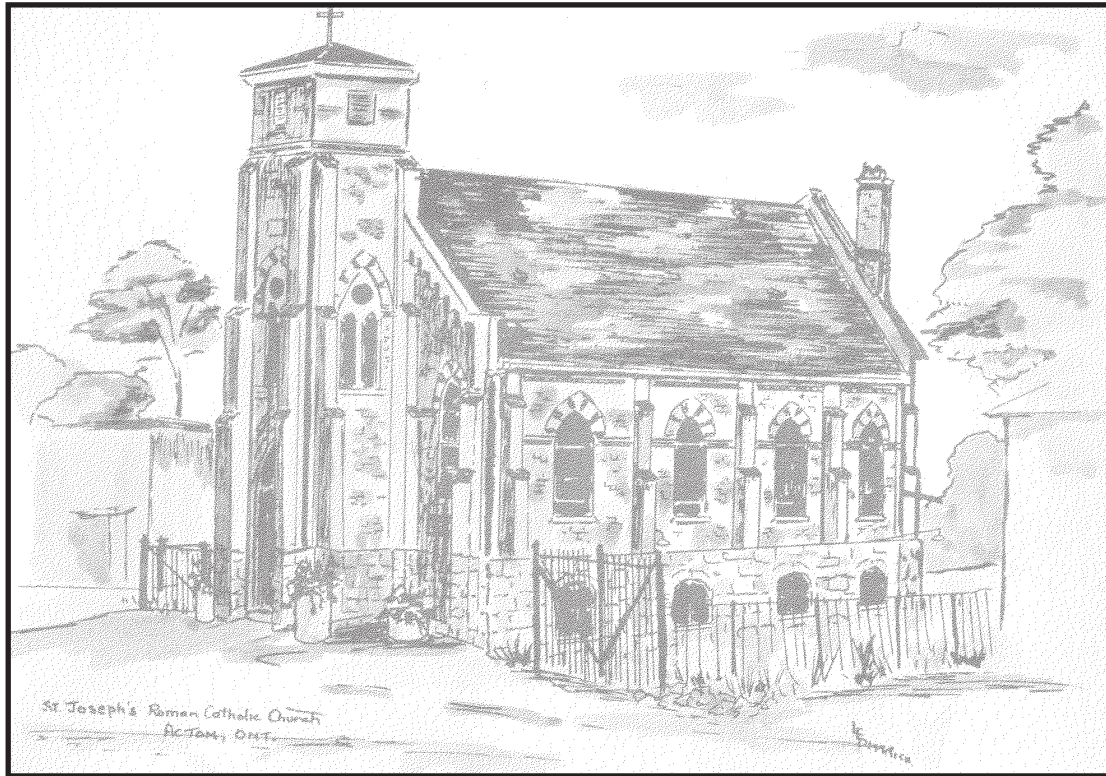


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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

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:

1-7-26
I Was reading a story recently of a priest who always made it a point to lock up his church in the evening before he turned in for the night. He could not help but notice that a parishioner usually prayed in the evening in the dark before the church was locked up. The priest offered to put some lights on for the parishioner so that he could see. The parishioner declined by saying that he enjoyed praying in the darkness because he was guided by the lone sanctuary light at the front. The parishioner said that he could experience Jesus with the one light burning. He could see the whole church in this light.

Later the priest tried the same thing and sure enough he noticed that he could see the whole church by the one light as well.

With Lent 'fast approaching', we can take our reading of this Sunday to help us prepare for our annual retreat into the desert. Jesus reminded His disciples that they "are the light of the world". Jesus also spoke of the importance of Jerusalem, when He said that "A city set on a hill cannot be hidden". Jesus also said to His disciples, "You are the salt of the earth".

We should note that Jesus did not say "you are like the light of the world". He did not say "you are like salt". On both occasions He said that "you are the light of the world, you are salt". If we are able to be salt and light to the world, then others will see the glory of God.

For the season of Lent, we are called to practice fasting and abstinence. Many still see this season as one of dread. The readings of this Sunday show that our Lenten practices are very good things. At times we convince ourselves that the story of Lent ends with Good Friday. We must see that the story of Lent ends with the Resurrection, an event of indescribable wonder and joy.

In the time of Christ, salt was harvested from the Dead Sea and used until it had lost its taste and then it was tossed away.

We cannot let our goodness be dissolved and then thrown away. Lent can be a wonderful time to recharge ourselves, to get back in touch with our goodness. We do use penitential practices, fasting, and abstinence, but we use them to cast off distractions that have built up over the year. We use them to purify ourselves so that we can be salt and light.

We must see that Lent can be a time of growth which if used properly can bring us joy for ourselves and for others,

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"God sends us friends to be our firm support in the whirlpool of struggle. In the company of friends, we will find strength to attain our sublime ideal."

St. Maximilian Kolbe

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Corrie Derksen, Pat Haffey,
Pat O'Meara***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

In Search of Voices: If you are interested in being in a choir at the 11:00 Sunday Mass, please contact me - **Christie deSouza** at bluemoon@lartist.com or text/call at **519-400-6012**

CWL Members – Just a gentle reminder that membership fees are now due for 2023.

Knights of Columbus Take Out Wing Extravaganza!

The Knights will be preparing Wings and things for the upcoming Superbowl on Sunday February 12th. For details and ordering go to www.stjosephprayforus.ca Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising!



DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (February 6 – February 12)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Helen and Dusan Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Indigenous People of Canada	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Jay Raats</i>	Raats Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Josef Bowal	Evelina Wajda and Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Manuel Pereira	Pereira Family
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



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



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: Marc MacDonald: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

From the Parish Office:

2023 envelopes are still available for pickup in the hall.

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 may be obtained from Father Mark.

Religious Articles and Gifts for all Occasions
 Please call Geralda 905-691-9082



This week we pray especially for the following families:

*Vlasic, Vranic, Weglicki,
 Zion, Zylstra*



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The event happens on Saturday February 11th, at the Granite Ridge Golf Club, tickets cost \$100 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Daniel Varanelli at dvaranelli@bellnet.ca or phone 905 875-6699.




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