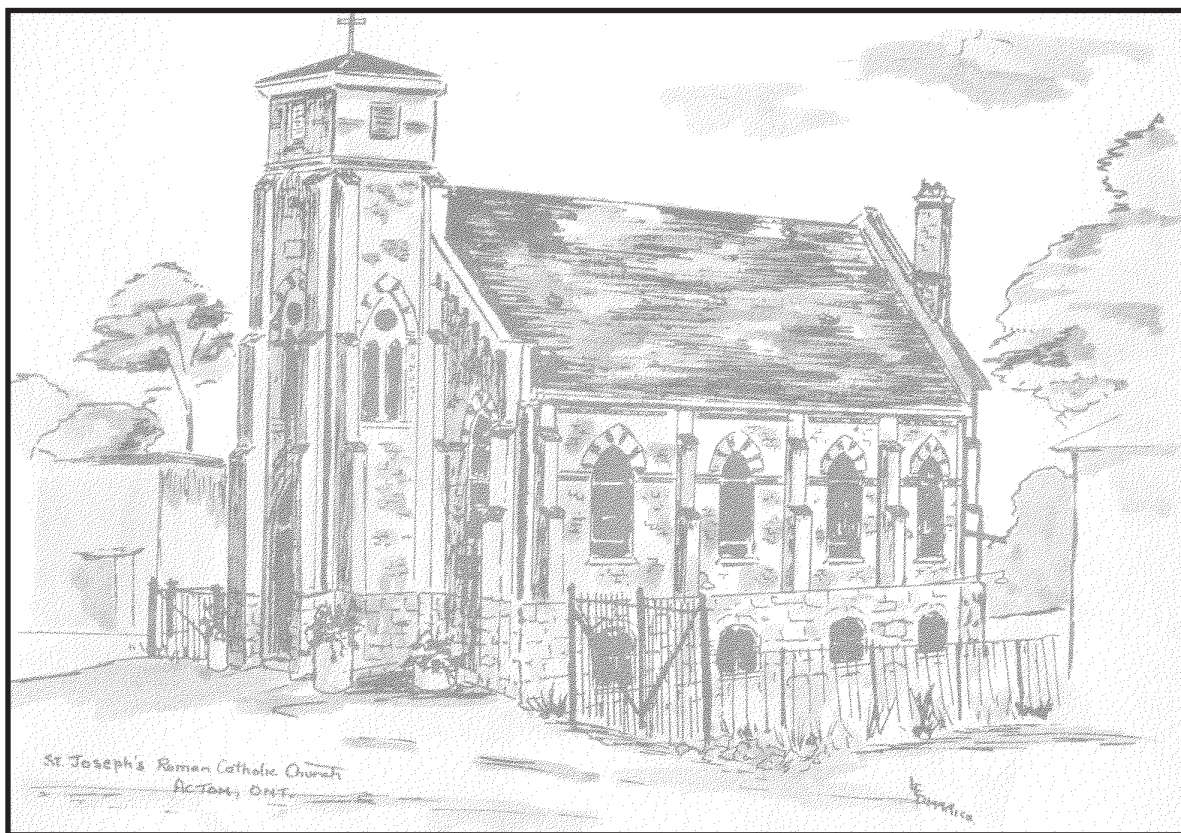


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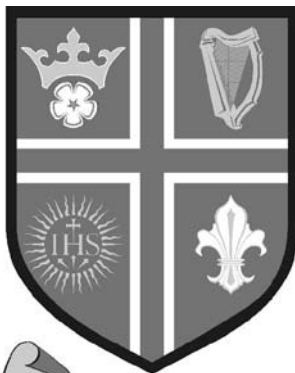
Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

## 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:**

**A**s we end the month of October and begin the month of November, our focus should be on praying and remembering those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

In the first two days of November, we are reminded of this call. On November 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrate the solemnity of All Saints. The very next day, November 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or as it is commonly known, All Souls Day.

This week we will concentrate on All Saints and next week we will focus on All Souls, even though we will have already celebrated the feast day.

Some will remember when the Mass was celebrated with the priest having his back toward the people. This practice had lost its belief for most Catholics. This led to the reasons for the reform of the Liturgy in the 1960's.

