

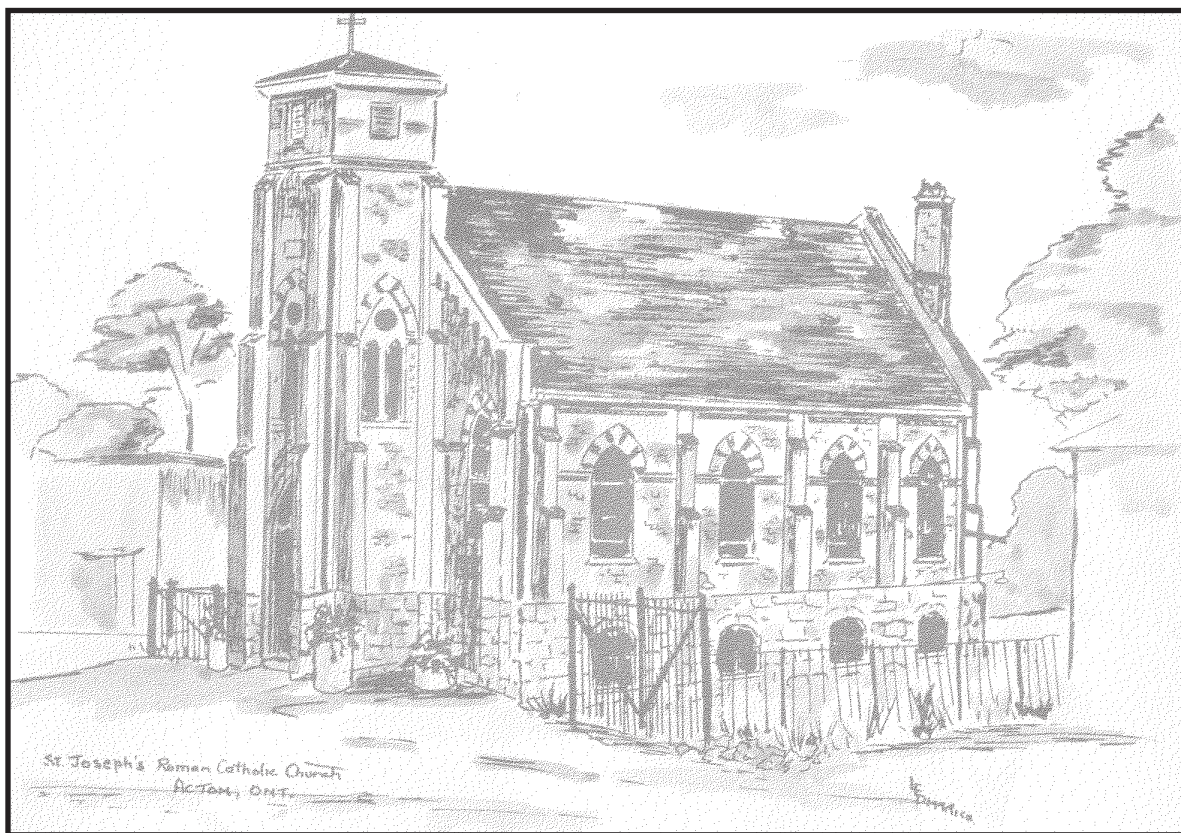
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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  
Christ the King 905-702-8838

## 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 year we are celebrating a 'leap year', something we experience every four years. Hopefully this leap year will be a better one than the last one in 2020 which came with a global pandemic.

I have always found February 29th very fascinating. A friend of mine once introduced me to an aunt of his who happened to mention that her birthday was coming up and that it was February 29th. I asked her what day she celebrated her birthday when it was not a leap year. She told me she chose February 28th because it is the last day of February.

Many people would not realize that the development of leap year/leap day that we celebrate today is a Catholic creation. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII after consulting with his advisors and astronomers determined that the extra day was needed. The astronomers calculated that in a normal year time was a little off. They figured that the year was off by a few hours.

Many people would have assumed that it was not a serious matter and thought that nothing needed to be done. However, the astronomers knew that those few extra hours would mount up as the years went on and therefore a correction was needed.

Pope Gregory accepted their findings and declared that a new calendar was to be created. The Gregorian calendar is the one we use to this day. The astronomers also determined that if these extra hours were accounted for, we would in a few hundred years be celebrating Easter in the middle of summer! Easter had already been set at the Council of Nicaea in 325 and it would always be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (March 21). This year for example the first full moon is on Monday March 25th, and this makes Easter Sunday March 31st. It is one of those years when Easter is earlier than normal.

When February 29th rolls around, there will be many quirky customs and interesting fun facts about this date. Even in the Catholic world we have some facts about leap day. St. Oswald, an English Bishop has his feast day on February 29th because he died on this day in 992. Tradition has it that he died suddenly while washing the feet of 12 of his people which was a custom that he always performed during the Lenten season.

What about us this upcoming leap day? We have this extra time given to us this year. Many people will complain that they do not have enough time to finish projects or meet deadlines. What is there to do with this gift of time, of an extra day? Is the day going to come and go like any other day? Time, and for that matter, life, can be such great gifts. For me personally, I will be at St. Benedict's Parish in Milton hearing first Confessions for Grade 2 children. A wonderful opportunity to help these children celebrate this sacrament for the first time.

As February 29th approaches, let us use this extra day wisely. Let us make a 'leap' of faith in growing closer to God and praising Him in our lives.

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Faith is illuminative, not operative; it does not force obedience, though it increases responsibility; it heightens guilt, but it does not prevent sin. The will is the source of action." Cardinal Newman

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Karin Brozic, Anna and Stan Lis,  
Fran Walters***

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This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Mastracci, McCabe, McGilloway,  
McLean, Milton, Monteiro***

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**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry begins on February 16. Details to come.**

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**Tax Receipts** can be found at the back of the church.

Please pick them up as soon as possible and help us avoid paying for postage!

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**FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (February 5 - February 11)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of David</i>	Janine Milton
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	People of Ukraine	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	People of the Holy Land	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Czeslawa Hercyk	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Jay Raats</i>	Janet Raats
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Feb 10 5 p.m. Lector Lilli  
 Extraordinary Minister Chris

Sun. Feb 11 9 a.m. Lector Catherine  
 Extraordinary Minister Penny

11 a.m. Lector Gita  
 Extraordinary Minister Lizzie

**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 are found at the back of the church.



**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](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)  
 K of C: Ian Nolan: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**MEETINGS**

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops  
 Tues. 7:00 p.m. K of C Executive  
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing Group

**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.



**NIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VALENTINE DINNER and DANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWNSEND SMITH FOUNDATION**  
**Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>, Granite Ridge Golf Club**

To serve the communities of Milton, Acton and Georgetown, the proposed residence will be a 10-bed facility built on the site of Hillcrest United Church, which is located at the southwest corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Side Road and Trafalgar Road.

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**Concert at Bethel Sat Feb 10<sup>th</sup>** Tickets have arrived for the Kevin Pauls (\*as seen on Gaither Homecoming) concert at Acton Bethel Church on Sat Feb 10th at 7pm. Featuring Joel Parisien, Luke McMaster & Selena Evangeline. All are welcome to join us for a great night of Gaither style music for Valentine's Day. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, Family Pass (3+ tickets) \$50 and Group Rate (4 tickets for \$80 + 2 FREE)!!! Tickets available at:

[kevinpauls.com](http://kevinpauls.com) or [communitylife@actoncrc.com](mailto:communitylife@actoncrc.com)



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