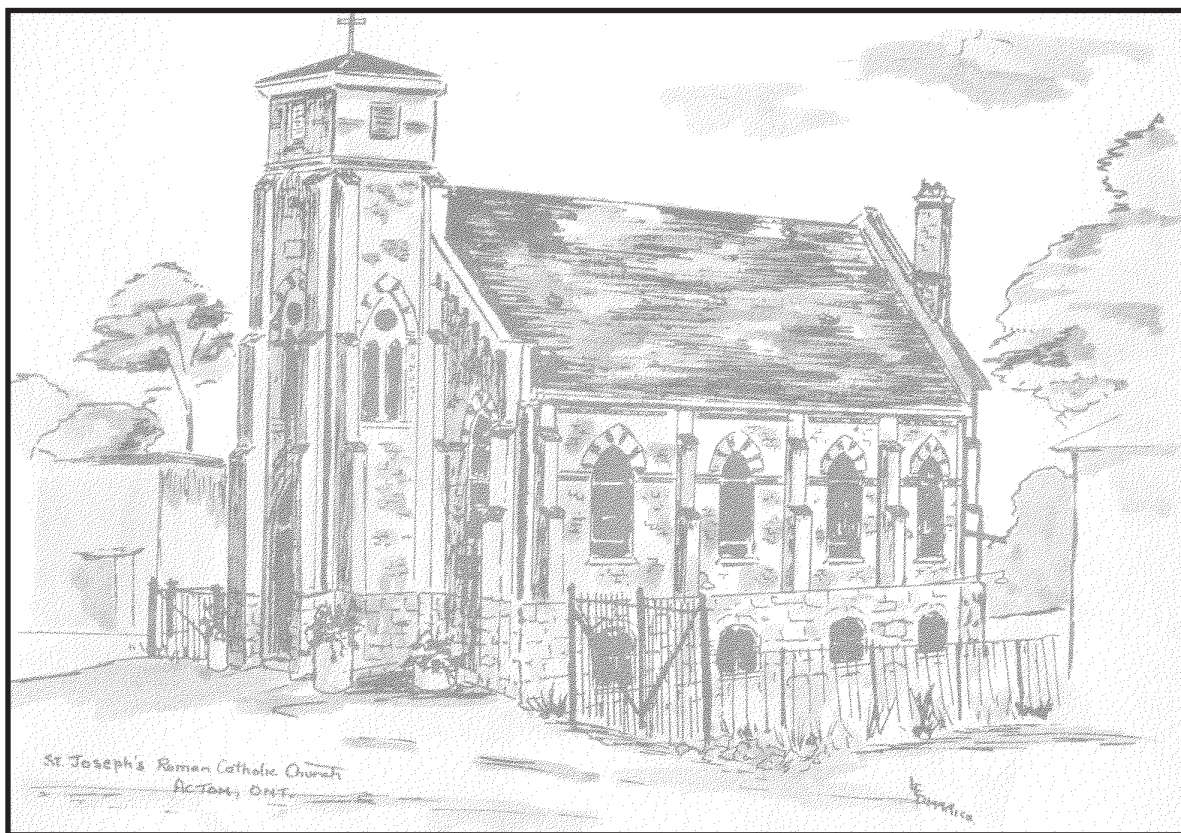


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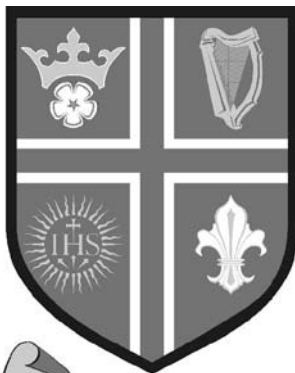
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Saturday 5:00 pm
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
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BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

MARRIAGES:

By arrangement one year in advance.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm
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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:

We have entered the month of November where we are called to pray for the deceased throughout the entire month.

The Church provides during the month, special and holy Feast Days for Catholics to pray for the dead. One is All Saints' Day on November 1st, followed by All Souls' Day on November 2nd. The Church also ponders Remembrance Day when we pray for those who gave their lives, and we also pray for peace. Many parishes will have special masses on this day. Regarding All Saints' and All Souls', the Church invites us to ponder Heaven on the 1st and then invites us to ponder Purgatory on the 2nd.

