

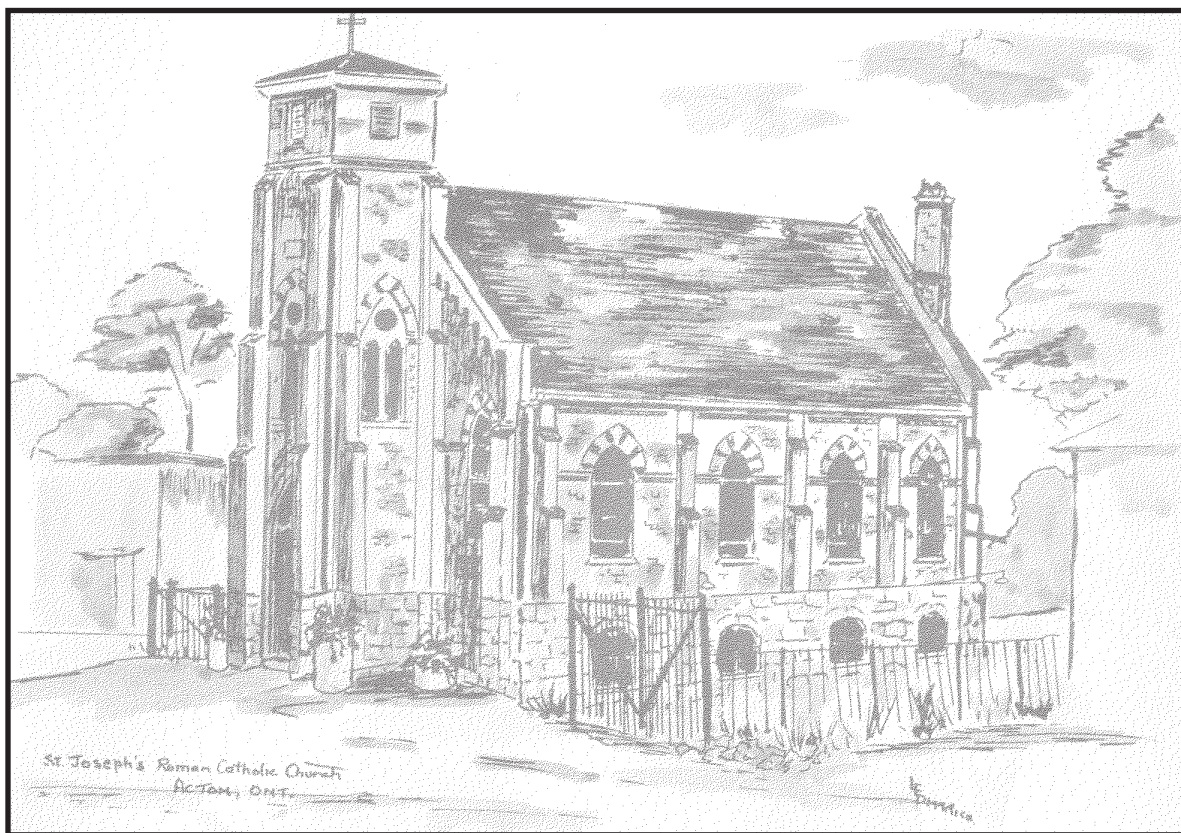
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

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



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:

We have begun the great season of Lent this past week which allows us to prepare for the Resurrection of Our Lord at Easter.

How do we prepare for this season of Lent? Many take the practices of Lent as being the whole point of the season. Going to confession is a big part of Lent, as well as sacrificial acts such as 'giving up something' for Lent. These aspects of the season are important, but they are only tools to serve the purpose of Lent.

What we should be focusing on as we begin Lent is to concentrate on Baptism and on having been freed from sin. During Lent we are called to recommit ourselves to our baptismal promises. We must remember that at the Easter Vigil, the blessing of water, the baptizing of new Catholics, and the renewing of our own baptismal promises to keep faith, is what we should be preparing during Lent.

The second Vatican Council said, "Baptism establishes a sacramental bond of unity which links all who have been reborn by it, but of itself Baptism is only a beginning". In our first reading this Sunday with Noah and the flood, which signified a new beginning, so too will those being baptized at Easter themselves enjoy a new beginning.

On this First Sunday of Lent, it is good for us to remember that the word Lent means 'spring' and that every spring is a new beginning. We begin His mission and ministry. He went to the desert for 40 days. This number represents the time which is required to accomplish something.

We must remind ourselves why Jesus went to the desert. He went to be 'tempted by Satan'. The point was to discover if He could be faithful to God despite temptations. Jesus' 40 days was sufficient to show that He could indeed be faithful. Therefore, He was ready to begin the ministry that would eventually lead to His Passion and Death.

As we begin this Lenten season, we are called to remember our own journey through

the waters of Baptism. We too, like Christ, are called to enter the desert to test our loyalty to the Covenant which God gave as a promise to Noah.

During Lent we will be reminded to stay faithful to our promises of Baptism. This call is a challenge, but it is one of everlasting promise.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and, in this way, to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..."

-- Pope Benedict XVI

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

Mary and Joe Humenyk, Austin Hunak, and Helen Fowler

Bulletins are available online at:

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

From the Parish Office: Tax Receipts are available at the back of the church. 2024 envelopes are still available for pickup in the hall.

Lenten Lunches: This year the Lenten Lunches will take place at the **ROXY CENTRE** every Wednesday from February 14 to March 27 inclusive – beginning at 12 noon with a 20/30-minute service followed by a soup and sandwich lunch.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

Nolan, Nother, O'Meara, Oke, Osman, and Paisley

Stations of the Cross will be said on Fridays in Lent at 5:00 p.m. There will not be Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday	March 28	7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration until 10:00 p.m.
Good Friday	March 29	11:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion 3:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
Holy Saturday	March 30	12:00 p.m. Blessing of food baskets in the Church 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday	March 31	Easter Masses 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (February 19-February 25)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Deceased Member of Knights of Columbus Council 8050 and their families	Knights of Columbus
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her parents
Thurs. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Ewelina Wajda</i>	Wajda Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Mike Kwiatkowski</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Bernice Holyk	Luisetto Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Feb 24 5 p.m.	Lector	Chris
	Extraordinary Minister	Patricia
Sun. Feb 25 9 a.m.	Lector	Catherine
	Extraordinary Minister	Jay
11 a.m.	Lector	Lar
	Extraordinary Minister	Aaron



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

CWL Membership drive has now started. Membership fees are **\$40.00** for 2024. There was a misprint on the envelopes that advised the fee was \$30.00. If you have already paid \$30, please drop a plain envelope addressed to the CWL Executive into the collection plate with the additional \$10.00 and include your name. We apologize for the error. If you have not paid, please drop your annual membership fee of \$40.00 in an envelope with your name and information. Thank you.

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MEETINGS

Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Tops
Tues.	7:30 p.m. (after Mass)	K of C General
Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Acton Sharing Group



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