

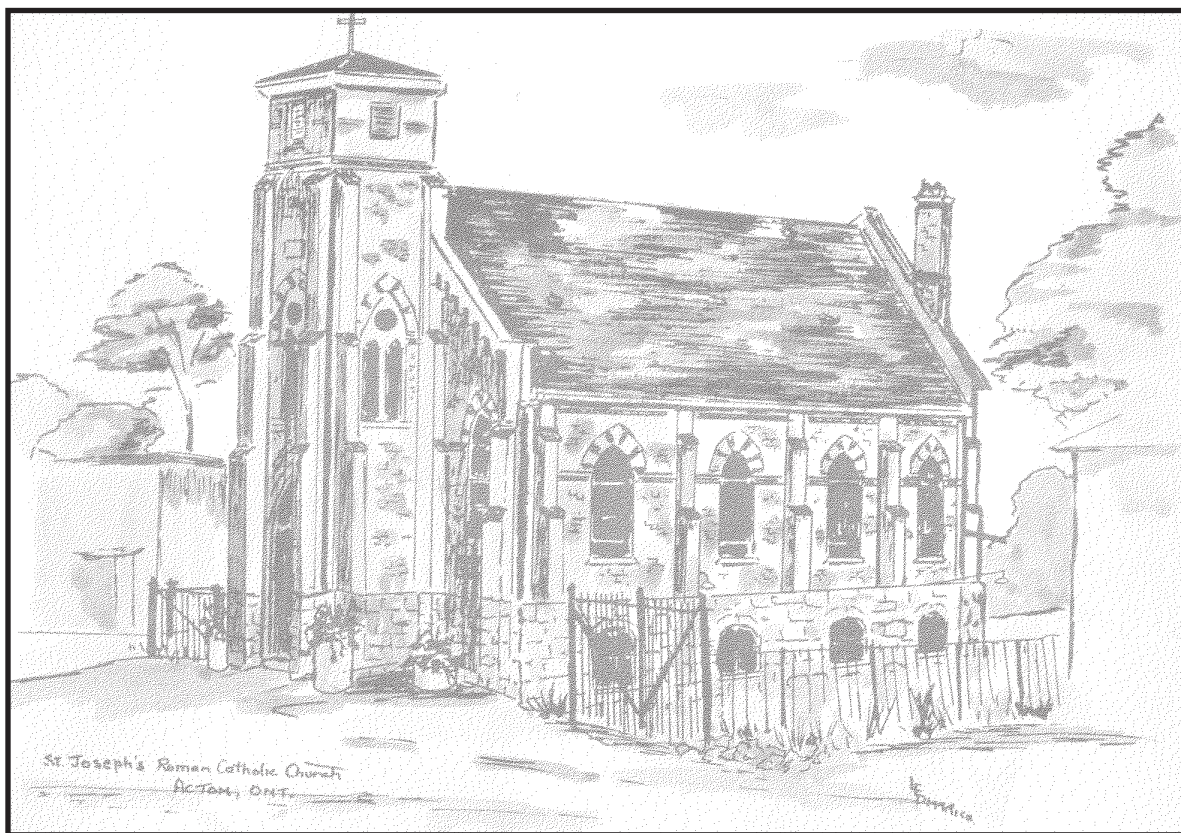
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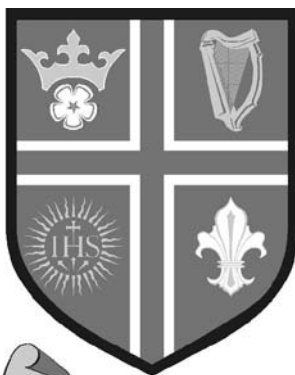
Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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:

Last week I went over to St. Joseph's School to meet with the Grade Two students and to prepare them for their First Reconciliation.

Each of the students had their own personal folder pertaining to the sacrament. There were Scripture passages about Reconciliation. There were illustrations of how the sacrament is celebrated. A couple of the children mentioned how the drawing of the priest in the illustrations looked like me! I am much younger looking in the pictures than I am in real life.

What pleasantly surprised me was the children's response and interest in the Ten Commandments which were listed in their folders. Trying to explain the Commandments to children can be challenging but then I thought it can also be challenging trying to talk about the Commandments to adults as well.

The Ten Commandments have become the 'Ten Suggestions' to many individuals if they are thought of at all. We are reminded that the Commandments are absolute. There should be no compromise in their meaning. One might be terribly lax when it comes to keeping the Commandments and whether one likes it or not, Lent is here to remind us of this.

Going through the Commandments with the children we focused on a couple of them. The Fourth Commandment to honour Father and Mother is one in which the children would be interested. This Commandment is often emphasized to children, yet it is meant for adults as well. The culture of the Commandments was one in which not just the immediate family, but the entire extended family was the centre of everything.

The Commandments established our relationship with God and with our larger family. They tell us how a person who loves God behaves. Honouring a parent is not about how we speak to parents. Those who love God take responsibility for their parents, for all their elders. Failure to do so is a supreme failure in matching our love for God with love for our neighbour.

The Fifth Commandment can be upsetting to children. It is important to remind them that just saying words and gossiping about someone can hurt the person as well. You might say that we 'kill' the spirit of someone to the point that it makes it impossible for someone to come around anymore. You can have someone come to confession and make a proper examination of conscience with this Commandment in mind by saying, "Well Father, I know I haven't broken the Fifth commandment because I haven't killed anybody." They have just explored the surface of the commandment, not its broader meaning.

The Ten Commandments are there to allow us to be reconciled with God during this season of Lent. The Ten Commandments serve to tell us what we should see that prevents us from growing closer to God.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"While we do our good works let us not forget that the real solution lies in a world in which charity will have become unnecessary."

— Chinua Achebe, *Anthills of the Savannah*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Brian Tanney, Rhonda Chartrand,
Marie Zions***

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:

***Querques, Raats, Ramalho,
Rea, Reinhardt, Richardson***

***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 3, 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 4 – March 10)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Catharine McKinley	Bea Spencer
Wed 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Matthew and Machelle</i>	Janine Milton
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Maria and Giuseppe Querques	Querques and Spehar Families
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Stanley Dyczkowski	Kwiatkowski Family
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Mar 9 5 p.m.	Lector	Maria
	Extraordinary Minister	Patricia
Sun. Mar 10 9 a.m.	Lector	Jay
	Extraordinary Minister	Ann
11 a.m.	Lector	Gita
	Extraordinary Minister	Lar

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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@artist.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)	K of C Executive
Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Acton Sharing Group





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