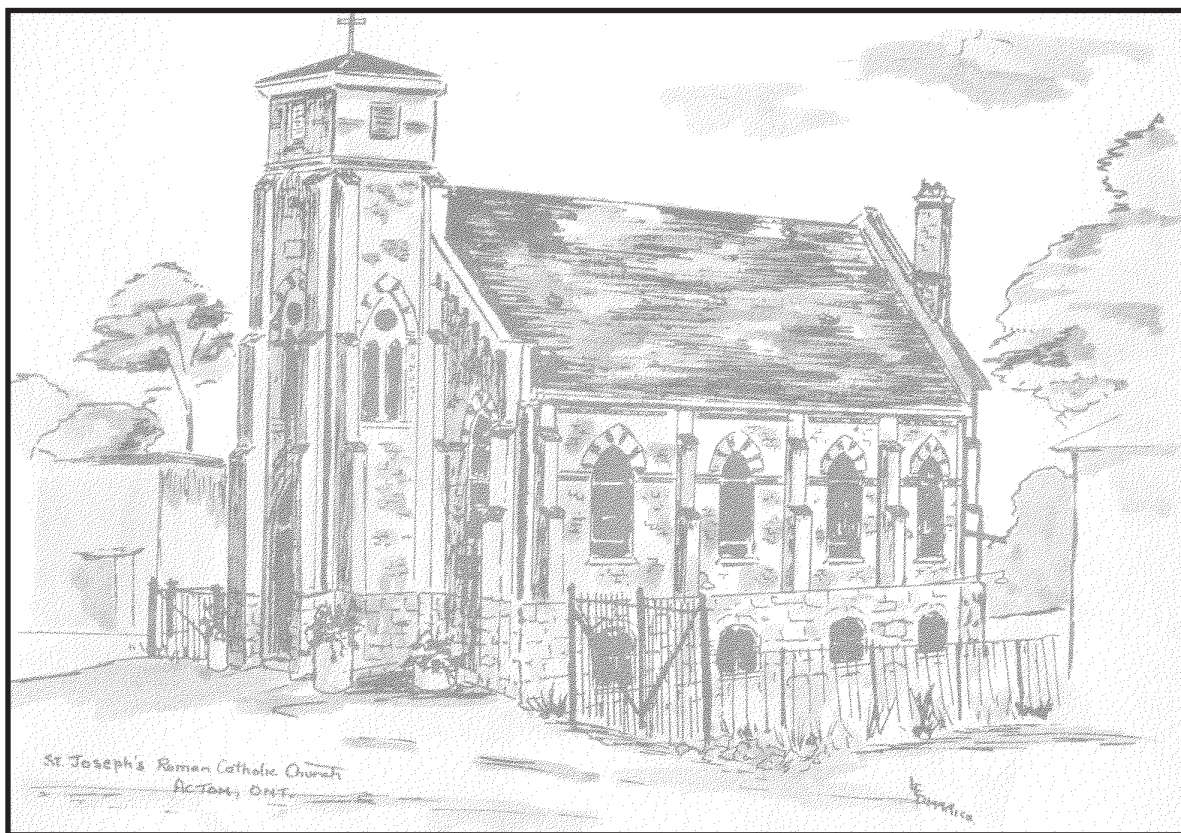


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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.

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

**A**s we begin the Season of Lent, I was reading of a story where a parish priest was having dinner with parishioners. After dinner, the priest was challenged to a board game by the family's 7-year-old daughter. Unfortunately, the priest did not understand the intricacies of the game. The daughter tried her best to explain the rules as the game went on.

After he had made a mistake, the daughter explained to her pastor: "Father, remember the 'KISS' rule." She responded by saying: "Keep it simple, silly."

The priest laughed out loud for he had never heard the rule stated in that way. He told the daughter that he had heard the rule with the words: "Keep it simple, stupid." The daughter became very serious and said she had heard that version too, but her mother had taught her that Christians don't say such rude things.

With Lent starting, we might ask: "Is it 'keep it simple, stupid,' or 'Keep it simple, silly?'" To help us decide, during Lent we are invited to refocus ourselves on what it is to be a follower of Jesus. We do have the tendency to make our lives complicated, but Lent reminds us of our calling to keep Christian life simple. Our traditional practice of giving up something for Lent is an attempt to return to the basics and rid ourselves of some of the things that complicate our lives. During Lent, we struggle to focus on our Christian identity and discover again that Christians really should not call another person 'stupid'.

In the desert, Jesus is confronted by the devil on three occasions and is subjected to severe temptations in the depth of His soul. The devil meets Him face to face and in an effort to turn Him away from God's plan of redemption, offers Him fake happiness with enticements of security, power, and fame. None of these temptations gets the better of Him and He emerges victorious but only after a prolonged struggle.

We must see that temptation is a real test and the worst thing about it is that it is always an attraction. When He was tired and hungry, it would have been so easy for Jesus to turn stones into bread, but He refused to use His power for His own comfort. The temptations of Christ are those faced by Christians of all ages. They are a testing of our faith as they force us to make decisions for or against God. As followers of Christ, we must be ready to stand and be counted as we are constantly at risk for the evil one. Jesus experienced temptation Himself; He understands us in our weaknesses and is there to give us hope and encouragement.

Lent is a time for us to get back to basics and to focus on allowing our Christian faith to grow. It is a time of quiet and purposeful reflection which helps us to discover the will of God. It really is not complicated. Let's keep it simple, silly!

*Fr. Mark*

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One."

Pope Benedict XVI

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## 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

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Stephanie Lampkin,  
Mary Humenyk, Austin Hunak***

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**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:

***Jakubiec, James, Jones,  
Joseph, Jowett, Kavanagh,***

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***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.***

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MARCH 9, 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 10 – March 16)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Ronnie Lampkin	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Anne Merrett	Bell Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Giuseppe and Maria Querques	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Francesco laizzo	Angela laizzo
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	Steve Dzioba	Dzioba Family



**Sat. Mar 15 5 p.m.**  
 Lector Maria  
 Ex. Minister Patricia  
**Sun. Mar 16 9 a.m. 11 a.m.**  
 Lector Catherine Lizzie  
 Ex. Minister Kazi Marcus

**MEETINGS**

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