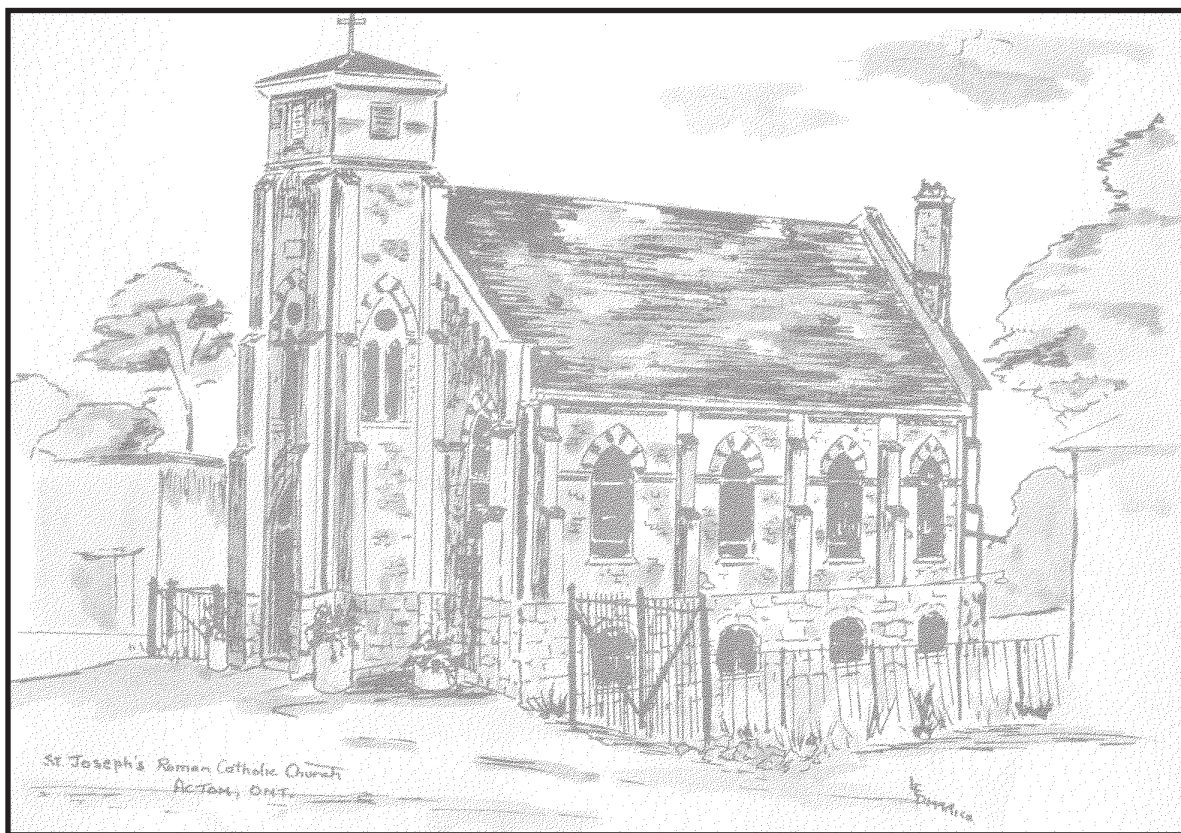


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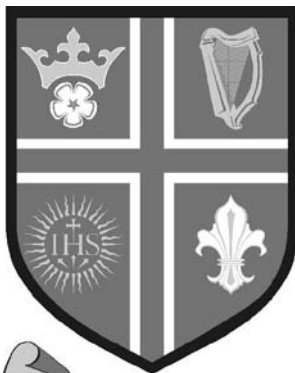
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## SUNDAY MASSES:

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.

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## A Word From Our Pastor:

**W**hat is the difference between a parade and a procession? The distinction between parades and processions should be very important for us. Simply described, people enter a parade to be seen, while people enter a procession to see someone else.

With this in mind, Jesus was in a procession as He entered Jerusalem, though He was not in the procession for the purpose of being seen. Jesus was in a procession to arrive somewhere. He was processing to His death and His glory. This procession provides an opportunity for us to learn something about Jesus. It is a procession that we are invited to join.

Though parades can honour someone, such as a parade to honour returning soldiers, a seasonal parade like one for Christmas, or one celebrating a Championship for a team sport, that isn't their only purpose. They are also about celebrating a country or a city. Also, parades have no destinations. Yes, they may have a finish line, but the route is determined to best be seen.

Processions, on the other hand, have only one purpose and a destination. The purpose for the procession in today's Gospel was to process to Jerusalem for the Passover. The participation of Jesus in the Passover procession gives it a bit of a twist.

The procession described in Mark's Gospel is a procession for a conqueror. Palms were waved to give honour to the conqueror. This entry into Jerusalem by Jesus redefined the purpose of the Passover procession; therefore, our procession today is different.

As we bless the palms at the beginning of the Mass on this Passion Sunday, the opening prayer gives us an instruction, which further helps us to understand that our procession with the palms is far more than a parade. This procession has a specific destination and comes with an invitation to join in. We are called to follow Him through His Cross and Resurrection. We process to reach Jesus in His glory.

Often on Passion Sunday we will hear the word 'Hosanna'. Like many words, its original definition has changed over time. We see the word as one of praise, but the word means, 'save us, we pray!' We hold and wave our palms in recognition that we have needed salvation and that we have it through the death of Jesus Christ. To hold and wave the palms

with 'Save us, we pray!' in mind, gives this procession a depth of meaning we might not have realized.

When we are at Mass, we may speak of the Communion 'line', but we should be thinking of the Communion 'procession'. We are on a journey to encounter someone. We are called to bow to Jesus Christ when we get there and to be humbled by His choice to offer Himself for us. Our lives as Catholics should be defined by this humility.

Our life is not so much about what we accomplish, it is about how well we stay in this procession. Let us remember the true meaning of the word 'Hosanna'. It will help us to be joined with Christ in His Death and Resurrection.

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Remember finally, that the ashes that were on your forehead are created from the burnt palms of last Palm Sunday. New beginnings invariably come from old false things that are allowed to die.  
- Richard Rohr

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### Reconciliation Opportunities:

March 26: 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm  
March 23: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Michael Symboluk, Stephanie Lampkin, Colleen Decarlis,***

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**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:

***Smith, Sokolowski, South, Spencer, Spinotti, Stade***

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MARCH 24, 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 25 – March 31)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
<b>Thurs. 7:00 p.m.</b>	Mass of the Lord's Supper with <b>Adoration until 10:00 p.m.</b>	
Fri. <b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Passion Service with Holy Communion	
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	Passion Service with Holy Communion	
Sat. <b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	
Sun. <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Pro populo	
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>		
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>		



Holy Thurs 7 p.m.	Lector	Chris
	Extraordinary Minister	Marcus
Good Friday 11 a.m.	Lector/Speaker	Maria
	Narrator	Lilli
	Extraordinary Minister	Nancy
3 p.m.	Lector/Speaker	Andrew
	Narrator	Penny
	Extraordinary Minister	Lar
Holy Saturday 8 p.m.	Lectors	Catherine
		Lar
		Jay
	Extraordinary Minister	Nancy
Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lector	Andrew	Marcus
		Elijah
Extraordinary Minister	Patricia	Ann
		Aaron

**MEETINGS**

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

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



**PALM SUNDAY**



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