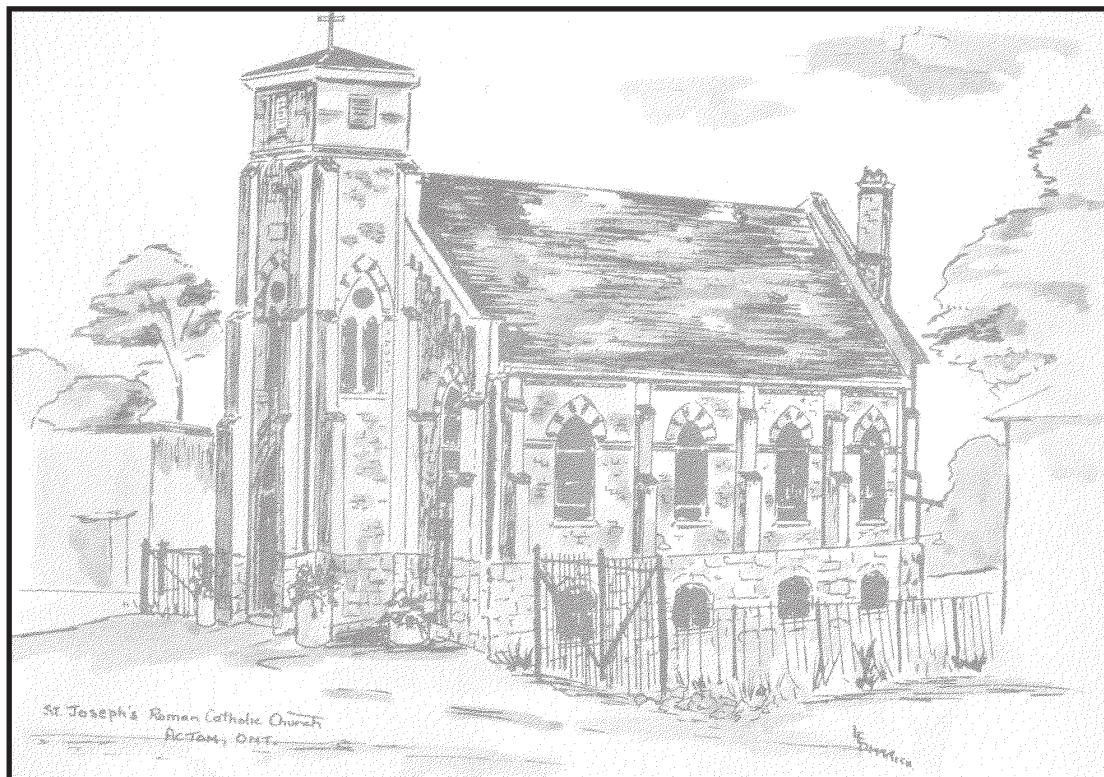


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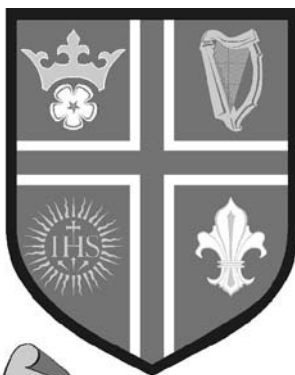
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League

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By arrangement with the pastor.

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By arrangement one year in advance.

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Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm
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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:

Those of us who have stood at the graves of beloved ones know all too well the pain and the hurt Martha and Mary felt at the loss of their brother Lazarus in the gospel of this Sunday. Even Martha's reproach towards Jesus for not being there for her brother when he was still alive echoes the anger, bitterness, and resentment which many feel towards God at the death of a loved one.

The Gospel of John tells us that Lazarus was already dead for four days when Jesus arrived. The Jewish people believed that the soul hovers around the body for three days. Therefore, by four days, the Gospel is telling us that Lazarus was really, really dead. Still Jesus was able to restore Lazarus to life.

This Gospel speaks to all of us and gives us hope. It tells us that God is stronger than death and that He will bring all who are His friends into eternal life. The raising of Lazarus points out that the life we are searching for is not an extension of physical life but one of eternal life with God.

It may be almost impossible for someone who believes in God and the promise of life after death, to imagine how death feels to those who have no such belief. Yes, one who believes in God may still 'grieve hard', but such grieving still possesses a sense of hope.

We can recognize that Jesus operated on one level of understanding death, while others were on a different plane of understanding. When Jesus announced that He was going to return to Bethany, there was a sense of concern on behalf of His Disciples. Jesus' opponents had already tried to stone Him and if He was to return then He was almost certain to be killed. Saint Thomas' statement was not one of deep faith, but rather of great resignation. Whatever Jesus had accomplished would end with His death in the village of Bethany.

This disconnect is seen in the tears of Jesus. He did not shed tears of sorrow but rather of frustration. Jesus was troubled that after everything He had said and all of the

miracles He had performed, hardly anyone 'got it'. The purpose of returning to Bethany was to show His Disciples how to cope with and grieve His own death. They would be devastated by His death, but after seeing what He did for Lazarus, they would then be able to face death differently.

As we approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week, we are called to join ourselves to the Passion and Death of Christ by deepening our response to His way of life in prayer, penance, and acts of charity. Jesus models for us how to grieve. We do grieve for our loved ones, but we grieve with hope!

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"We must love them both, those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject, for both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in finding it." - Thomas Aquinas

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Ian Munday, Mary Albert,
Brian Tanney***

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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.

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.

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 a.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.

Reconciliation Times

Thursday	March 30	6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Saturday	April 1	3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday	April 4	6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	April 5	9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (March 27 – April 2)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Dusan and Helen Klemencic	Klemencic Estate
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Czeslawa Hercyk	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Shirley Dunlop	Raats Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>People of Ukraine</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Deceased of the Salzon and Bonello Families	Theresa Bonello
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:

Daleman, Darrall, Dayao, DeBruyn, DeMelo, deSouza

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