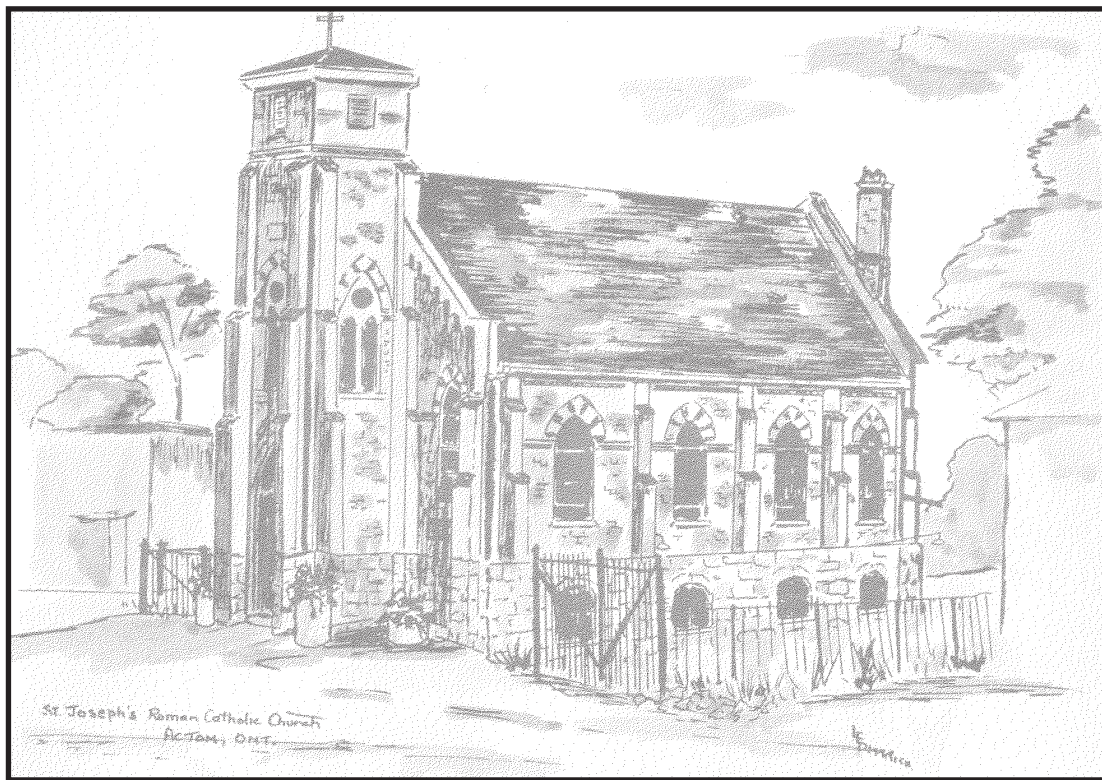


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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

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Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
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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:

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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:

This week we celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew, both Apostle and Evangelist of the Church (September 21).

With this being the year in which we read from the Gospel of St. Matthew (Year A), it is good for us to look at this saint on his feast day. We can see from the Gospel for the Feast Day that Matthew was considered a sinner and a dishonourable man by the Jewish community because he worked as a tax collector for the Roman Empire. It was likely assumed that every tax collector cheated the population and was corrupt.

Jesus enters this picture by accepting the invitation of Matthew to share a meal with him at his home, much to the disapproval of the Jewish elders. Jesus reminds them, as he does us, that He came for the sick. Many will concentrate just on the healing stories throughout the Gospels, without realizing that He came for all who were in need of healing. This is something that we need to be aware of as well. Jesus came for the salvation of souls and this continues to be the mission of the Church to this very moment.

On this Feast Day of St. Matthew, let us be inspired by this Saint and Apostle. Matthew was someone who realized that he needed Jesus in his life. He was not afraid to invite Him into his home and into his soul.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Some people feel guilty about their anxieties and regard them as a defect of faith. I don't agree at all. They are afflictions, not sins. Like all afflictions, they are, if we can so take them, our share in the Passion of Christ"

— C.S. Lewis,
Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Gerry Cronin, Donna Mae Zacheriah,
Jean Smith**

Bulletins are available online at:

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Pope's September Prayer Intention:

Respect for the Planet's Resources

In his prayer intention for the month of September, Pope Francis calls us to "pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared".

We are squeezing out the planet's goods.

Squeezing them out, as if the earth were an orange. Countries and businesses from the global north have enriched themselves by exploiting the natural resources of the south, creating an "ecological debt." Who is going to pay this debt?

In addition, this "ecological debt" is increased when multinationals do abroad what they would never be allowed to do in their own countries. It is outrageous.

Today, not tomorrow; today, we have to take care of Creation responsibly.

Let us pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

No to plundering; yes, to sharing.

— Pope Francis, September 2020

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is observed on September 1. The international celebration marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, which extends to 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

Marriage Tip of the Month (# 102) Couple relationships often experience strain in times of stress. The last several months have provided intense stress for many couples. It is healthy to step back and recognize why tensions might be running high and to engage in actions that can release pent up stress. Try cooking together, walking, biking, or hiking together, praying together, or any activity that will bring laughter to the day. It may even mean finding ways to have some time apart, whether that be one person being outside while the other is in, or one person being on one floor of the house, while the other is on another. Time together is wonderful, but too much can be distressing! Remember, you are in this together. Together you can find ways to feel connected and beat any feelings of stress.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (September 21-September 27)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Elda Luisetto	Luisetto Family
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Machelle Milton	Janine Milton
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Jennifer Harvey	Brenda and Decio Ramalho
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Nada Music</i>	Janine Milton
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Fanika Severinski	Bill and Irene and Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	Maria Amarelo	Pereira Family



MEETINGS

Currently Suspended

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

Sat. 5:00 p.m.
 Sun. 8:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

**Brozic, Buck, Cantwell,
 Carney, Cassar, Caswell**

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges all 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. Application forms can be obtained from Father Mark.



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: Christy deSouza: cwl@lartist.com
 K of C: Sean Saunders: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Diaper Drive for Michael House - September traditionally has the CWL "Baby Shower" for Michael House, a shelter and support for pregnant and parenting women in need in Guelph. For this year, instead of the party, we are asking everyone who can to donate diapers. If you are able, please bring in a package (or more!) of any size of diapers. There are tables set aside in the basement for drop-off before or after Mass over the next couple of weekends. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!
 Michael House also accepts monetary donations through their website at michaelhouse.ca



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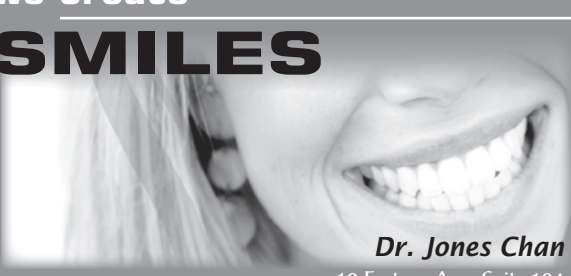


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