

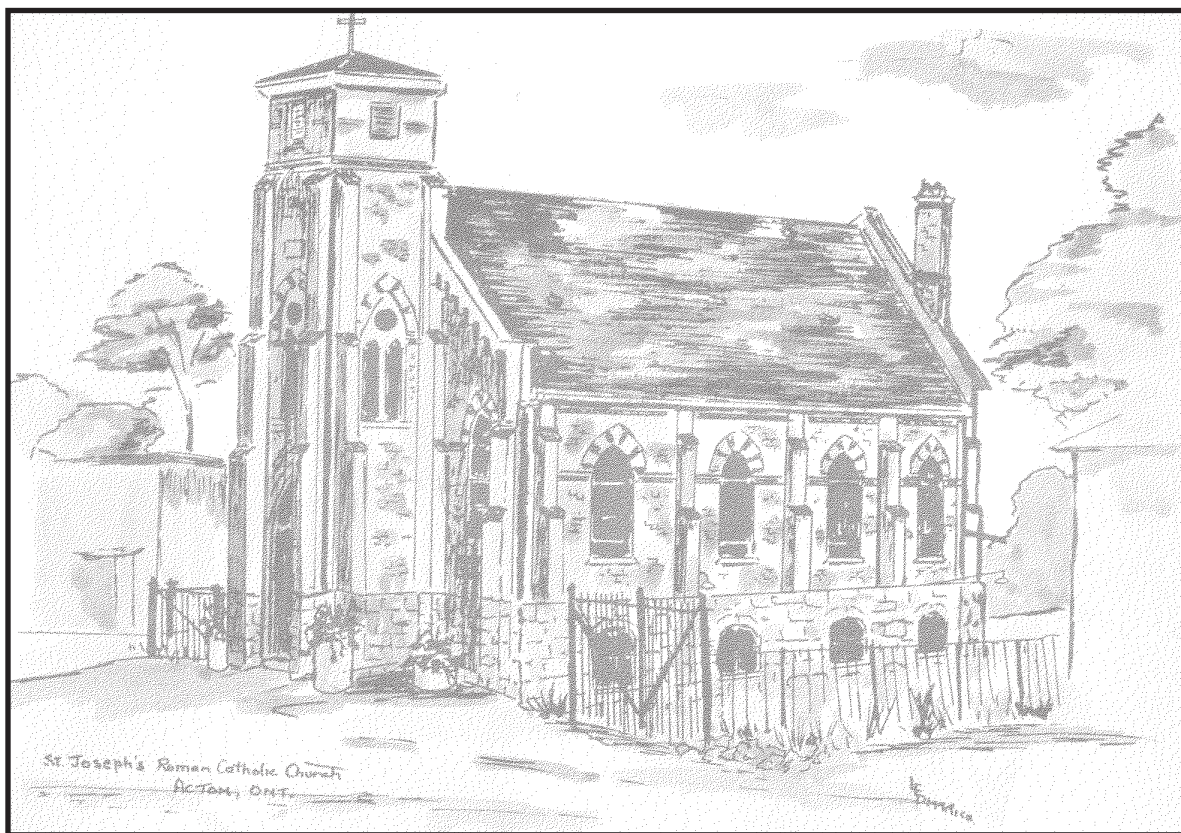
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

There was a story of a man who was from Japan who decided to convert to Catholicism when he was an adult. This decision led him to be shunned by family and friends. He also decided to help the needy in the slums of Japan. He suffered as a consequence of his decisions.

He was eventually invited to give a lecture at an American seminary. At the end of the lecture, a woman heard one of the seminarians remark to another, "You know, he didn't say much, did he?" The woman who knew a great deal more of the man's history quickly responded, "A man on a cross doesn't have to say much!"

Today we remember the Passion of Jesus Christ. We hear the story so often, however, that we hardly feel or appreciate the physical suffering that Jesus must have endured. Then again, only someone who has been brutally tortured could truly understand the horror of what Jesus went through, at least physically. What we might understand, and what we more likely may have experienced, is the pain of abandonment.

Today we have read of Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It must have been a heady moment for the Apostles to see their teacher be so honoured. They would have had a share in the honour and the glory. However, in a short period of time, the crowds that first cheered, now inflicted suffering. They turned on Jesus with a vengeance.

Having shared a meal, prayers, and intimate companionship, in a few hours Jesus' closest friends will have all abandoned Him. Judas would completely betray Jesus in a way that would lead to His arrest. With Jesus' arrest, others would flee and go into hiding. Peter, when confronted, would deny Him with an oath. Jesus hadn't wanted much from them. "Just watch one hour with me." All Jesus needed was someone to share some small portion of His suffering, but what He got was a group of friends who slept, denied Him, or who went into hiding.

Today, on this Passion Sunday, we should look to see if we can stay faithful to Jesus. We may never fully comprehend the enormity of the physical pain and suffering of Jesus, but we most certainly can identify with His feelings of abandonment.

We must do better that the crowd that praised Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. We can give Him praise during this Mass, but will we take God's name in vain when we leave Church? Jesus asked, "Won't you watch just one hour with me?" Are we able to say yes to this request in our lives?

We must be present to those who need us no matter the personal cost. Jesus didn't day much from the Cross. Should He have to?

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Remember finally, that the ashes that were on your forehead are created from the burnt palms of last Palm Sunday. New beginnings invariably come from old false things that are allowed to die.

- Richard Rohr

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Roberto Luisetto, Stephanie Lampkin,
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Family Prayer

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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 (April 14 – April 20)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of John Nother</i>	Knights of Columbus
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Father Mark</i>	Geralda Savoie
Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.		
Good Friday 11:00 a.m.	Passion Service with Holy Communion	
3:00 p.m.	Passion Service with Holy Communion	
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.		
Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m.		
10:00 a.m.		
11:30 a.m.		



Holy Thursday April 17 7 p.m.

Lector/Narrator Chris
Ex. Minister Lorin

Good Friday April 18 11 a.m. 3 p.m.

Lector/Narrator Marcus, Lilli Cheryl, Kazi
Ex. Minister Nancy Aaron

Easter Vigil April 19 8:00 p.m.

Lector 1 Jay
Lector 2 Catherine
Lector 3 Lar
Ex. Minister Nancy

Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

Lector Lilli Chris Gita
Ex. Minister Kazi Jay Lorin

MEETINGS

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

Reconciliation Opportunities:

St. Joseph Patron of Canada
April 15: 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm



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

K of C: Ian Nolan: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Bulletins are available online at:

<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

Acton Ministerial hosts its last **Lenten Lunch** this year at St. Alban's Church at 12:00 noon on April 16th.



PALM SUNDAY





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