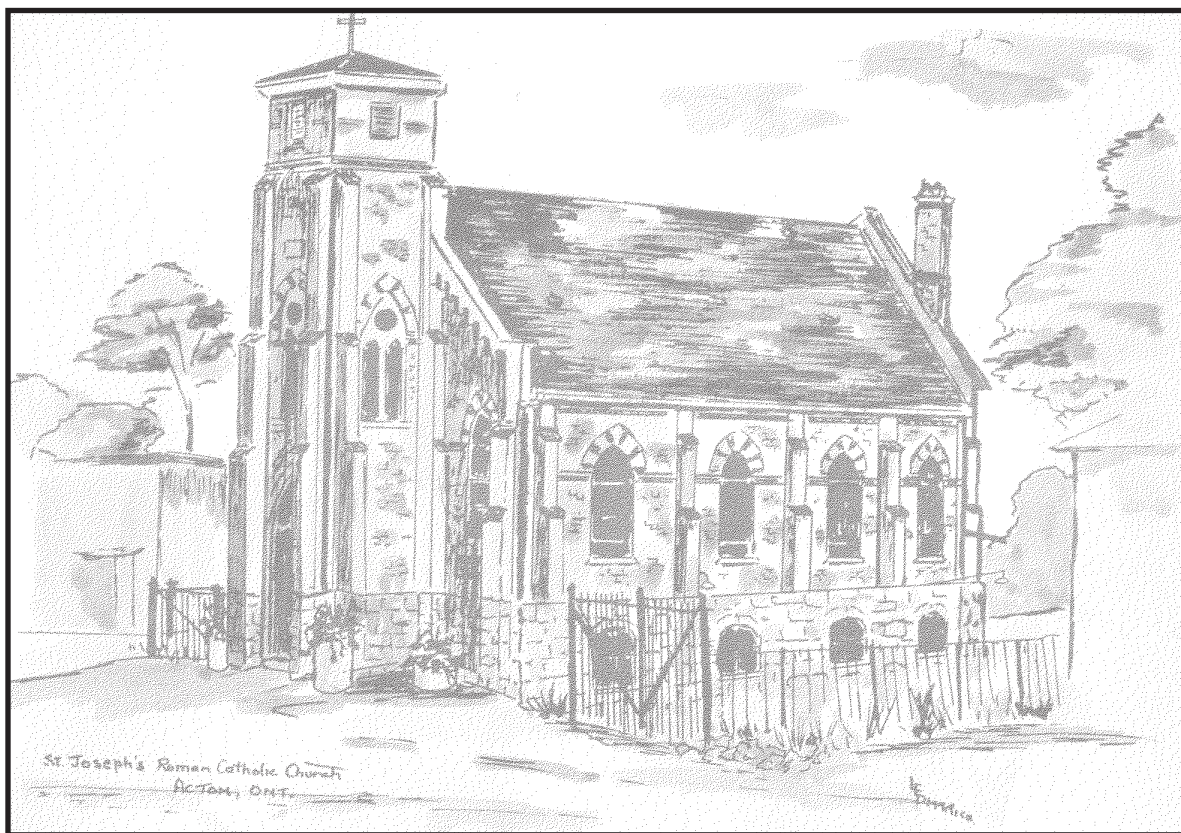


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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:

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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:

This is the last week until Labour Day weekend in which we read from the Gospel of Mark. For the rest of the summer, we will be reading the Bread of Life Discourse from the Gospel of John, Chapter Six.

A number of weeks ago, the Fourth Sunday of Easter to be exact, we read of Jesus being the Good Shepherd and how He protects His flock. It is also the Sunday on which we were asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

I mentioned on that Sunday, how sheep need to be protected and watched over. One thing that I did not mention was that sheep are afraid of water, especially running water. Anyone who has ever been caught in the rain wearing a woolen coat knows how absorbent wool is and how incredibly heavy a waterlogged piece of clothing can become. Imagine then, if a sheep were to fall into water. The sheep would drown. Running water is entirely too dangerous, but 'still water', a lake or pond, is calm and there is not nearly as much likelihood that the sheep might be caught by a current and drown.