The position of the priest came from an ancient practice when the priest and the people faced East. The rising sun had long been a symbol of the Resurrection and to capture that symbol everyone faced the rising sun in a common symbolic gesture during the celebration of the Mass.

The Jewish people had believed that salvation would come from the East. Christians had believed that the second coming of Christ would also come from the East. The priest did not 'keep his back to the people' instead, in expectation of the Son's coming at the end of time.

Our first reading for this feast day truly shows this symbol of the East. John saw the "angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God."

The Book of Revelation is a fascinating book, though most have little understanding of its message. Many will see this book as one of 'doom

and gloom' and the end of time, however, Revelation was intended to be a word of hope for Christians who were struggling with some persecution or the demands of culture to accept values contrary to those of Jesus Christ.

This upcoming feast was originally established to celebrate all those men and women who now live with God but are forgotten by the world. There is a huge number of people who now live with God but are forgotten by the world. There is a huge number of people who have been named 'Saint' by the Church, but anyone living in Heaven is a Saint. Not everyone in Heaven has a special feast day, but their salvation must be celebrated as well, and today, on earth, we celebrate the whole communion of Saints. To celebrate them is to remind ourselves of hope and what is in store for us as we attempt to remain faithful.

Today's feast is a feast of hope. We celebrate nothing less than our own salvation as we face East and celebrate the salvation of those who have gone before us.

*Fr. Mark*

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business, and, in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbours worthy."

- Thomas Merton

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

This week please pray especially for:

**Juanita Malysa, Mary Humenyk,  
Joe Humenyk**



This week we pray especially for the following families of our parish:

**Baxter, Beaton, Bell, Bhikha,  
Biernacki, Blanchet-Haffey**

| DAY & TIME         | MASS INTENTIONS (October 30 – November 5) | REQUESTED BY:               |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Tues. * 9:00 a.m.  | People of Ukraine                         |                             |
| Wed. 9:00 a.m.     | People of the Holy Land                   |                             |
| Thurs. * 9:00 a.m. | Deceased of Our Parish                    |                             |
| 7:00 p.m.          | Jose and Remedios Calfoforo               | Josie Dayao and Family      |
| Fri. 9:00 a.m.     | Charles Spencer                           | Spencer Family              |
| Sat. 5:00 p.m.     | Francesco Iazzo                           | Joseph Family               |
| Sun. 9:00 a.m.     | Alex and Elizabeth Stefanowski            | Leonora Baginski and Family |
| 11:00 a.m.         | Pro populo                                |                             |

\* Please note change

**Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony**  
 Father Mark arranges Baptisms and Marriages personally, by appointment. Please see Father after Mass to set a time for an interview. Marriages must be arranged one year in advance. Completion of a marriage preparation course is required. Applications may be obtained from Father Mark.

**Bulletins** are available online at:  
<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>



**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:

CWL: Christie deSouza: 519-400-6012 [cwl@lartist.com](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)  
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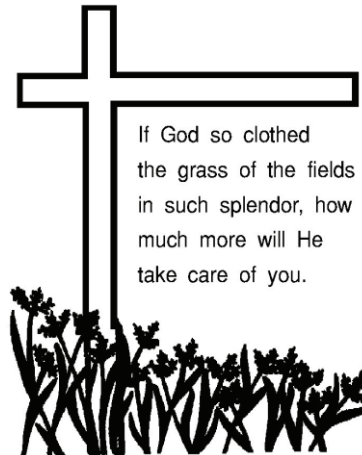
Life changes are difficult. After a separation or divorce, you may feel isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm - November 21, and December 19, 2023. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)

**STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION?** - Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

**Marriage Tip 133**

There are many strategies we use to support our partners when they are under stress, but researcher Sarah Walker of the University of Sydney and her team found that two seem to have the most impact. Receptive listening, allowing your spouse to share details about the situation without having you providing judgment or advice, and telling your spouse how much they matter to you, called valuing, are the two that provide the most benefit to your partner. Try these proven techniques and you will find a receptive and happier husband/wife in your life!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



If God so clothed  
 the grass of the fields  
 in such splendor, how  
 much more will He  
 take care of you.



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