

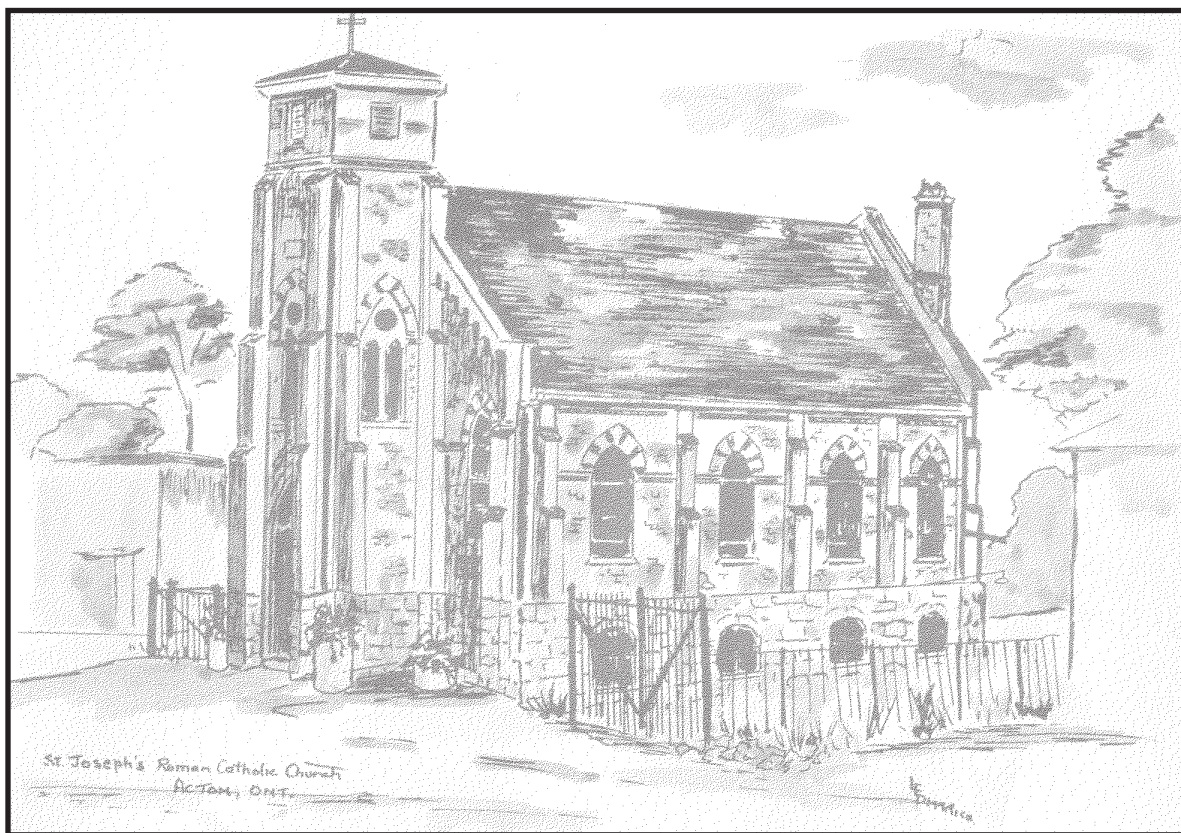
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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
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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:

For many years the Fourth Sunday of Lent was known as 'Laetare Sunday' which means to rejoice that Lent is now halfway over.

The term was dropped by the Church in the liturgical renewal following the Second Vatican Council in the 1960's. However, in the last twenty years the term has become popular again to represent the Fourth Lenten Sunday. The wearing of rose vestments has again become the norm to celebrate the Sunday masses and is especially popular with younger priests. I personally never witnessed the wearing of the rose vestments by priests either when I was growing up or early in my priesthood. Now, it is quite common to see the colour on this Sunday.

The traditional thinking was that this Sunday provided an oasis in the severe discipline of fasting and abstinence during Lent. Custom had it that on this particular Sunday, we could indulge ourselves in the things we had given up for Lent. We set aside the purple vestments for the rose ones as if to say this one day was not exactly a Lenten day, it was time off for good Lenten behaviour.

We may ask why this was dropped initially by the Church in our liturgical calendar. Perhaps we should instead ask whether we still see the importance or relevance of Laetare Sunday. Can we say that our personal Lenten practices of fasting and abstinence have been so sacrificial that we need a break? The answer, if we are honest, is probably not. The purpose of fasting, abstaining, and practicing some sort of penance and sacrifice is to help us make or remake our connections with God.

The Gospel of this Sunday tells us that Jesus would be "lifted up". This has two meanings. One is obviously the Cross; the other is the glory of the Resurrection. At this point of the Lenten Season, we need to be focused on the Cross.

How can looking at the Cross, looking at suffering and death, bring us eternal life? The lesson of the Cross is the lesson of penance and sacrifice. To put Jesus to death was a wicked act against an innocent Man. Everything against Him was trumped up. Jesus had ample opportunity to back down, back away and to change His stance and teachings. He chose none of these. He stayed His course, choosing to walk God's way.

At first glance, Jesus' choice looks only like a destructive choice. However, after He was lifted up, everyone saw the truth. Jesus' sacrifice was tremendous,

and everyone saw a nobility and courage that both changed and continues to change the world.

Lent invites us once again to practice the fundamentals of the Season. We are called to sacrifice and do penance, to fast and abstain. In putting aside as many non-necessary choices in life as we can, we can remake our connection with God. God gave us His Son to give us such an example.

At this point in Lent, do we deserve a break from our hard work, from our fasting and abstaining? Or do we need to return to what God has asked us to do in following His Son in all aspects of our lives.?

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?" - Ven. Fulton Sheen

Reconciliation Opportunities:

St. Joseph Patron of Canada

March 14, March 19, March 26: 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

March 23: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Holy Cross, Georgetown

March 16 1:30 – 3:00 pm

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Sonia and Walter Malysa,
Susan Lindsay, Laura Kupferschmidt***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

Lenten Lunches: take place at the **ROXY CENTRE** every Wednesday to March 27 inclusive – beginning at 12 noon with a 20/30-minute service followed by lunch.



Family Prayer

This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Ryan, Saftic, Sammit, Samson,
Savoie, Scheepers-Nevins***

***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.***

MARCH 10, 2024

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday March 28 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration until 10:00 p.m.
Good Friday March 29 11:00 a.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
 3:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
Holy Saturday March 30 12:00 p.m. Blessing of food baskets **in the Church**
 8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass**
Easter Sunday March 31 **Easter Masses 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (March 11 – March 17)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Helen Fowler	CWL
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	David Vrooman	Bea Spencer
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Kamila Jakubiec	Kwiatkowski Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Janet Connoly	McCabe and Mulligan Families
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Mar 16 5 p.m. Lector Chris
 Extraordinary Minister Patricia
 Sun. Mar 17 9 a.m. Lector Ann
 Extraordinary Minister Penny
 11 a.m. Lector Marcus
 Extraordinary Minister Aaron

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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: Ian Nolan: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Learn About Michael House - All are welcome to a talk and social with Erwin van Laar of Michael House at 7:30 pm (after the 7:00 Mass) on **Tuesday, March 12** in the church hall. Learn about this wonderful place in Guelph that houses and helps women in need before and after the birth of their babies. (Hosted by St. Joseph's CWL.)

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Tues. 7:30 p.m. (after Mass) CWL
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing Group





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