This image brings us to this Sunday's Psalm. The Psalm of course is said or sung between the two readings before the Gospel. The Psalm for this Sunday is Psalm 23, which is possibly the most loved of all the Psalms.

If it is not the most beloved, it is definitely the most well known of the Psalms. Many of us will have heard it during funeral liturgies. Some will have prayer cards or plaques detailing the almost poetic words of the Psalm. I personally use this Psalm often during baptisms. The words provide, in many ways, comfort and a trust in God's love and His protection.

The Psalm speaks of God as the shepherd who will guide His flock to green pastures in order that the sheep can eat and rest. The Good Shepherd will guide the flock to 'still waters' where sheep can drink without fear. This image of an anointed King serving as the Good Shepherd will become a messianic prophecy until the coming of Jesus.

Last week we read how Jesus sent the Apostles out to preach, heal, and cast out demons in His name. In today's Gospel, we read that the Apostles have returned, and Jesus wishes to go with them to a place where they can "rest a while". This 'rest' means

to take the time to ponder all that has happened during the Apostles' missionary work. We would call this a retreat.

Unfortunately, the Apostles would not get their time to rest with Jesus. People had anticipated where Jesus was going and were waiting for Him and the Apostles at their "deserted place". However, we see a true Shepherd who springs into action. We see a Shepherd who cares more about His sheep than about His personal plans. The Apostles, although most likely tired and now probably frustrated, get a lesson in real preaching; the best preaching is not what we say but what we do.

This Sunday, we must come to understand what kind of shepherd Jesus is calling us to be in our lives. We must be shepherds who help to build God's Kingdom, not our own kingdom.

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"What I need most of all is the grace to really accept God as He gives Himself to me in every situation. "He came unto His own and His own received Him not." Good Shepherd, You have a wild and crazy sheep in love with thorns and brambles. But please don't get tired of looking for me! I know You won't. For You have found me. All I have to do is stay found." - Thomas Merton April 11, 1948

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:

**Stephanie Lampkin, Adrian Landry,  
Curtis Golden  
Nicole McInnis, Gary Elfring,  
Dennis DeMelo**

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**Summer Bulletin Schedule:** The next bulletin will be published for the weekend of August 4.



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

Week of July 22 – July 28:

**Hillyard, Himeshazi, Hrynkiw,  
Humenyk, Iaizzo, Isky**

Week of July 29 – August 4:

**Jakob, Jakubiec, James,  
Jones, Joseph, Jowett**

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**JULY 21, 2024**

<b>DAY &amp; TIME</b>	<b>MASS INTENTIONS (July 22 – July 28)</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY:</b>
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	<i>People of the Holy Land</i>	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her Parents
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Pope Francis</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Sick and Infirm of Our Parish</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Maria Amarelo	Joe and Maria Pereira
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
<b>DAY &amp; TIME</b>	<b>MASS INTENTIONS (July 29 – August 4)</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY:</b>
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Sick and Infirm of Our Parish</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Indigenous People of Canada</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>People of Ukraine</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Helen and Dusan Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Bruce Fowler	Howard Coultrup
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



<b>Sat. July 27</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	
Lector	Patricia	
Ex. Minister	Nancy	
<b>Sun. July 28</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
Lector	Catherine	Cheryl
Ex. Minister	Jay	Lorin
<b>Sat. Aug 3</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	
Lector	Kathleen	
Ex. Minister	Chris	
<b>Sun. Aug 4</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
Lector	Ann	Elijah
Ex. Minister	Kazi	Lar

**DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS** - The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, the Diocesan Marian Shrine, is hosting the Diocesan Marian Days on first Saturdays to October. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at noon. The presiders for these days will be: Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki (August 3), Bishop Douglas Crosby (September 7) and Bishop Daniel Miehm (October 5). For more information, see the Diocesan website.



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

**MEETINGS**

Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Tops
Tues.		
Aug 6	7:30 p.m. (after Mass)	KofC General
Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Acton Sharing

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