Honouring the dead and rituals that accompany them allows a lot of emotions to be revealed. The Catholic Church does not have a monopoly on honouring the dead. Most religions and cultures have their customs and rituals to pay final respect to the dead. Our Jewish friends in particular have a period of seven days of mourning in which family members assemble to receive visitors after the burial.

Even in Sacred Scripture there are images of the sacredness of burial. Moses' burial is mentioned in the Book of Deuteronomy. Abraham's wife, Sarah, is the first person whose burial is mentioned in Scripture, as well as the first account of the purchase of a grave plot.

The stories of tombs and cemeteries in the New Testament are also shown. We have Lazarus being called by Jesus from out of his tomb after four days. There is also Joseph of Arimathea who gave his own tomb hewn from a rock, for Christ's burial. The Church has also devoted the last Station of the Cross to the laying of Jesus in that tomb.

Tombs, graves, and burial sites need to be seen as sacred places. How often have we seen foreign dignitaries, when visiting a country, being asked to lay wreaths at a tomb of an unknown soldier. Thousands will visit the burial places of famous people. We, as

Catholics, have opportunities to visit shrines of holy, venerated, Saints throughout the world.

With such a rich tradition both spiritually and respectfully, it is no wonder that 'burying the dead' is a corporal work of mercy in our Catholic tradition. It is seen as a basic human function, just like eating and drinking. Listing 'burying the dead' with other basic human rights of the living speaks loudly about where the Church ranks this corporal work. The Church has always championed the rights of people while they live, it is no wonder that she does the same for people in death.

As we begin this November, let us be reminded that not only do we pray for those who we know and love, but we also pray for all who have gone before us. Our Christian responsibility is to pray for each other, the living and the dead.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die."
- G.K. Chesterton

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Austin Hunak, David Champagne,
Fran Marcoux***



This week we pray especially for the following families of our parish:

***Rosenmeier, Ryan, Saftic,
Sammit, Samson, Savoie***

From the CWL: Keep the date! The annual CWL Bazaar will be held Saturday November 30. Please remember to return 50/50 draw tickets. They may be left in the collection on Sunday.

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (November 4 – November 10)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Bernie Marzalik	Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Confirmandi of Our Parish	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m..	People of Ukraine	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Charles Spencer	Spencer Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges Baptisms and Marriages personally, by appointment. Please see Father after Mass to set a time for an interview. Marriages must be arranged one year in advance. Completion of a marriage preparation course is required. Applications may be obtained from Father Mark.



Sat. Nov 9 5 p.m.
 Lector Chris
 Ex. Minister Patricia

Sun. Nov 10 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Andrew Gita
 Ex. Minister Kazi Lar



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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MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Tues. 7:30 p.m. KofC Executive
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing

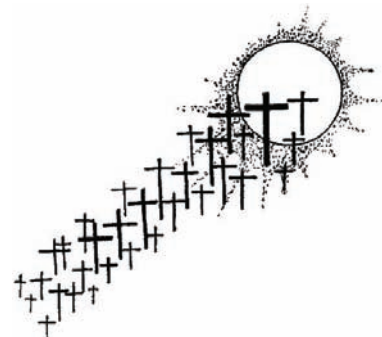
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Beware of Phishing Emails: Emails have been circulated purporting to be from Father Mark, the Diocese, or from St. Joseph's. Please be very cautious. Father Mark and the Bishop will not be sending you emails asking for your help with various things or requesting money or gift cards. Do not respond to suspicious emails.

Marian Pilgrimage to France & Spain – June 2025

You are invited to take part in a Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Spain and France from June 3rd to 13th, 2025. Fr. Ian Duffy, Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, will be the Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage visiting Lourdes, Lisieux, Nevers, Monserrat, Zaragoza, Barcelona, and Paris. The price of \$5,690.00 Cdn per person includes airfare, accommodation, ground transportation, most meals, and the services of English-speaking guides. To register or for more information please contact Edgar Tetelbaum at Gateways International (edgar@gateways-international.com or 1-800-268-0900 ext. 233) There will be an information evening at the Basilica of Our Lady, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph, on November 7, 2024 at 7:30pm. All are welcome.






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