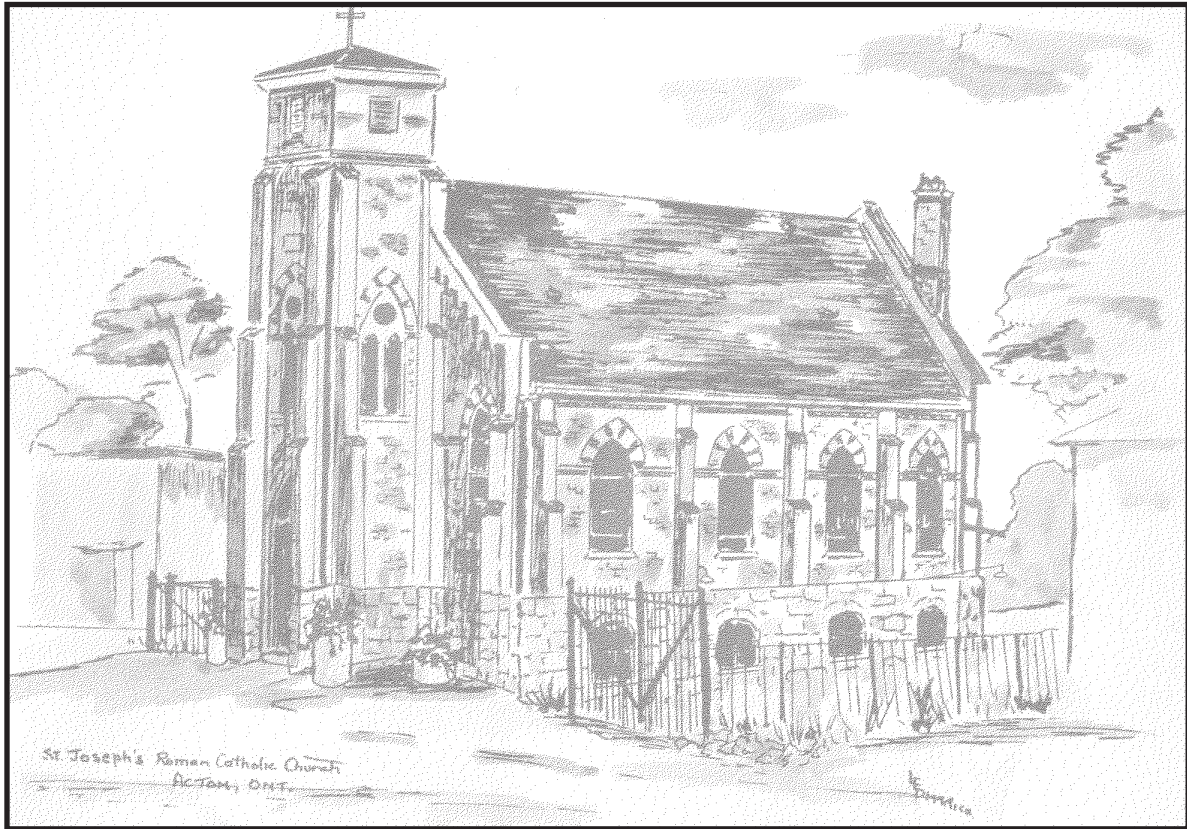


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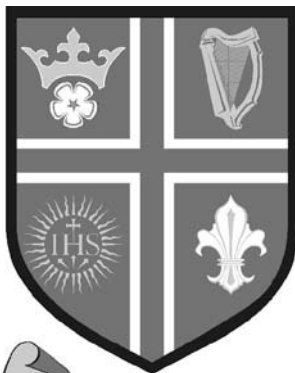
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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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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:

One of my favourite actors of all time is Ronald Coleman who appeared in movies from the 1920's to the 1950's. He possessed a refined English accent which made him very popular with movie audiences. With his debonair style, he was often cast in historical dramas. One of these was the 1935 version of *A Tale of Two Cities* which was based on the Charles Dickens novel from the 1800's.

The story is set in the turbulent time of the French Revolution. Ronald Coleman played the character of Sidney Carton who is in love with his friend's wife. In a twist of circumstances, the Carton character must make a choice. He chooses to trade places with his friend, so that his friend can be reunited with his wife. This switch means that Carton will face execution by the guillotine.

As he is being led to the guillotine, the Carton character utters this famous quote: "It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to, than I have ever known." In the movie, the camera then pans away from the guillotine and focusses on the sky. With Ronald Coleman's rich voice, these words have a very haunting tone to them.

In this Sunday's Gospel we are asked: "how does Jesus love us?" In his Gospel, John uses the word 'love' no fewer than nine times to remind us of the central command of our Christian Faith: 'love one another as I love you.'

This love which Jesus gives us, can be seen in a word which was expressed by Him in in last week's Gospel about the true vine. The word is 'abide'. In our lives, we can live somewhere, we can stay somewhere, we can remain somewhere. Each of these phrases speaks of being in a certain place, but none of them speak of permanence or intimacy. To 'abide' with someone denotes such intimacy with that person that we have chosen to remain together permanently.

To abide with a person is to become so intertwined with love that separation is no longer possible. Jesus has chosen to abide with

us. With this in mind, we must remember that He chose us first!

In our Gospel passage, John describes love by using the word 'agape'. John uses this word as being a choice one makes to love someone. It is not a feeling, but rather, it is an attitude with a sense of activity about it. More than a feeling, agape is doing. It is an attitude toward someone that means that despite how I might 'feel' about them, I still choose an attitude of care and concern. It is a love that is active, that wishes well, that reaches out and is a love that is sacrificial.

In two weeks, we will celebrate Pentecost. On that Sunday, we celebrate God's abiding love for us. We are to love Jesus as He has loved us. His love was so powerful, that it included a willingness to lay down His life for us.

Charles Dickens could not have chosen finer words than he did for the end of his novel. Jesus' love is a far, far better love in which we can share.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"When one has once fully entered the realm of love, the world — no matter how imperfect — becomes rich and beautiful, it consists solely of opportunities for love."

— Søren Kierkegaard, *Works of Love*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Paul Kavanagh, Avelinda Toledo,
Cecilia Tracy***



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Badin, Baginski, Banks,
Bartczak, Baxter, Beaton***

MAY 5, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May 6 – May 12)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Bruce Fowler	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	People of Ukraine	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Linda Ferro	Spencer Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Michelina Conte	Ray and Rena Arbic
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima Pro populo	Janine Milton



Sat. May 11 5 p.m. Lector Lilli
Extraordinary Minister Chris

Sun. May 12 9 a.m. Lector Andrew
Extraordinary Minister Jay

11 a.m. Lector Elijah
Extraordinary Minister Lorin

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

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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