

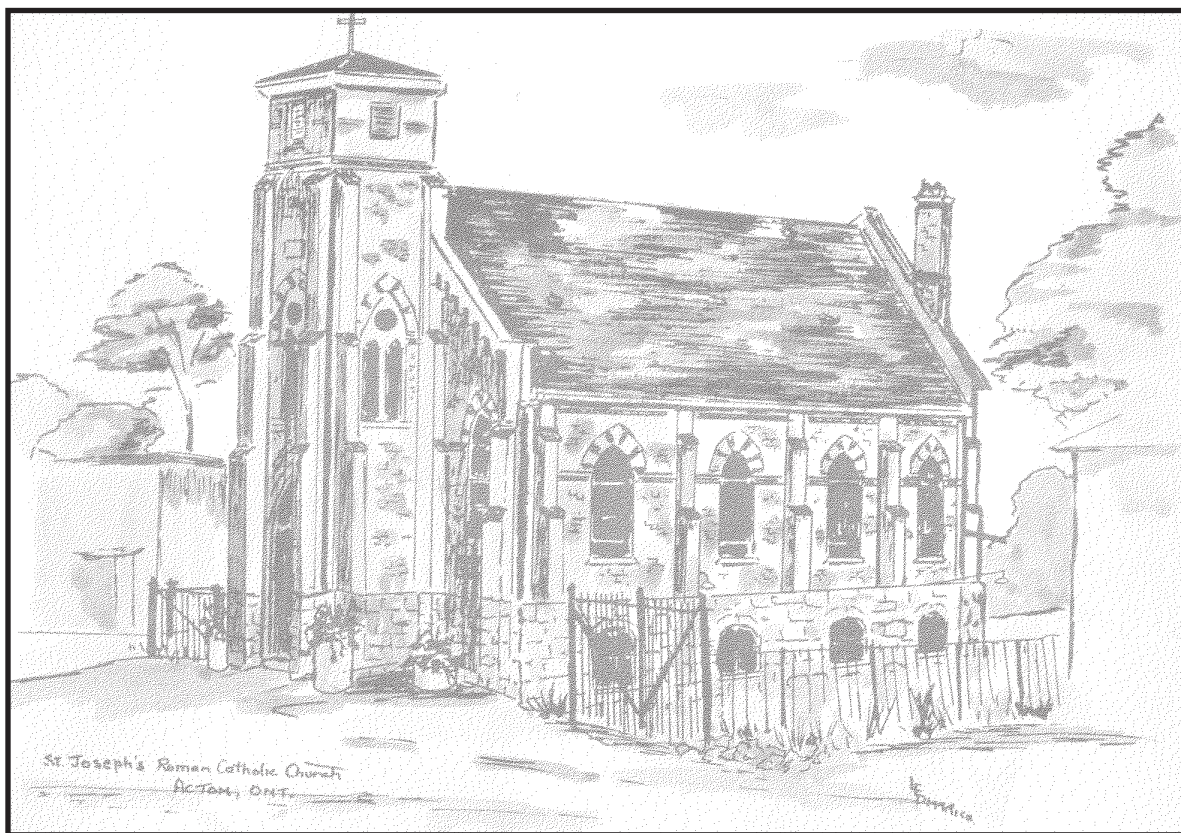
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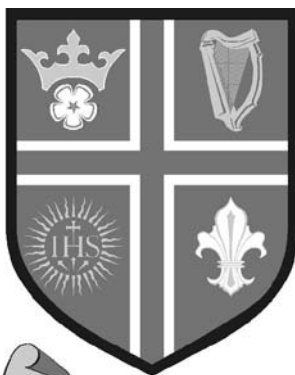
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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

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:

The Gospel for this, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is the Parable of the Prodigal Son which is one of the most well-known Scripture passages.

We may hear the term 'the Prodigal Son' in family relations in the modern world. There have been literary interpretations of this story as well as movie adaptations of the parable. There also have been artists who have painted this story on canvas. The most famous was a painting by Rembrandt.

However, this parable has been terribly misnamed. To call it "The Prodigal Son" is to make the wrong character the focus of the story. Some have suggested that this is the "Parable of the Forgiving Father". Also, to call the parable "The Prodigal Son" is to lessen the role and message in the story of the second, elder son.

We know Lent is about repentance. We know that reconciliation is the order of the day. We can quickly identify with the younger son because we do see ourselves as individuals who have sinned. We also share a deep need for the type of love which the Father shows to His sons. So similar are we that we actually tend to like the younger son.

Many will not like the elder son in the parable. One can be put off by his resentment and anger, but one should not point fingers at him, for one can be like the elder son as well. It is interesting that the elder son is as alienated from his father as the brother who had left home. There is no mention of the origin of his resentment, but one can see it very clearly. It is also interesting that the elder son does not object to his brother being taken back into the family. What angers him is the fact that the father gives his brother complete forgiveness. Such forgiveness is outrageous to him. The younger brother should not be given a party, he should be punished for his actions.

What we need to recognize is the loving acceptance of the father to both his sons. The father leaves his house at the sight of his prodigal son and meets him on the road. He is also tender to his elder son as well as he also leaves the house to comfort him. The father does not grow angry with the older son's attitude; rather, the father reassures his son of his love and tells him that all that he has is his. Having

his sons at home is more important to him than harbouring resentment toward them.

During this Lenten season, we need to see that resentment is an attitude that builds walls. What needs to be seen is the development of an attitude of gratitude. It is an attitude that brings freedom. When we see blessing rather than hurt, we tear down walls. When we are grateful for what we have, rather than worried about what someone else has, we find joy.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"While we do our good works let us not forget that the real solution lies in a world in which charity will have become unnecessary."

— Chinua Achebe, *Anthills of the Savannah*

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:

***Laura Kupferschmidt,
Roberto Luisetto, Denise Harper***

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:

***Luisetto, Lynch, MacDonald,
Macfarlane, Marchese, Marciniak***

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 30, 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 31 – April 6)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Tadeusz Knapczyk	John Kosir Jr.
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Marian Cymek	Kazi and Zorika
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Giuseppe and Maria Querques	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Helen Fowler	Ray and Rena Arbic
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Angela Iazzo	Raats Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	Tadeusz Knapczyk	Stanislaw and Jozefa Leja



Sat. April 5 5 p.m.
 Lector Patricia
 Ex. Minister Nancy
Sun. April 6 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Andrew Marcus
 Ex. Minister Kazi 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

Lenten Retreat

Hungry for spiritual wisdom during Lent? Eddie MacDonald will be guiding a Lenten retreat on Tuesday, April 1 following 7:00 p.m. Mass (7:30-8:30). All are welcome.



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
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