

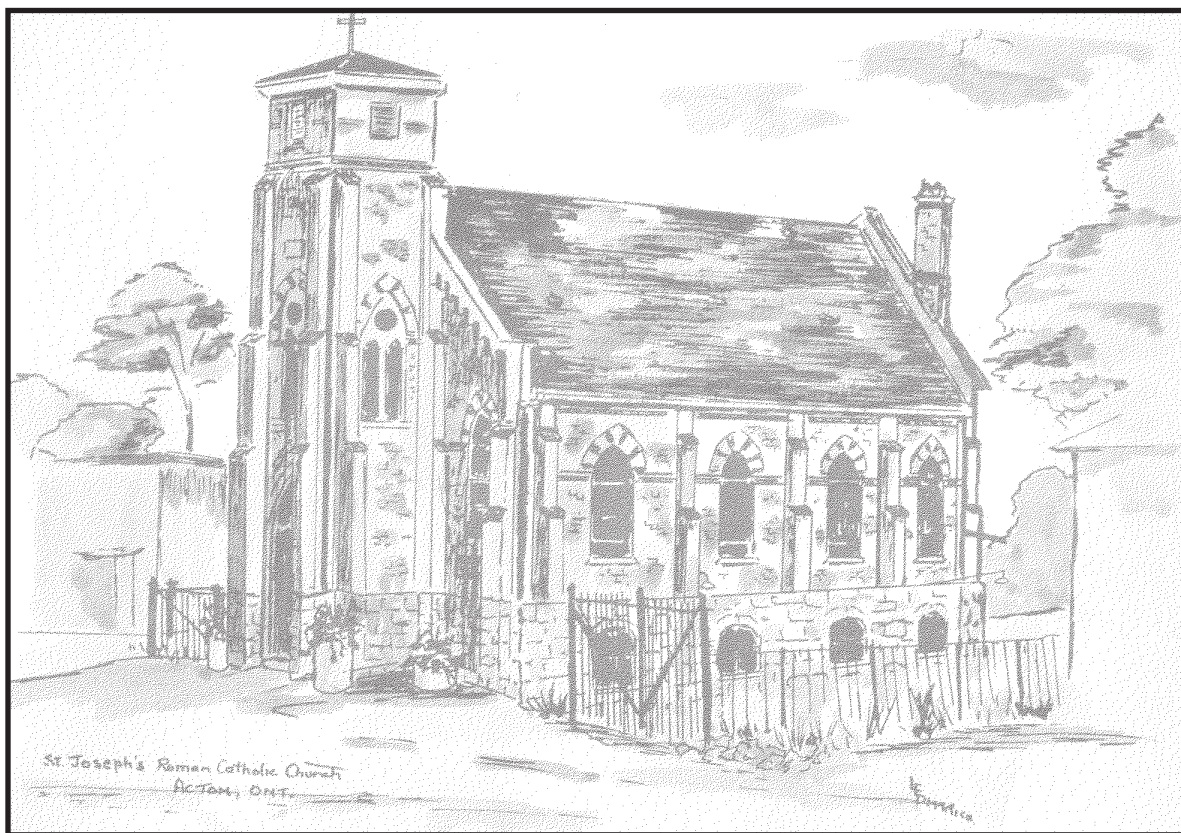
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we are given a warning by Jesus through the Gospel passage from Luke.

Luke's Gospel brings us news stories that were the talk of the people, though we today have no idea what had happened. The first story involved a brutal action by Pilate. He was well known for quick and violent reactions to situations. The Galileans were the thinkers of the region and loved new ideas. As a result, Galilee was often the seat of rebellions. It is then, just possible, that some Galileans had plotted an uprising. Whatever the case may have been, Pilate clearly had them killed and had their blood mixed in with religious sacrifices. It would have been horrific for the people of the time.

The second incident involved the walls built around Jerusalem. One of the walls had a tower overlooking the city. It is most likely the tower either fell or was being repaired and fell, killing several people. Again, anyone witnessing the event would have been horrified.

The audience, to whom Jesus was speaking, truly believed that the people killed by Pilate and those who died at the construction site died because these individuals did not keep the rules of their faith and fell into sin. Basically, it was their own fault that they died. Jesus was obviously annoyed with this attitude, making it clear to His audience that, unless they reformed, that is, began to take a different approach to their faith, they would meet the same end.

What Jesus was telling the people is that they must repent for their actions. Repentance is not just being sorry for one's sins. While sorrow is part of repentance, the real point is to make a deep and radical change in both one's perspective on the world in the light of our Faith and a change in one's commitment to God. To repent is to make a deep moral and spiritual transformation. Repentance, as Jesus describes it in Luke's Gospel, is to change one's mind about Jesus and commit oneself fully to Him.

Lent tasks us to examine our approach to God. To come to know God better implies that we are asking questions and learning. Both the news items and the parable of the fig tree in Luke's Gospel, remind us that time is short. God is willing to help us grow and mature, but He expects us to bear fruit. This whole Gospel passage presents two sides of God. On one hand, God is the Judge who will not hesitate to destroy the barren fig tree. On the other hand, He is the

Giver of Grace and Mercy. He will help us grow, but He is still the Judge who has high expectations.

Jesus is not using scare tactics or threats. He is motivating people to change their lives in deep, profound ways. This is the true challenge of Lent. It is to examine our lives and to practice living a whole life of repentance. It is not a life of constant confessions and of beating ourselves up. A life of repentance is a life of conversion, a life that works to grow closer to God every day.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Do you fast? Then feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick, do not forget the imprisoned, have pity on the tortured, comfort those who grieve and who weep, be merciful, humble, kind, calm, patient, sympathetic, forgiving, reverent, truthful and pious, so that God might accept your fasting and might plentifully grant you the fruits of repentance.

- Saint John Chrysostom

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:

***Brian Tanney, Susan Lindsay,
Rhonda Chartrand***

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:

***Knapczyk, Kwiatkowski, LaSelva,
Lampkin, Lascos, Lasquite***

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 23, 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 24 – March 30)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Carol Paisley	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Zbyszek Borkowski	Kazi and Zorika
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Ron and Shirley Dunlop	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Anne Marie Vrscaj
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Tadeusz Knapczyk	John Kosir Jr.
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	Intentions of Christie and Lar deSouza	Geralda Savoie



Sat. Mar 29 5 p.m.
 Lector Chris
 Ex. Minister Patricia

Sun. Mar 30 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Kazi Cheryl
 Ex. Minister Jay Lar

MEETINGS

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

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2025 The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Liuna Station in Hamilton to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons, and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. To order tickets or for information, send an email to serrahamilton1965@gmail.com. You can pay for your ticket through e-transfer using the same email or you can also pay by credit card using the following link: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>. This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.



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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