

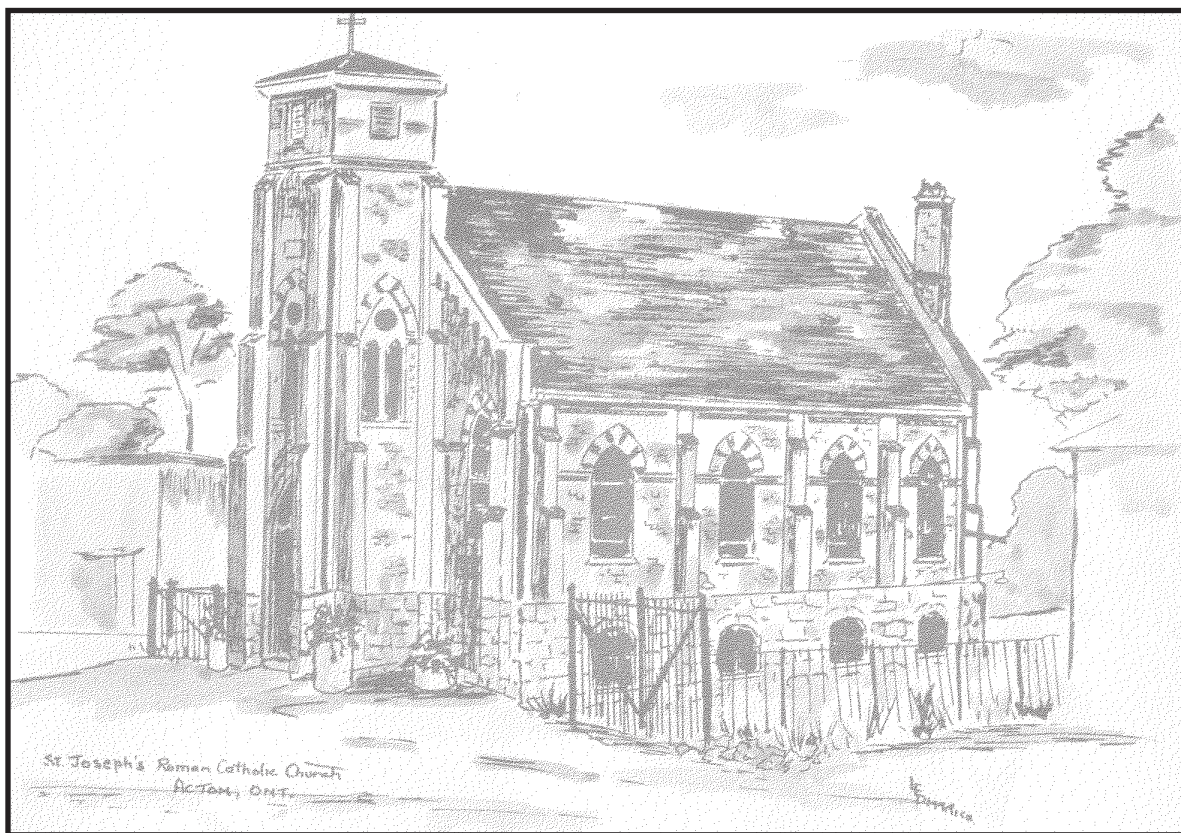
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Saturday 5:00 pm

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:

The bulletin blurb for this Sunday was actually written a few days before Easter with this thought in mind, I pray that all of you had a Blessed Easter with your loved ones.

The Second Sunday of Easter always brings us the Gospel passage of Thomas and his unbelief in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The only way Thomas would believe that Jesus had risen was to put his fingers into the wounds He suffered at Calvary. Good Friday had ended all the hopes he had pinned on Christ. It shattered his faith to the point whereby he made no attempt to hide his doubts.

We need to see Thomas as being a precious figure, one who does us all a favour in demanding proof of the Resurrection. In fact, he is only echoing the doubts and uncertainties which darken our minds and cloud our faith from time to time, when dreams are crushed by an unexpected death, a broken relationship of or some other heavy cross to bear. The Gospel points out that faith does not always come easily. We need to see that ultimately, faith is what makes life meaningful because it's an adventure of the spirit searching for an encounter with God.

Today, we must remember that this is our first gathering after Easter Sunday. Last week we expressed and celebrated that belief which makes our faith so unique. We believe that the Son of God came among us, suffered and died for us, and that He rose from the dead. This week, our readings call us not so much to express our faith, but to respond to it and to trust it.

What we believe is, well, unbelievable. But we believe anyway. We are called to act on this belief. The world of science scoffs at our belief in One who rose from the dead, but scientists act on faith as well. Scientists will rarely allow themselves to be pinned down on an absolute. When pressed, a particular scientist will say that such and such has not yet been proven but 'I believe this to be.' Therefore, a scientist acts on his/her belief. And so, we too, must act on ours.

Like Thomas, we are going to have great moments of disbelief in our lives. Some things are going to seem just not possible. However, impossibilities are not just restricted to matters of faith.

We find it hard to believe a lot of things, especially as regards Church teaching. Still, we are called to believe that God is a part of all of this. We are called to trust.

It is worth remembering that the faith of the Apostles was no overnight experience, but something gradual which increased as they became more intimate with Christ. The same is true of our faith, it will grow and deepen provided we are more Christ-like in our daily living.

Like St. Thomas, we are a mixture of belief and unbelief. We have faith in our hearts and doubts in our minds. Our response to the Resurrection is to trust. God will take care of us. We do not fear but rejoice.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Jesus, the Crucified One, is risen! He stands in the midst of those who mourned him, locked behind closed doors and full of fear and anguish. He comes to them and says: "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19). He shows the wounds in his hands and feet, and the wound in his side. He is no ghost; it is truly Jesus, the same Jesus who died on the cross and was laid in the tomb. Before the incredulous eyes of the disciples, he repeats: "Peace be with you!" (v. 21).

- Pope Francis, Easter 2022

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Joe Humenyk, John Nother,
Bob Dzioba***



Family Prayer

This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Mendes, Milton, Monteiro,
Montgomery, Munday, Needham***

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APRIL 27, 2025

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (April 28 – May 4)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Maria Da Costa	Da Costa Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	His Holiness Pope Francis	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Suzanne Blanchet Haffey
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Siena Ancker	Raats Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Angela laizzo	Luke Kosir
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	Katarzyna and Jacek Leja
11:00 a.m.	Tadeusz Knapczyk	



Sat. May 3 5 p.m.
Lector Chris
Ex. Minister Nancy

Sun. May 4 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
Lector Kazi Cheryl
Ex. Minister Ann Lar

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
Tues.
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:

CWL: Christie deSouza: 519-400-6012 cwl@lartist.com

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

LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE: ST JEROME'S UNIVERSITY St. Jerome's University, Waterloo hosts a series of public lectures each year on a variety of important and prevalent topics within Catholic life. On **Thursday, May 15**, Father Greg Boyle, SJ will be speaking on the power of love through his experiences of ministry at "Homeboy Industries". For more information on the Lectures in Catholic Experience and to explore recordings of previous lectures, you are invited to explore the St. Jerome's Website: <https://www.sju.ca/LC>

HEARTACHE TO HEALING - GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH, WATERLOO

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. **A monthly informal drop-in support** is available at the parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. **St. Michael's** is also offering a **more detailed 6 week program, When Life Changes (Part 1)**, which will run on Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from - May 14 - June 18 2025. Registration is required by early May for this program by contacting our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca.

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