

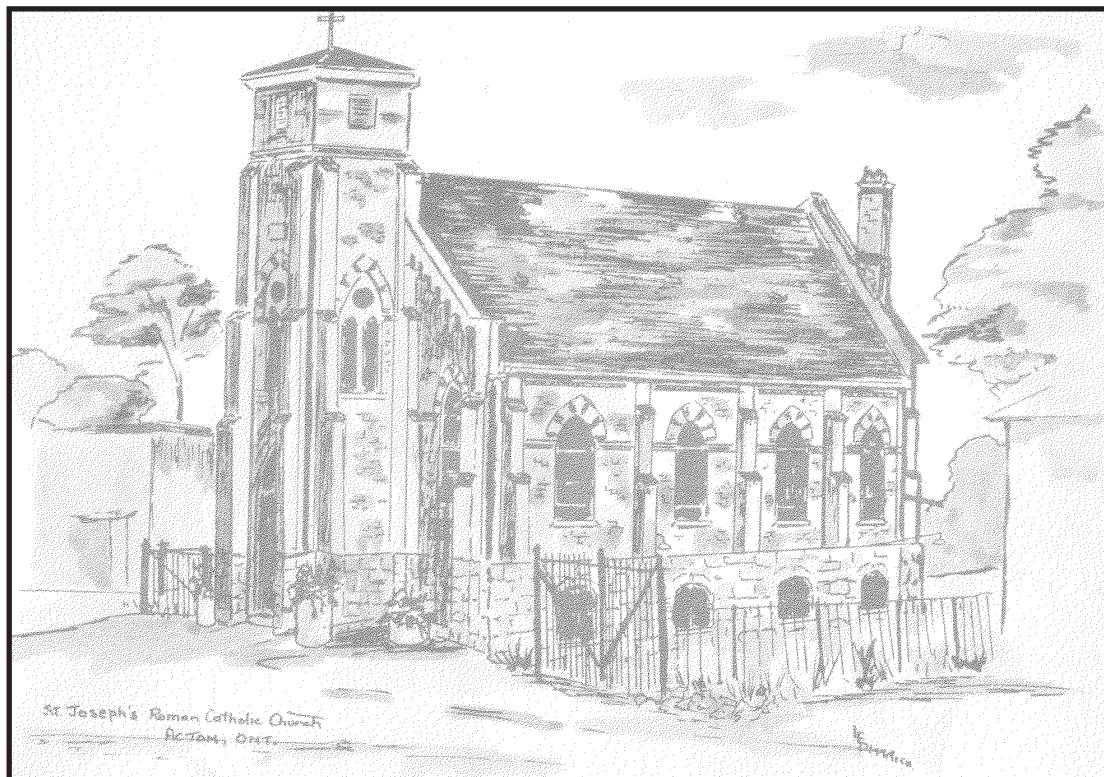
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

EXPOSITION:

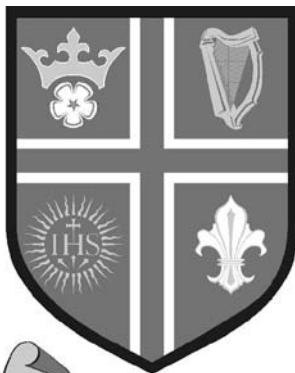
Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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:

These past few weeks I have been hearing the First Confessions for the children who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time in May. The children have been well prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and I look forward to their First Communion Mass.

With this thought in mind, I was reading a story of a priest who was visiting his parish's second graders. The priest asked the children why they thought God had made us. There were many answers, some serious and some funny, but one was striking. A child said that "God made us so He would not have to be alone." Though it sounds good, the second grader's answer was not correct. God has never been alone and will never be alone. He lives in a community of Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, so it is impossible for Him to be alone. God is always in a relationship of love that we can only guess about, and that human imagination cannot fathom.

It is us who can be lonely, isolated from others, and more importantly from God Himself. Luke, in our Gospel for this week, brings us a story of reconciliation. The community for which he wrote had some members become discouraged and had returned to pagan ways, however; many wanted to return to the Church. This became a problem, especially when persecution developed and war between Jerusalem and Rome broke out. Those who had stayed faithful despite persecution and hardship, those who had maintained their discipline, were not willing to allow the others to return to the fold.

Luke attempted to remind the faithful members that yes, those who had strayed, even those who had strayed badly, should be welcomed back. In fact, as is often the case when we see the word 'house' in a Gospel passage, the house stands for the Church. The forgiving Father left the house and went to meet the Prodigal Son to welcome him and restore him to the house, that is, the Church. The Prodigal Son became lonely, isolated, and hungry. A return home reversed that.

Our Sacrament of Reconciliation is God's gift to us. It is given, not so that God could be reconciled to us, but that we might be reconciled with God. Sin can make us very lonely. It can even destroy us. We have been reconciled to God through Christ so that we will never be apart from God. Reconciliation leads to better relationships and ultimately it leads us back into the Father's House.

Let us pray for our Grade Two students as they prepare for their First Holy Communion and that we assure them that they are never alone when they are in the Presence of God.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." -- Pope Benedict XVI

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:
**Gonti Chelliah, Roberto Luisetto,
Susan McGilloway Robson**

Stations of the Cross will be said on Fridays in Lent at 4:30 p.m. There will not be Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Family Prayer This week we pray especially for the following families:

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HOLY WEEK

Thurs. April 14 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration until 10:00 p.m.
 Fri. April 15 9:00 a.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
 12:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
 3:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
 Sat. April 16 12:00 p.m. Blessing of food baskets **in the Church**
 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
 Sun. April 17 **Easter Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (March 28 – April 3)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Lenten Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Aldo Braida	Raymond and Rena Arbic
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>The People of Ukraine</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Galdino Ghegin	Luisetto Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	The Haffey and Chasse Families



Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and can fill in, it would be most appreciated.

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. AA

From the Diocese - Help for Ukraine: Parishioners wishing to make a donation to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis can do so online through Development & Peace at https://www.devp.org/en/wp_press_release/solidarity-prayers-and-support-for-ukraine-development-and-peace-joins-relief-efforts/ or by calling 1-888-664-3387.

A reminder to please be careful of texts or e-mails seeking donations to support Ukraine. If anyone wishes to make a donation it is better to do so through a reputable agency. **Do not click** on any links from unsolicited emails or texts. Make sure you are on the organization's secure website before sharing your financial information!




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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Bulletins are available online at:
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