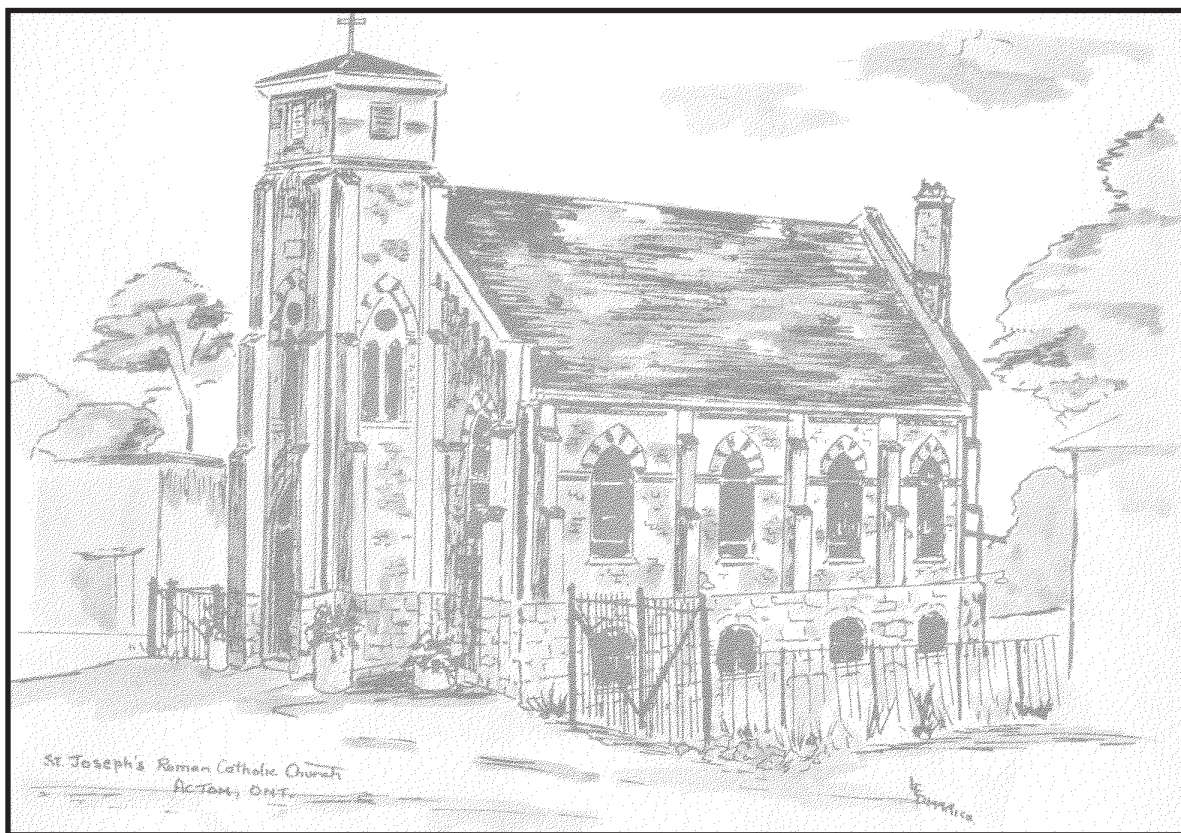


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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
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BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

MARRIAGES:

By arrangement one year in advance.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm
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SCHOOLS:

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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:

Last month, the classic movie channel TCM had their annual Summer Under the Stars Marathon throughout the month of August. Each day during the month, the channel honours a specific star for 24 hours.

One of the stars who was honoured was Ann Bancroft. Her most famous role was that of Annie Sullivan who taught Helen Keller, played by Patty Duke, to learn to speak and to communicate after she had lost the ability to hear or see as an infant. The film, titled "The Miracle Worker" was made in 1962 and it was a powerful one, powerful to this day. For her performance Anne Bancroft received the Oscar for Best Actress.

The movie not only shows the struggles that Annie Sullivan had in teaching Helen Keller, but also the prejudices she endured throughout the story. Keller's parents basically rejected her methods. The family was from Alabama and Sullivan was from the North. This was only 25 years after the end of the U.S. Civil War. Annie Sullivan was also nearly blind herself, she in fact, had undergone several operations which made her condition even worse. By the end of her life, she was totally blind. Still, she overcame these hurdles and helped the young Helen.

I always enjoy how the movie ends. The film could have ended with it how the two women's relationship grew over the years and how Helen Keller became a very popular spokesperson until her death in 1968. However, the movie ends with Anne Bancroft sitting in a rocking chair and Patty Duke coming to her and sitting on her lap as Bancroft holds her and rocks. Subtle in many ways, because the teacher was able to breakdown the barriers which had prevented the child from being able to communicate and to be welcomed. A very powerful scene in many ways.

The Gospel today shows an individual like Helen Keller who was basically cut off from the rest of the world. Yes, he could see, but he was isolated, as Helen Keller was, in many ways.

This Gospel passage shows Jesus performing a profound miracle, but as often happens in the Gospel of Mark, the witnesses are urged to be silent. Jesus did not want to be seen as merely a miracle worker, like Annie Sullivan. He came to be defined by something else. It would be the Cross that would

define Him, not the miracles He performed. Mark's miracle stories reveal a reality that is yet to come. We look forward to a day without prejudice.

The miracle in today's reading cured a man's hearing. Hearing properly, he could speak properly. We must hear Jesus clearly everyday and make sure our hearing is truly open, or we will not speak properly either. Our words may be properly pronounced, but our choice of words may reveal a continuing inability to hear Jesus as He is meant to be heard.

The words of Jesus must be heard with open ears and open hearts. If they are not, then we might discover that we have a handicap. Our handicap may not be physical, it may be that we have a handicap of the heart.

Annie Sullivan was able to perform a miracle with Helen Keller. We need to be open in our lives so that Jesus can give us the ability to hear, to see, and to speak His words and gifts in our lives.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"When you are weary of praying, and do not receive, consider how often you have heard a poor man calling, and have not listened to him."

Saint John Chrysostom

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:

***Anna and Stan Lis, Fran Walters,
Danielle Little***

Office Closure: The Parish office will be closed from Tuesday September 17 to Tuesday October 8. Telephone messages will be monitored. Please see Father Mark for further information.



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

***Needham, Nelles, Niedzielski, Nieroda,
Nolan, Nother***

Funeral Planning Talk: The CWL is hosting a talk by Michael LaBelle from the McKinnon Funeral Home on Tuesday October 8 at 7:45 (after Mass) in the Church Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (September 9 – September 15)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m	<i>People of Ukraine</i>	
Wed. 9:00 a.m	Czeslawa Hercyk	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Bishop Douglas Crosby</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Barbara Agnes	Luisetto Family
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Sept 14 5 p.m.
 Lector Lilli
 Ex. Minister Chris

Sun. Sep 15 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Marcus Gita
 Ex. Minister Kazi Lar

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Tues. 7:30 p.m. CWL General
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing



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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FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes October 25th and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/frassati2024>

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH – HAMILTON Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to participate in our Diocesan Vocations Month under the patronage of Our Lady of the Rosary by attending 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, October 5th at Canadian Martyrs Church (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>
 For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

ReSTART: Moving Forward – Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will be offered from Sept. 30th – Dec. 2nd. and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom if you are from outside the Hamilton area. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com





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