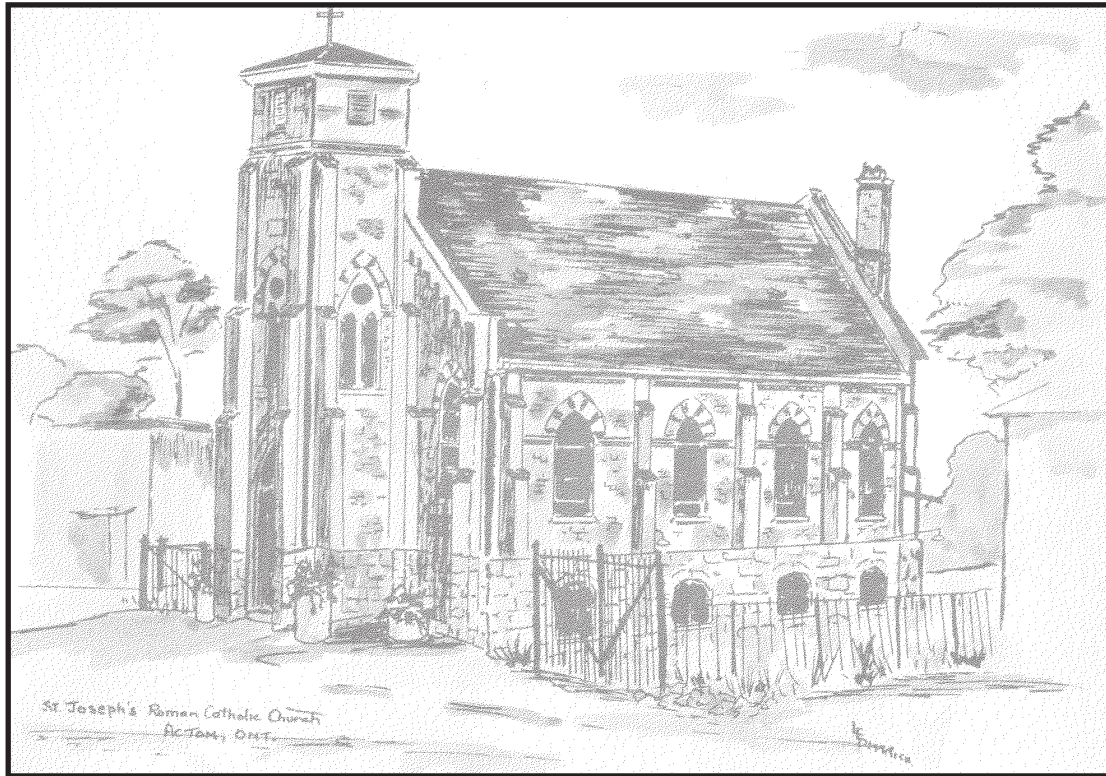


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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus

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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:

Liturgically there is always confusion on the Solemnity of the Ascension which we celebrate this Sunday. There are some countries, like the United States, which celebrated this Solemnity on the previous Thursday which officially marks 40 days since the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday). Here in Canada, we have moved the Solemnity to today.

To have the Solemnity specifically on a Thursday has no significance. The number 40 is used to represent a considerable amount of time when knowing the exact measure of time is unimportant. 40 was also used to represent an amount of time that was enough time to accomplish a specific task, to see the task through to its completion. One needs to be reminded that St. Luke never intended to imply that Jesus remained for 40 days specifically after His Resurrection, but the Scriptures relied heavily on the symbol to make a point.

If one were to read both the Gospel of St. Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, then one would notice that they are in profound disagreement over the time between the Resurrection and the Ascension even though both were written by Luke at the same time. In the Gospel Jesus rises from the dead, appears to the Disciples, and then ascends to the Father all in the same day, however; in the Acts, there are 40 days between the Resurrection and the Ascension. Why Luke did this was basically to refocus his readers. They had strayed away from the point of both the Resurrection and the Ascension.

What Luke was attempting to illustrate was that if Jesus had remained in a physical sense, then only those who directly encountered Him would have the benefit of what He offered; but now, with His departure, He could, by the Spirit, be powerfully present through His own prophetic successors. With His departure, Jesus could send the Holy Spirit to be with the Apostles and their successors.

Luke is deliberately telling two stories this weekend. In the Gospel, the story is of Jesus. In Acts, the story is of the formation of the Christian community, the Church. Both accounts of the Ascension are told to help the faith community understand the transition from the life of Christ to the life of the Church. Both stories are told to always emphasize Jesus' ongoing presence.

To be concerned about 40 days on a specific timeline is not important in our faith lives. What is important and what we should always be seeking is the message that Jesus is still with us.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Christ is already in that place of peace, which is all in all. He is on the right hand of God. He is hidden in the brightness of the radiance which issues from the everlasting throne. He is in the very abyss of peace, where there is no voice of tumult or distress, but a deep stillness--stillness, that greatest and most awful of all goods which we can fancy; that most perfect of joys, the utter profound, ineffable tranquillity of the Divine Essence. He has entered into His rest. That is our home; here we are on a pilgrimage, and Christ calls us to His many mansions which He has prepared."

- St. John Henry Cardinal Newman

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Bev Boisvenue, Austin Hunak,
Ian Munday***



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***McGilloway, Milton, Monteiro,
Montgomery, Munday, Nelles***

MAY 29, 2022

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May30 – June 5)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Julian Podsada</i>	Podsada Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	People of Ukraine	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Maria Amarello	Pereira Family
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.



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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Bulletins are available online at:

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CYO Camp Brébeuf in Rockwood, ON is hiring teenagers and young adults as camp counsellors for this summer. Please visit

www.campbrebeuf.ca/employment for more information.

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.

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.

National Rosary for the Family, to be held on Sunday, June 19th across the country, starting at 3 p.m. EST (chosen to accommodate the various time zones across the country).

The project has been planned as part of the preparation for the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMF) being held from June 22-26, 2022. The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life (on which both Bishop Crosby and Teresa Hartnett sit as members) is hosting this live and nationwide **Rosary for the Family** via Zoom Webinar. The virtual event will be facilitated by several families from across the country. Information on how to participate can be found on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

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