

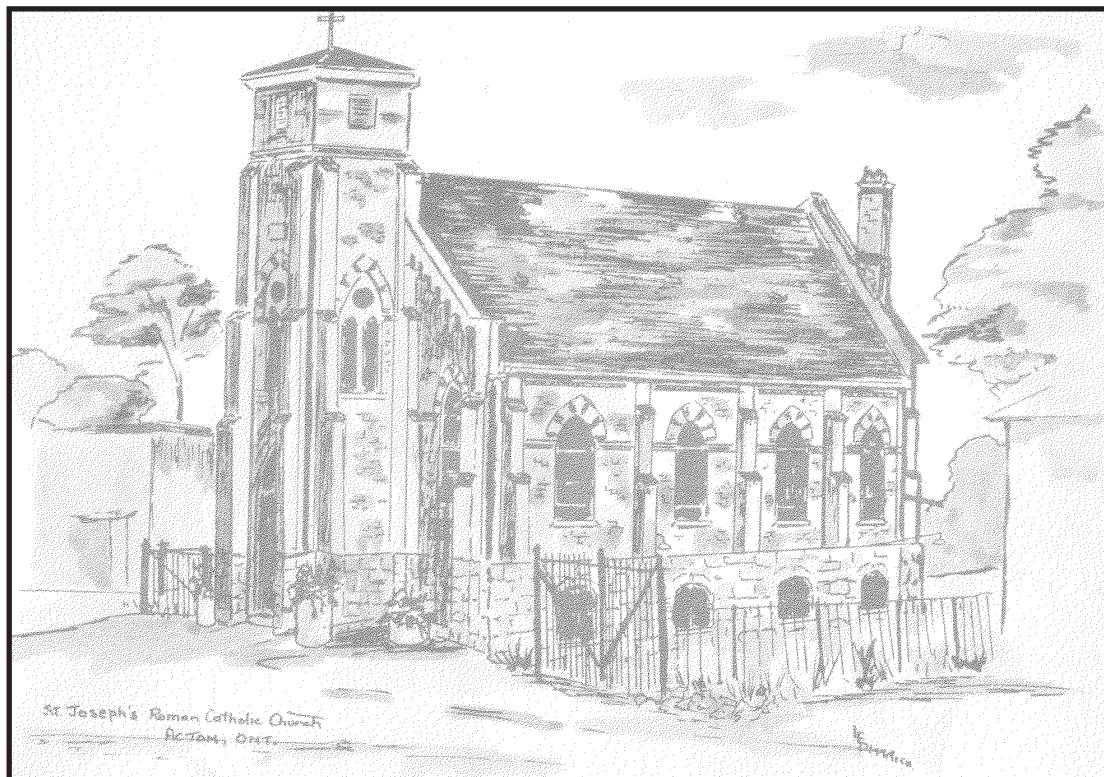
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

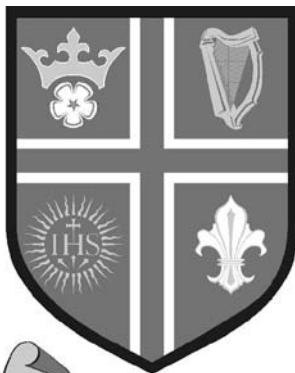
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus

St. Vincent Charities



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:

The Third Sunday of Lent gives us the beautiful passage of the Samaritan woman meeting Jesus at the well. This is a passage we can read and ponder every year during this Holy Season. It is always read during Year A which we are presently in, but it also can be used in Years B and C as a substitute for the readings of week three.

Basically, this passage gives us an opportunity to look at the image of the 'living waters' which Jesus offered to the Samaritan woman. Jesus offers to all of us the healing waters which can be poured into our hearts and which allows us to be united to God and eternal life.

We need to see Lent as being a time when we can return to Jesus and put back together our lives in our relationship with Him. We must always desire the hope of belonging in His love.

This is what happened to the Samaritan woman. Jesus gave her the ability to believe that she belonged to God.

We can see in the conversation between the woman and Jesus that her faith was starting to be put back in place. We can notice that her initial response to Jesus of calling Him a "Jew" was an insult. Jesus was patient with her and her responses started to change. She addressed Him as 'Sir', and then as a prophet, and finally, she called Him the 'Christ, the Messiah'. We can go even further by noticing that the Samaritan townspeople addressed Him as being the 'Saviour of the World'.

This warming up to Jesus by her is conversion at work. Conversion starts in many ways with questions and curiosity, which then leads to an inward appraisal of oneself. This finally leads into a belief and a profession of God's presence. In one's heart and mind. This belief must always be nurtured and replenished through the desire to drink and be strengthened with the 'living waters' which Jesus offers to all of us.

This Sunday of Lent reminds us that there are hundreds of individuals throughout

the Church's world who are undergoing the First Scrutiny in the hope that they will be baptized at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Through Baptism, they will experience for the first time the 'living waters' which Jesus offers. The prayer which they will be asked to remember is the hope that their thirst will be quenched.

Those of us already baptized need to be able to do an appraisal of ourselves as well. Do we continually look to have our own thirst quenched by Jesus during our lives? If we are open to this belief and desire, then our relationship with Jesus will be strengthened.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The goal of fasting is inner unity. This means hearing, but not with the ear; hearing, but not with the understanding; it is hearing with the spirit, with your whole being."
- Thomas Merton

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Danielle Little, Jasmine Lang,
Eileen Quackenbush***

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

From the Parish Office: Tax Receipts are available at the back of the church. 2023 envelopes are still available for pickup in the hall.

Lenten Lunches- Join all the Christian Churches in Acton as we journey through Lent. We meet at noon on Wednesdays at the Salvation Army Church for worship and gather for lunch after the service.

MARCH 12, 2023

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday April 6 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration until 10:00 p.m.
Good Friday April 7 11:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
 3:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
Holy Saturday April 8 12:00 p.m. Blessing of food baskets **in the Church**
 8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass**
Easter Sunday April 9 **Easter Masses 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (March 13 – March 19)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Shirley Braida</i>	CWL
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Czeslawa Hercyk	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	People of Turkey and Syria	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Helen and Dusan Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Special Intentions of the Bell Family</i>	Bell Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	Barbara Palosz	Amroz Family



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

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.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

Campbell, Cantwell, Cassar, Castellino, Caswell, Champagne

CWL General Meeting Date Change!

The Tuesday, March 14 General meeting is being moved to **Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30**. Apologies for any inconvenience that causes. We look forward to seeing everyone who can make it.



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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