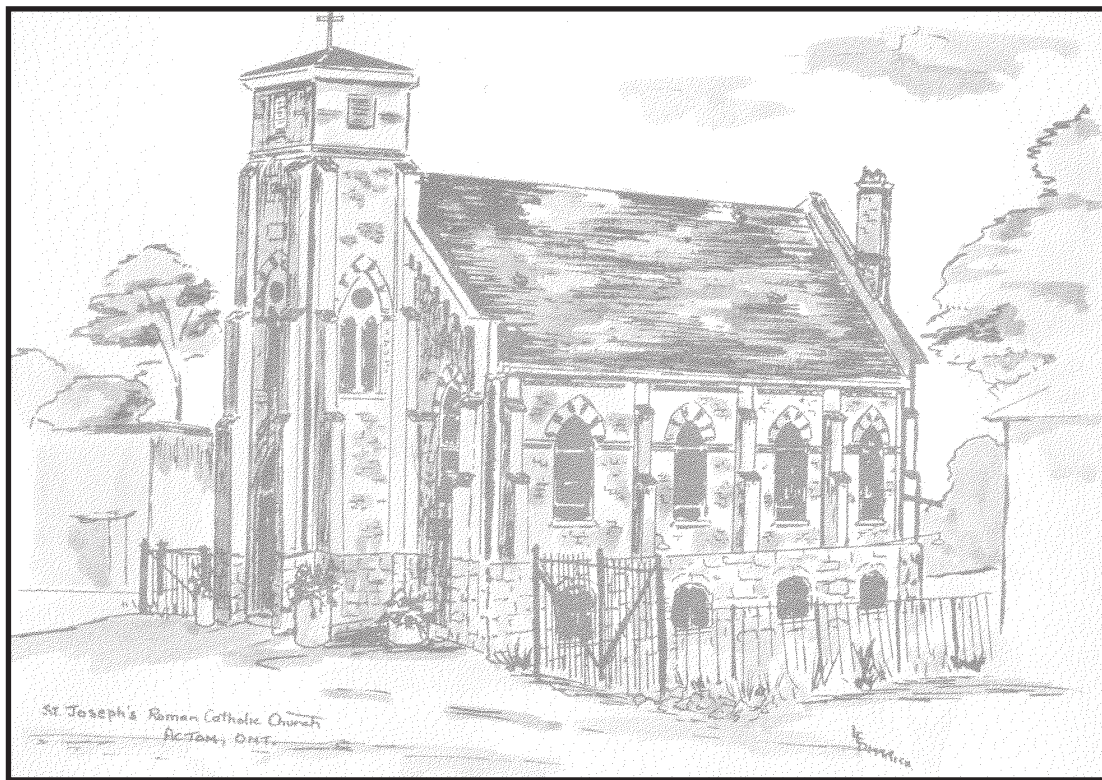


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SUNDAY MASSES:

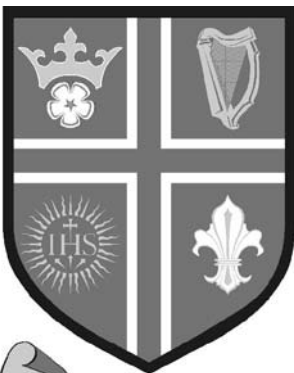
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
Knights of Columbus
St. Vincent Charities



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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.

SCHOOLS:

St. Joseph 519-853-3730
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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:

In dealing with the Covid19 pandemic, the Church has had to modify or outright cancel certain aspects of the traditions of our Faith. One of these is the presentation of the gifts which initiates the second part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

One may feel that this part of the Mass is insignificant and that it hardly brings a sense of focus to the Mass; however, the Gospel of this week reminds us of the importance of this ritual act. Here we have a picture of the Church as it acts in every age. Jesus did not feed the stranded crowd at the edge of the Sea of Galilee all on his own. He accomplished it with the help of his disciples, who were hesitant to accept responsibility for the hungry people. Their first reaction was to send the crowd away to fend for themselves and let someone else deal with the problem, Jesus reminds them that they have five loaves and two fishes which they brought to Him. The little which the disciples had was sufficient for Jesus to use for all.

The five loaves and the two fishes are symbols of the power for goodness which we all possess. The bread and fishes may seem small in our eyes, but it is what the Lord has given us and expects us to use in His service. The gift may be our ability to be a good neighbour, a caring listener to a sorrowing widow, or a willing member within one's parish setting. In whatever way we minister to the needs of others, we show forth the compassion of Christ and His friendship.

Bringing of the gifts may be on hold presently, but when this ritual is resumed, let us be mindful of the significance of the act. Jesus receives our gifts in the same manner as he accepted the five loaves and the two fishes from the disciples, and offering them to His Father, gives them eternal value.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"It is not speaking that breaks our silence, but the anxiety to be heard. The words of the proud man impose silence on all others, so that he alone may be heard. The humble man speaks only in order to be spoken to."

— Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Austin Hunak, Ian Munday,
Mary Albert***

Office Hours: The office at 39 John Street South is now open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 to 12:30 a.m. We will be taking care of St. Vincent vouchers from 10 to 11 am on Fridays so if you are visiting the office on Fridays for other business, please choose a different time.

We ask that visitors wear a mask and there will be a visitor log to be completed upon entrance.

Bulletins are available online at:

<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

Collection Counters: We are not counting after Masses for now. We will devise a new and safe way to resume in the future.

Pope's Prayer: For Earth and for Humanity
(From the Vatican Website)

Loving God,
Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.
Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic.

Make us courageous in embracing the changes required to seek the common good.

Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians.

Amen.

— Pope Francis, May 2020

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (August 3-9)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Fanika Severinski	Bill and Irene and Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Marjorie Hutchison</i>	Hutchison Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Dermot Richardson	Knights of Columbus 8050
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Sandra Jarbeau	Jarbeau Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	Catherine and George Graham	Pat and Peg Graham

Masses from prior to the Covid19 shutdown have now all been rescheduled.



Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and are able to fill in, it would be most appreciated.

Sat. August 1 5:00 p.m.

Sun. August 3 8:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.



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: Christy deSouza: cwl@lartist.com

K of C: Sean Saunders: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

MEETINGS

Currently Suspended



This week we pray especially for the following families:

Hansen, Harris, Heffernan, Henschel, Hewitt, Hickey

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 can be obtained from Father Mark.

Bible Study Reminder:

Temporarily suspended.





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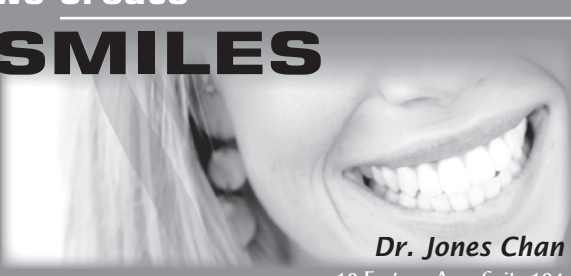


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