

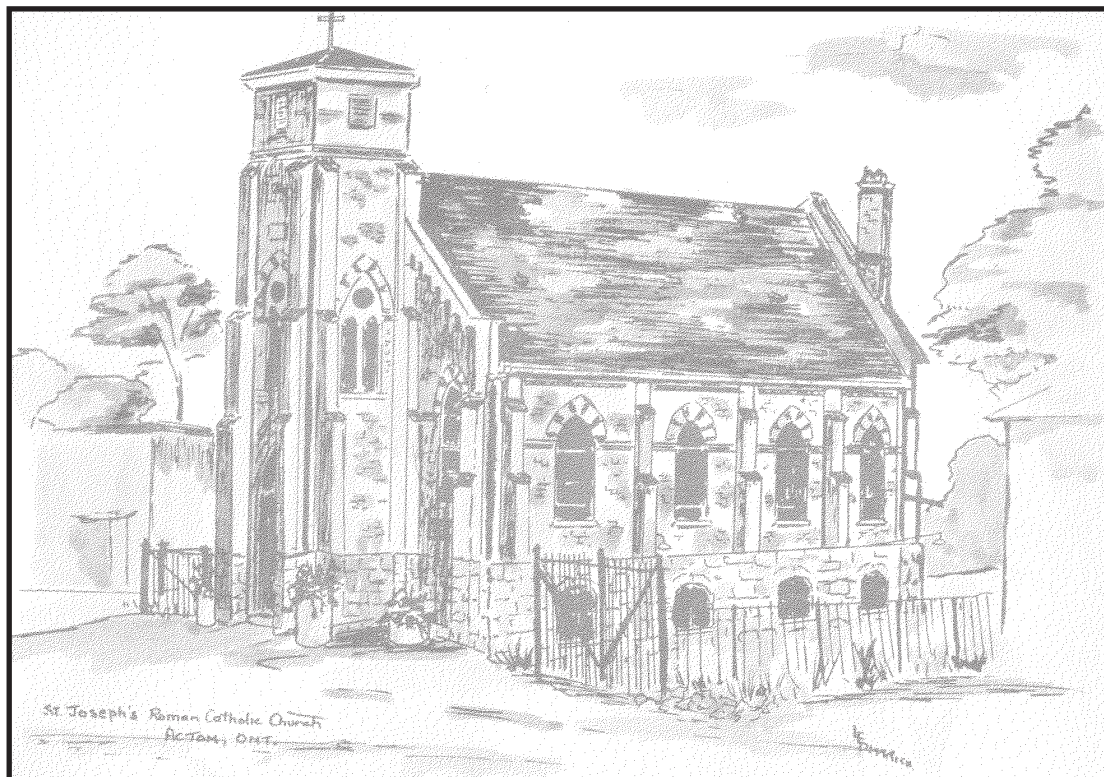
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

## EXPOSITION:

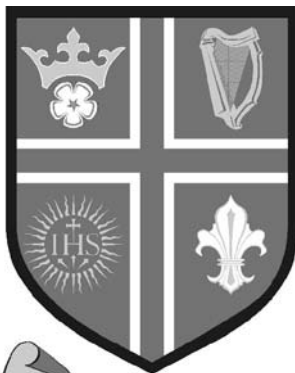
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus

St. Vincent Charities



## 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:

**A**s we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent, we are always presented with Jesus being 'tempted' by Satan in the desert.

This is a proper way for us to begin our own spiritual journey during this Season of Lent. All of us can experience 'deserts' in our lives. Perhaps we may say that we are 'stuck in a rut'. We may stop and ask ourselves, "Why am I doing this?" Lent can give us a perfect opportunity to examine the ruts in which we may find ourselves. We can start by asking "Why am I doing what I am doing?" Asking this, we might discover that we are not really in a rut. What we may discover is that we have lost the meaning of what we are doing. If I can find meaning in what I am doing, it will no longer feel like a rut even if I do it repeatedly.

Each year for Lent, we are called to do acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We may do this for many years until our Lenten practices can become dull and lifeless. Our liturgical seasons offer us the opportunity to enter into experiences of the most important events in our journey to Salvation. If we are open to this realization, then we will find that our Lenten practices can be periods of great growth.

Too often we misread the Gospel of this Sunday. Yes, Jesus did go into the desert to face Satan, but not to be tempted or to confront evil. He went into the desert to have His loyalty to the Father tested. The Devil is not so much interested in getting Jesus to do something wrong; rather, Satan is trying to find out if Jesus would remain loyal to God.

Each temptation in our lives is a test of our loyalty to God. Each temptation presents the same simple question from God: "Do you love Me more than anything or anyone else?" Every sin we commit is our answer to God.

Every one of us must discover his or her true character. Jesus did this by going into the wilderness. Free of all distractions, He went to free Himself. Lent is our opportunity to do the

same. Lent is a time to simplify our lives, to face ourselves, and to put ourselves to the test.

This Lent we must ask how ready we are to stand up to the tests which lie ahead of us. What sacrifices will we devise to build a sense of faithfulness and character within ourselves?

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself."

-- St. Peter Chrysologus

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Cecilia Tracy, Marg Davey,  
Nicole McInnis***

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

**From the Parish Office:** Tax Receipts are available at the back of the church. 2023 envelopes are still available for pickup in the hall.

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**Movie Nights -** Thursday evenings in the hall following 7pm Mass. All are welcome, popcorn and drinks available for a donation.

**March 2nd - *Saint Anthony: Miracle of Padua* - sub-titles (1hr40min)**

**March 9th - *The Reluctant Saint* -B/W (1hr45min)**

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### Lenten Lunches

Beginning at noon on Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Salvation Army Church, join all the Christian Churches in Acton as we journey through Lent. Father Mark will preach at this first Lenten gathering and the CWL will be providing lunch there following.

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**HOLY WEEK**

**Holy Thursday** April 6 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration until 10:00 p.m.  
**Good Friday** April 7 11:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion  
 3:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion  
**Holy Saturday** April 8 12:00 p.m. Blessing of food baskets **in the Church**  
 8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass**  
**Easter Sunday** April 9 **Easter Masses 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (February 27 – March 5)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Dusan and Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	People of Turkey and Syria	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Patti Inglis*	Spencer Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Francesco Iazzo	Joseph Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Maria Amarelo	Pereira Family
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	

\*rescheduled due to weather conditions



Please see Eddie MacDonald if you have any questions or are interested in joining the team.

**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.**



This week we pray especially for the following families:

**Baxter, Beaton, Bell,  
 Bhikha, Biernacki,  
 Blanchet-Haffey**



**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:

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