

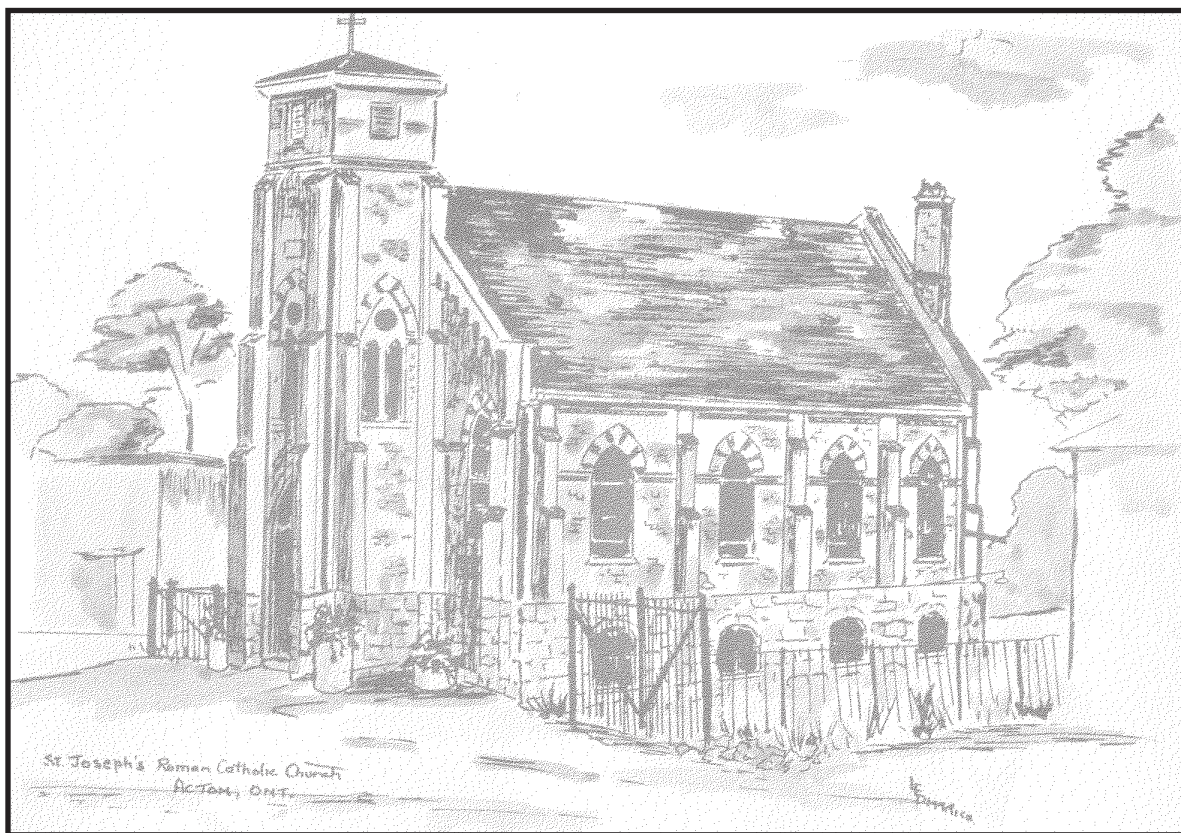
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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## 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:

**W**ith the NFL playoffs underway, I came across the story of a priest who was the chaplain of an NFL team. The priest came to know many of the players. Whether they were Catholic or not, he was always amazed at how many of the players were faithful to their religions.

The chaplain came to admire as well how the players played through pain and injuries. The players understood that their game is a violent one, and they considered that to be part of the game.

The priest was also amazed at how even small injuries can also be a challenge to the players and the team. One injury in particular is called 'turf toe'. This injury is a bruise that occurs at the base of the big toe. It usually occurs when the toe is jammed forcibly into the ground or when the toe is bent backwards too far. It can be a significant problem because players use the toe when they run and plant and push off. It can be so painful that they can't play at all.

The chaplain could not believe that such a small part of the body could affect a player or team in such a serious way. He thought of the words: "The whole is never greater than its parts, but without the parts, the whole will never be great."

