

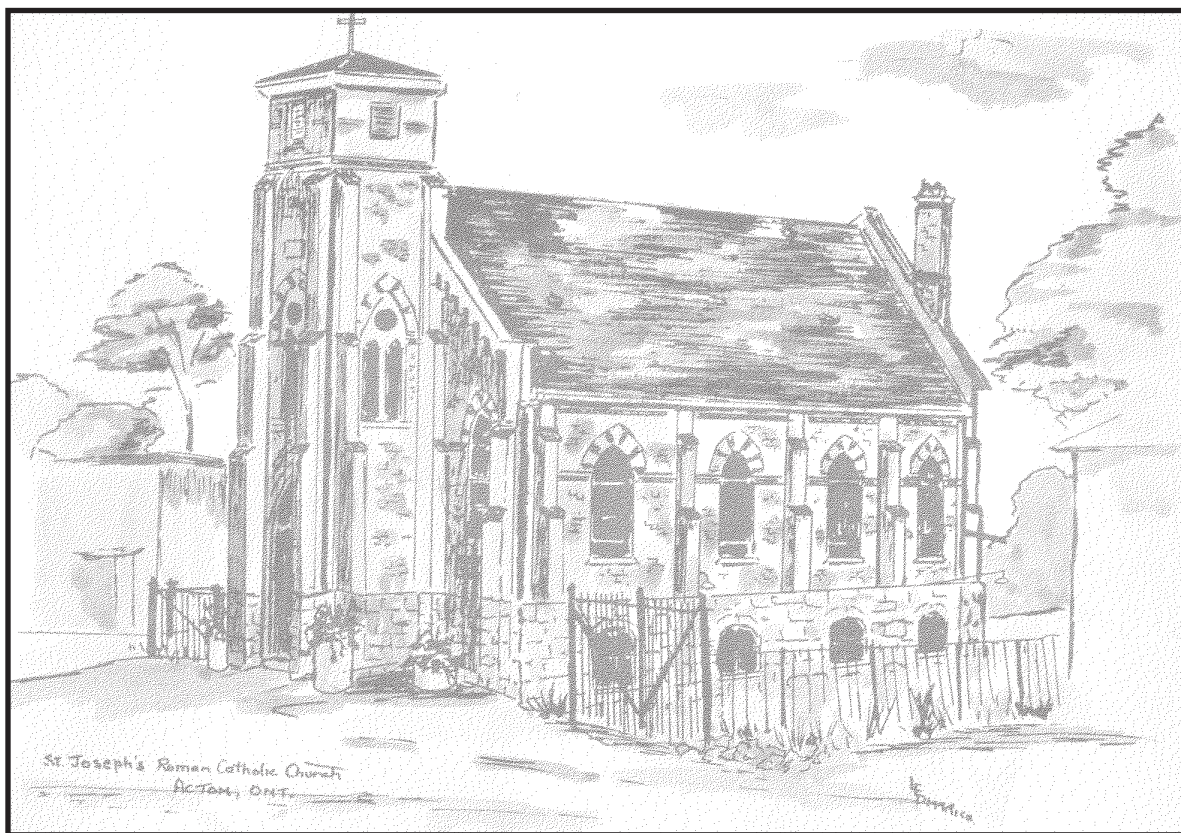
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

With Lent starting this Wednesday, we have a wonderful opportunity to talk about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are encouraged during the Lenten Season to celebrate this sacrament as a sign of healing and penance.

At this very moment, I am helping other parishes with hearing First Confessions of children who will celebrate their First Communions after Easter Sunday. We are starting to hear First Confessions for the children in our own parish currently as well.

I must admit that as a priest I feel that I have just finished a round of extra confessions during the Season of Advent. Once again, I was able to help at some larger parishes in the Halton area. This will happen again during the upcoming Lenten Season. In fact, people are more aware of receiving the Sacrament during Lent than at any other time of the year.

The term 'confession' can be found in some form throughout most societies and religions over time. There is something mystical or emotionally uplifting in the act of opening up completely to another human being. The act of getting something off your chest to lighten your burden is best depicted in the Jewish tradition of the 'scapegoat', releasing the burden and placing it elsewhere.

The chief priest of the temple would whisper the sins of the people into the ears of the goats. One goat would be sacrificed to God in the temple to atone for those sins. Another goat would be released in the desert to remove the sin away from the community so that the community could move forward in reconciliation.

Our Sacrament of Reconciliation has aspects of many practices. One would not compare a priest to a goat, but there is an aspect of whispering your sins to another in whom you place total trust that the sin is not going to be repeated. Goats obviously don't talk, and the seal of confession is tight-lipped. It is one of the last honoured traditions in society where there is respect for its confidentiality. The actual articulation of one's sins to another can be such a release. Naming the sin or sins gives a person dominion over them in the same way Adam was given dominion over creatures when he was given the responsibility to name them.

In the world today, there is less naming of sins than in previous generations. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is certainly under-utilized, and it is the most misunderstood of the sacraments. This is sad because apart from the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the most accessible of the sacraments.

During the Lenten season, we are encouraged to turn away from sin and seek penance. This sacrament is one of the most beautiful signs of our Church. We cannot allow darkness to keep us from Our Lord.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..."
-- Pope Benedict XVI

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:

***Stephanie Lampkin,
Mary Humenyk, Joe Humenyk***

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).



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Henschel, Hickey, Himeshazi,
Hrynkiw, Humenyk, Iaizzo,***

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 2, 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 3 – March 9) | REQUESTED BY: |
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| Tues. 7:00 p.m. | <i>Intentions of Luke Kosir</i> | Kosir Family |
| Ash Wed. 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | Irek Bogucki | Kazi and Zorika |
| Thurs. 7:00 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory | Anne Marie Vrscaj |
| Fri. 9:00 a.m. | <i>Intentions of Iwona Kwiatkowski</i> | Kwiatkowski Family |
| Sat. 5:00 p.m. | Anne Merrett | Bell Family |
| Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Helen Fowler Pro populo | Luisetto Family |



Sat. Mar 8 5 p.m.
 Lector Lilli
 Ex. Minister Chris
Sun. Mar 9 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Andrew Gita
 Ex. Minister Jay Aaron

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Tues. 7:30 p.m. (after Mass) KofC Executive
 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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