

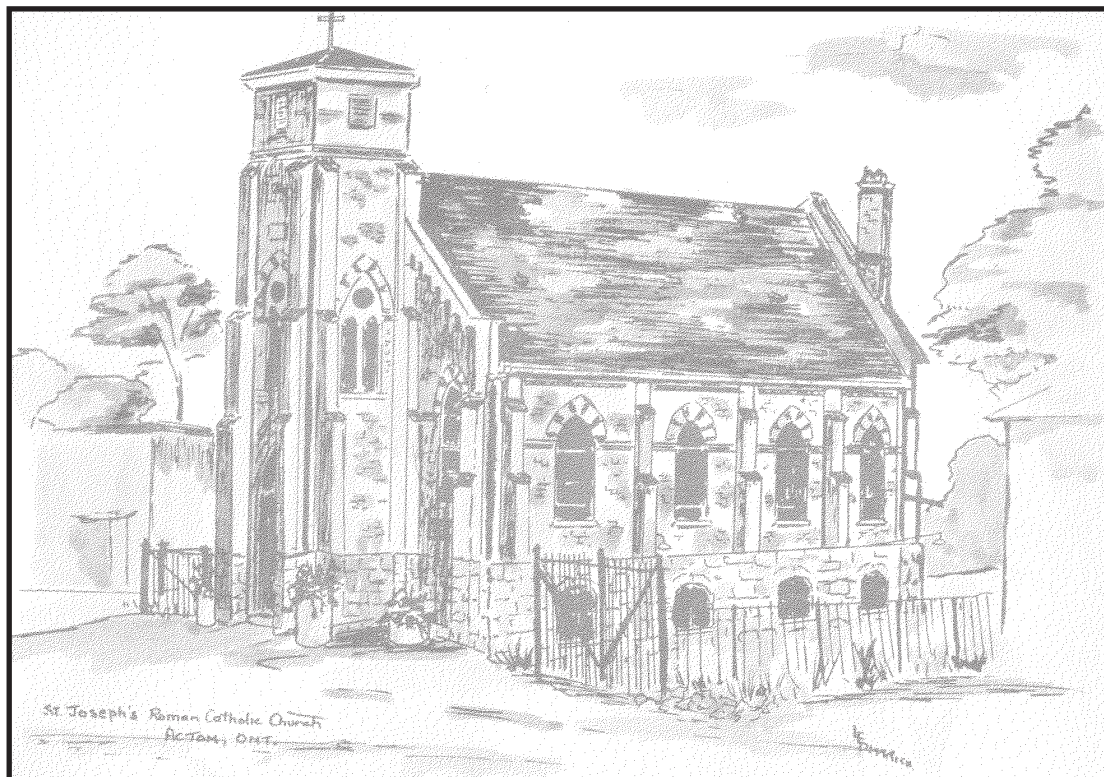
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

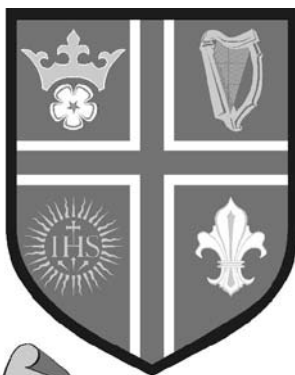
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus

St. Vincent Charities



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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:

As we enter the month of February, we are only one month away from the beginning of Lent (March 2). There is no preparation for Lent, it just arrives. It literally interrupts the course of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. As Lent is itself a time of preparation, a time to prepare ourselves for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, it would be a little strange to have a preparation time for a preparation time. In saying this though, we should start thinking about Lent. Is it going to make a difference this year?

Last week, in the Gospel, we saw Jesus as being the source of truth. Jesus saw people clearly as they really were. Knowing what was in their hearts, Jesus explained the Scriptures, making His listeners compare their behaviour to what they themselves knew to be true. Being forced to see their own lies made people angry and they rejected Jesus.

This week we have both Isaiah and Peter having the experience of seeing the truth and believing in it. They saw God, and they saw themselves as they were, sinful and unworthy of an experience of God. Yet, ultimately, they reacted differently from last week's crowd. Although afraid, Isaiah and Peter did not reject God. They did not become angry because they feared change. Instead, they were transformed. They faced their fear of meeting God and found that for which we also long, joy.

When Isaiah was touched by God, he could not wait to share his experience with the world. God was looking for a prophet to transform a fallen Judah, and Isaiah could not wait to volunteer, even though he knew that to preach God's Word would involve hardship and rejection.

Peter, not overly religious, was a bit skeptical of this Teacher who came his way. He resisted the Man initially but decided to give the Man a chance to make His case, regardless of what seemed an absurd request. In this choice, Peter found Jesus, and initially he too was frightened. Often a person refuses to give God and the Church a chance to teach them. One's own skepticism about God or the Church can keep them from ever really finding God in their lives.

As we approach Lent, what is it that keeps us from leaving things behind in order to follow Jesus? Isaiah and Peter overcame their fears to follow God. We are called to follow in their footsteps.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Good is never accomplished except at the cost of those who do it, truth never breaks through except through the sacrifice of those who spread it."

- John Henry Newman

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Donna Mae Zacheriah, Jean Smith,
Ronald Parker***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

Collection Envelopes – Envelopes for 2022 may be picked up from the church hall.

Tax Receipts for 2021 are also available in the church hall.

Covid-19 Update – Masses continue as scheduled with our capacity limits remaining at 50 per cent for Mass. For now, all Parishioners are asked to continue to follow current Covid Protocols regarding masking and distancing.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Some people drift into their relationships over a number of years, but it can also be said that people drift out of their relationships as well. We can become complacent and take for granted all the nice things a spouse does for us and/or sometimes we stop doing nice things for them. Over time we compliment less, spend less time together, stop sharing our day, feelings, or hopes and dreams and suddenly lose sight of the other. When we continue to treat our relationship as new, taking the time to discover who the other is and complimenting them for it, we stay firmly attached instead of drifting apart.

| DAY & TIME | MASS INTENTIONS (February 7 – February 13) | REQUESTED BY: |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Tues 7:00 p.m. | <i>Intentions of Shirley Braida</i> | Pat South |
| Wed 9:00 a.m. | Pete McDonald | Wayne and Ann Montgomery |
| Thurs. 7:00 p.m. | <i>Intentions of Those who are ill</i> | |
| Friday 9:00 a.m. | Souls in Purgatory | |
| Saturday 5:00 p.m. | Vincencia Kosir | LaSelva Family |
| Sunday 8:30 a.m. | Paul Hutchison | Raats Family |
| 10:00 a.m. | Pro populo | |
| 11:30 a.m. | Pro populo | |



Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and can fill in, it would be most appreciated.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

Foster, Fowler, Fuller

CWL Members – Thank you to all the Members who have already submitted their dues and a very gentle reminder that membership fees are now due for 2022.

Invitation to All the Ladies of the Parish – The CWL is ready to welcome new members anytime! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 following the 7:00 pm Mass. There is no big commitment required, we give what time and energy we have available to various charitable and social activities in our community and beyond. Speak to Christie or send her an email if you have questions. You can also simply fill out the CWL membership envelope, pop in the membership fee, and drop the envelope in the Sunday collection.



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: cwl@lartist.com
 K of C: Sean Saunders: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. For more information please visit: www.mountmary.ca

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.




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