St. Paul, in our second reading could have described the city of Corinth in his letter to the community with the same image as the chaplain did with the football team. Corinth was a large city which had a wealthy aspect to it. It was a city, too, that boasted a population rich in racial, ethnic, and religious diversity. This make-up made for a very diverse Christian community. Unfortunately, for the Corinthian Christian community, this diversity had worked against them.

What St. Paul experienced in Corinth was individuals and groups competing with each other. Groups became prideful and somewhat antagonistic by saying that "Our way or praying is better than yours' or, "Our gift of prophecy is better than your gift of interpretation!" Paul had to get the Christians of Corinth to see their diversity as a gift from God, a gift that had been given to serve the whole Church, not just parts of it.

Last week, Paul talked about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This week he mentioned how all of us possess gifts of the Holy Spirit, but we are called to bring those gifts together to build a faithful community and to build up the Kingdom of God.

The whole human body suffers when one part is missing. All the readings of this Sunday remind us that we need others for success. To make us Christian, we must see how Jesus connected us with Himself and His mission. It is a mission that cannot be accomplished alone.

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Do you wish to be great? Then begin by being. Do you desire to construct a vast and lofty fabric? Think first about the foundations of humility. The higher your structure is to be, the deeper must be its foundation."

- Saint Augustine

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Nicole McInnis, Gerry Cronin,  
Judy Landry***

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

***Daleman, Darrall, Dayao,  
DeBruyn, DeMelo, deSouza***

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**2025 Envelopes are still available in the hall. Tax Receipts are available at the back of the church, in somewhat alphabetical order.**

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**Bulletins** are available online at:

<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

**From the CWL:** We'll be having a potluck for the CWL General meeting on Tuesday February 11. Mass at 6:00, dinner at 6:30. If you can attend, please let us know what you can bring by emailing or texting Christie ([cwl@lartist.com](mailto:cwl@lartist.com) 519-400-6012).

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DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (January 27 – February 2)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Helen Rowe</i>	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>People of Ukraine</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Maria Kosir</i>	Kosir Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus 8050 and their Families	Knights of Columbus 8050
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo <i>Intentions of the Bell Family</i>	Bell Family



**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)

K of C: Ian Nolan: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**MEETINGS**

Mon. 6:00 p.m.	Tops
Tues. 7:30 p.m.	CWL Executive
Wed. 8:00 p.m.	Acton Sharing



<b>Sat. Feb 1</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	
Lector	Lilli	
Ex. Minister	Patricia	
<b>Sun. Feb 2</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
Lector	Andrew	Gita
Ex. Minister	Kazi	Aaron

**Winter Weather Conditions:**

During inclement weather, we remind Parishioners to be cautious when coming to Mass and be prepared to stay home if conditions are treacherous. We wish all our Parishioners to be safe both on the roads and on the sidewalks this Winter.

**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.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH Parenting**

**Tip #165** Family time matters, as much as our children age as when they are young. It helps to ensure this happens by building traditions that everyone partakes in regularly, traditions that everyone looks forward to and enjoys - pizza and movie nights, a special breakfast after attending Mass, games night – anything that brings you together for fun will do. The emotional health of children with these kinds of connections is stronger throughout their lifetime. As a family, plan time together weekly and share meals together daily, whichever meal of the day that may be. With a solid family foundation, your connectedness can and will stay intact as your children grow older.

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

**Valentine Dance:** The Knights of Columbus at Holy Rosary are raising funds for the Townsend Smith Foundation on Saturday February 15. The notice is a bit crooked but has pertinent details.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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Shake off those midwinter blues and at the same time support a great cause by joining us for a wonderful evening. Come out and enjoy a fabulous four course meal, music, door prizes and silent auctions all in the elegance of the Granite Ridge Golf Club on **Saturday Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**. All are welcome to this event so feel free to get a group of your friends together. For more information or to order tickets go to [www.holyrosaryknights.ca/valentines-gala](http://www.holyrosaryknights.ca/valentines-gala) or call **Daniel Varanelli** at (905) 875-6699.




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