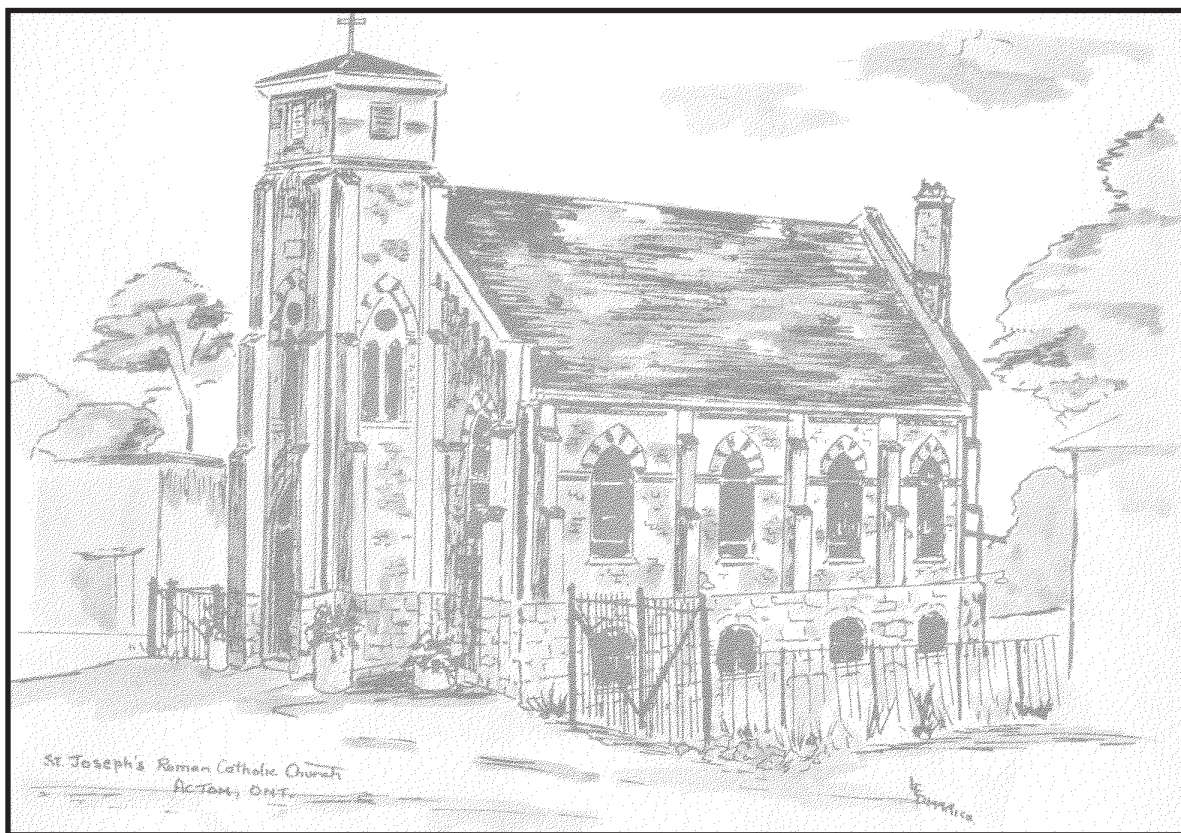


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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
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BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

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By arrangement one year in advance.

CONFESSIONS:

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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:

Just as the First Sunday of Lent always tells the story of Jesus being tempted by Satan, the Church always presents the Transfiguration on the Second Sunday of Lent, whereby we read about how Jesus showed His glory to Peter, James, and John.

Not to downplay the significance of the Transfiguration, I would like to focus this bulletin message on the first reading of this Sunday; Abraham and his son Isaac.

I can remember sitting in St. Joseph's Hospital with my parents and reading this story in a children's Bible which was in the waiting room. I can remember being scared and disturbed about this passage. Every time I was in that waiting room, I would re-read the story to convince myself that it was a Bible passage.

It seems incredible to us that God would ask Abraham for his firstborn son, Isaac as a child sacrifice. We must remember that at least in part this would have been in keeping with Abraham's faith. The firstborn of all creatures belonged to God. God had a right to them. The Scriptures tell us of parents who took their firstborn sons to the Temple to present them to the priests. On occasion the sons were kept at the Temple to assist the priests. A practice developed to 'redeem' the child by offering animal sacrifice. This is exactly what Joseph and Mary did, an act we celebrate on the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.

What is notable is that Abraham was noted for arguing with God, disagreeing with God and on occasion he would even bargain with God. In this instance, however, Abraham did not utter a word. To Abraham, everything he believed and trusted in was based on his relationship with God.

We know the story, we know that God relented, we know that Abraham was rewarded for his loyalty to God by being blessed with descendants. So, during this Lent, as we examine our own loyalty to God, we should ask: "Am I willing to sacrifice the present and thus my future for the sake of something greater?"

We are in a season of sacrifice. Have we examined exactly how much we are willing or able to sacrifice for God? Giving up everything we know and usually trust for a future with God is challenging.

Abraham passed his test of faithfulness. During Lent we are called to be tested as well in our faith to God. How we measure up is a very important aspect of our relationship with God.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The goal of fasting is inner unity. This means hearing, but not with the ear; hearing, but not with the understanding; it is hearing with the spirit, with your whole being." - Thomas Merton

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***David Champagne, Ian Munday,
Mary Albert***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

From the Parish Office: Tax Receipts are at the back of the church. 2024 envelopes are 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:

***Palmateer, Pereira, Podsada,
Pratt, Previte, Quackenbush***

***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 26-March 3)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	For the Sick and the Infirm of Our Parish	
Wed 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Branka Arandjelovic</i>	Janine Milton
Thurs. 9:00 a.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Marianne and Tony Pozniak	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Helen and Dusan Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	Albert Wajda	Wajda Family



Sat. Feb 24	5 p.m.	Lector	Lilli
		Extraordinary Minister	Chris
Sun. Feb 25	9 a.m.	Lector	Penny
		Extraordinary Minister	Jay
	11 a.m.	Lector	Lizzie
		Extraordinary Minister	Lorin

Fish and Chips Takeout

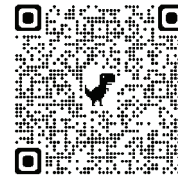
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Anyone interested in learning more about our parish Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus is invited to call the appropriate contact person:

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.

MEETINGS

Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Tops
Tues.	7:30 p.m. (after Mass)	CWL Executive
Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Acton Sharing Group





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