

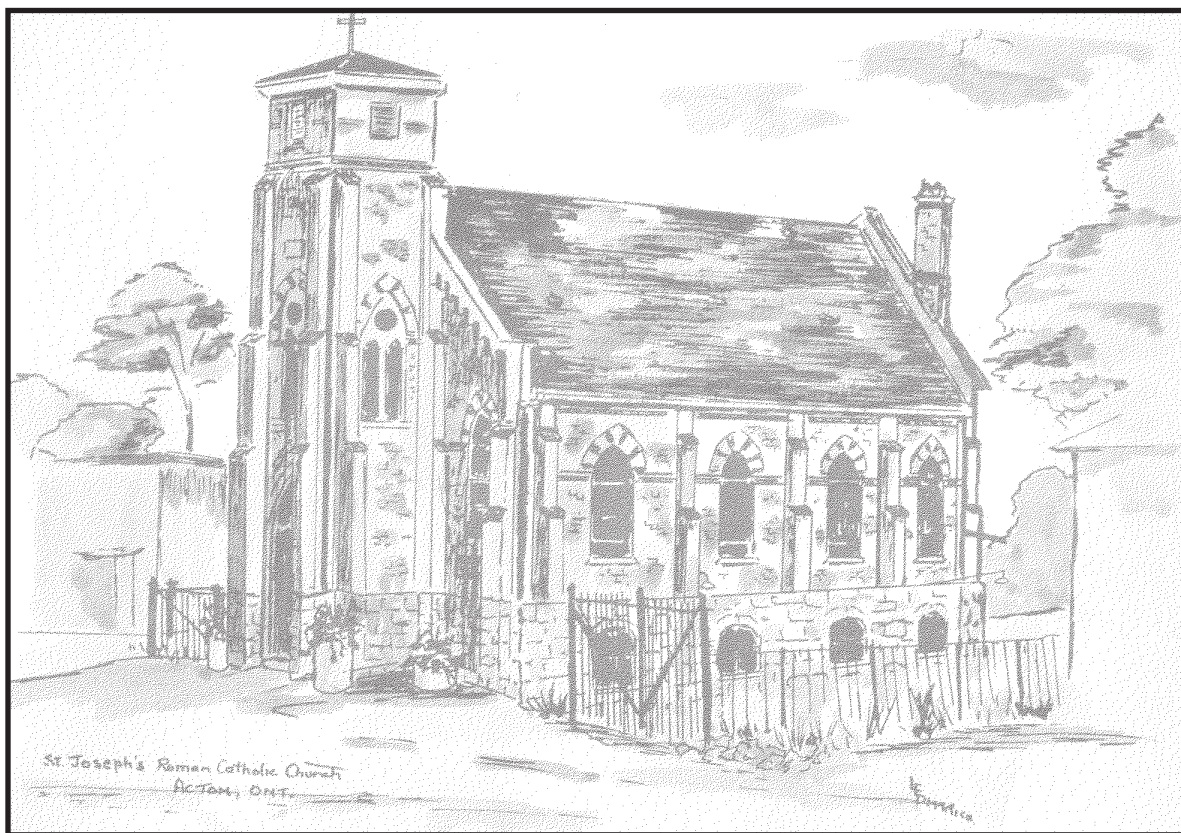
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

Just as the First Sunday of Lent is always when we read the Gospel passage of Jesus facing the temptations of the Devil, the Second Sunday always offers us the story of the Transfiguration.

This week I came across a story of a child getting others into trouble. A priest invited the children up to the front of the church for the Children's Liturgy. The priest started talking to the children when a young boy in the group spoke up. He said, "Father, do you know where my Daddy is today?" The priest responded back by saying that He did not know where he was. The child then told the priest, "He's on the golf course, and my mom is really mad!" The congregation laughed uproariously.

Our Lenten time is meant to help us draw closer to understanding and appreciating the Passion and Death of Christ. Lent helps us to remember what it took, Christ's suffering and death to free us from our sins. This is why Lent is a penitential season and why we practice acts of self-sacrifice. We want to make Christ's suffering effective for us by somehow sharing it. We ponder our sinfulness during Lent so that we will come to realize how great a gift Christ's death is.

Just prior to the events of today's Gospel passage, Peter acknowledged that Jesus is the Christ. Jesus then told the Apostles what it meant; that he would suffer greatly and be killed. Peter did not like this at all and began to try to talk Jesus out of it, to which Jesus said, "Get behind me, Satan." This was once again the Devil tempting Jesus.

It was in this context that the Transfiguration occurred. Jesus invited Peter, James, and John to climb a mountain and to pray with Him. He wanted to make the Apostles aware of the Divine Presence in the Man with whom they walked and talked, and to establish beyond all doubt in their minds, that Jesus was the Son of God. It revealed to them who the Master was and by giving them a glimpse of future glory, prepared them for the humiliation of the Passion.

When they first cast their lot to follow Jesus, little did Peter, James, and John realize the price they would be asked to pay on the journey. Now they discovered that it would involve huge sacrifices. Christ was inviting them to crawl up the hill of Calvary and carve their names on the foot of the Cross.

We make choices every day. We are called to be like Peter, James, and John to follow Jesus up the mountain and to see His glory. A young boy let the 'cat out of the bag' in revealing that his father was not at church with his family because he chose to play golf instead. Lent gives us the opportunity to make the right choices and to follow Christ.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference."

Pope Francis

Reconciliation Opportunities:

St. Joseph Patron of Canada

April 8, April 15: 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

April 12: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Holy Cross, Georgetown

April 5: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Holy Rosary, Milton

April 10: from 6:30

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***David Chamagne, Ian Munday,
Mary Albert***

Bulletins are available online at:

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

Acton Ministerial association hosts its annual **Lenten Lunches** at St. Alban's Church. At 12:00 noon every Wednesday starting Ash Wednesday (March 5th), ending on the Wednesday of Holy Week (April 16th).



Family Prayer

This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Kelly, Knapton, Kolosko,
Kolozsvari, Kosir, Kozubal***

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 16, 2025

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday April 17 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration until 10:00 p.m.
Good Friday April 18 11:00 a.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
 3:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
Holy Saturday April 19 12:00 p.m. Blessing of food baskets **in the Church**
 8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass**
Easter Sunday April 20 **Easter Masses 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (March 17 – March 23)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Roberto Luisetto</i>	Knights of Columbus 8050
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Grace Mendes	Her Parents
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Giuseppe and Maria Querques	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Kamila Jakubiec	Kwiatkowski Family
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 Tadeusz Knapczyk	Stanislaw and Jozefa Leja



Sat. Mar 22 5 p.m.
 Lector Kathleen
 Ex. Minister Patricia
Sun. Mar 23 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Jay Lar
 Ex. Minister Kazi Lorin

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Tues. 7:30 p.m. (after Mass) KofC General
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing Group



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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