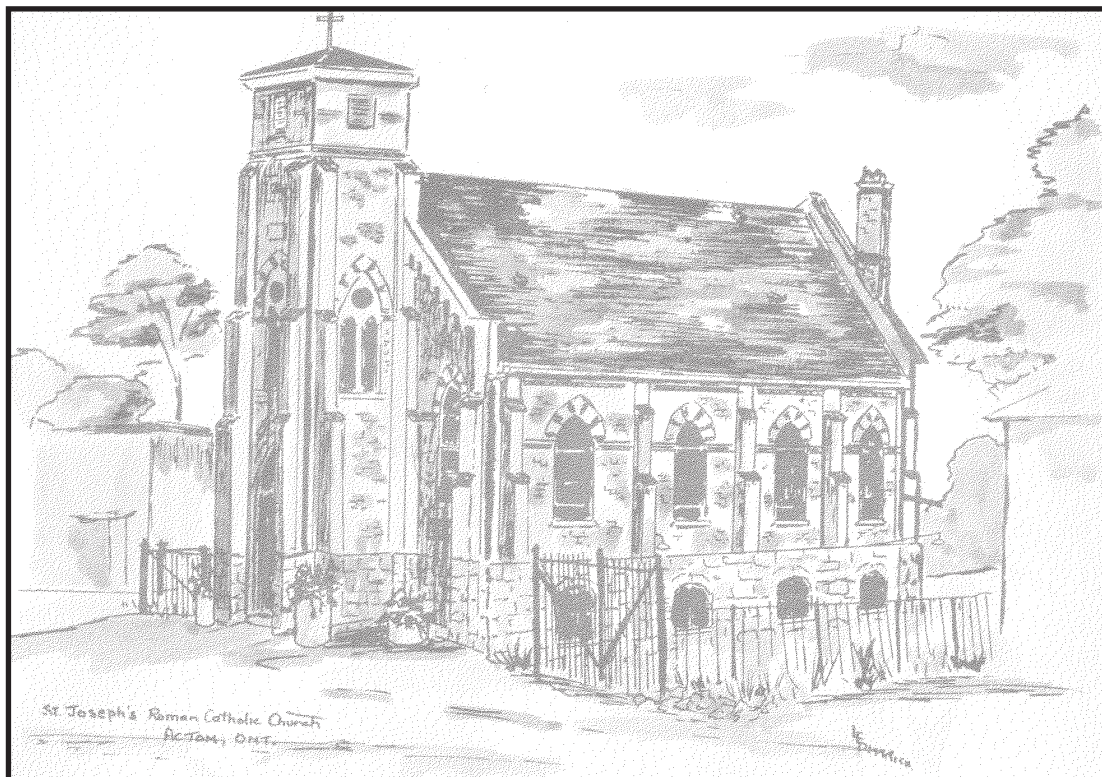


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

## 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:

This upcoming Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

When we think of the date August 15<sup>th</sup>, we usually think that the summer is coming to an end and that the children are preparing to go back to school. Farmers are harvesting their products, making the most of the warm weather. This year, of course, is different from any previous summer. There are legitimate concerns about children returning to school and how it will be different for them. Farmers have had to change their harvesting practices. Most farmers' markets, which are a summer staple for many people, have just been re-opened these last few weeks. Still, we can identify harvest time with the Assumption because Mary is the first of the great harvest by her Blessed Son. Where Mary has gone, we hope to follow.

This Solemnity gives us the belief that Mary, uncorrupted in life, remained uncorrupted in death. As a consequence of her holy life of humble service, she was 'assumed' which means taken bodily into Heaven. We really have no details about Mary's death, but the belief of the early Christians is that she was taken up into heaven. Through the grace of Baptism, we ourselves have the hope of heaven, and we believe that our bodies will be raised at the end of time.

We celebrate Mary's Glorious Assumption on this day, but we can look at the image of Elizabeth in our Gospel passage of today to see how we can use the grace of our Baptism. Specifically, Elizabeth does what all of us should do, and that is to recognize the presence of God in other people. Elizabeth's recognition of a divine presence within Mary is an acclamation of Faith that helps point us to the Lord.

On this special day, we honour Mary because it is a Feast Day which proclaims for us the Good News of Salvation. We can point others in the direction of Christ, who lives within them.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Everything comes from love,  
all is ordained for the salvation of man,  
God does nothing without this goal in mind."  
--St. Catherine of Siena

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Rhonda Chartrand, Steve Clayton,  
Marie Zions***

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**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.

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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

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AUGUST 9, 2020

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (August 10-16)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Wed 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of the Sick, St. Joseph's Parish</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Students and Teachers St. Joseph School</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of the Holy Father</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Luigi Bottero	Luisetto Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	Winnie and George Stroyan	Catherine Munday

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:

**Gordon, Gouveia,  
Grabauskas, Graham,  
Gualtieri, Hannah**

#### 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.





**Knights of Columbus**  
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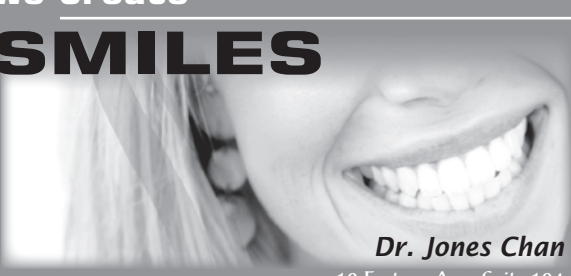


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