

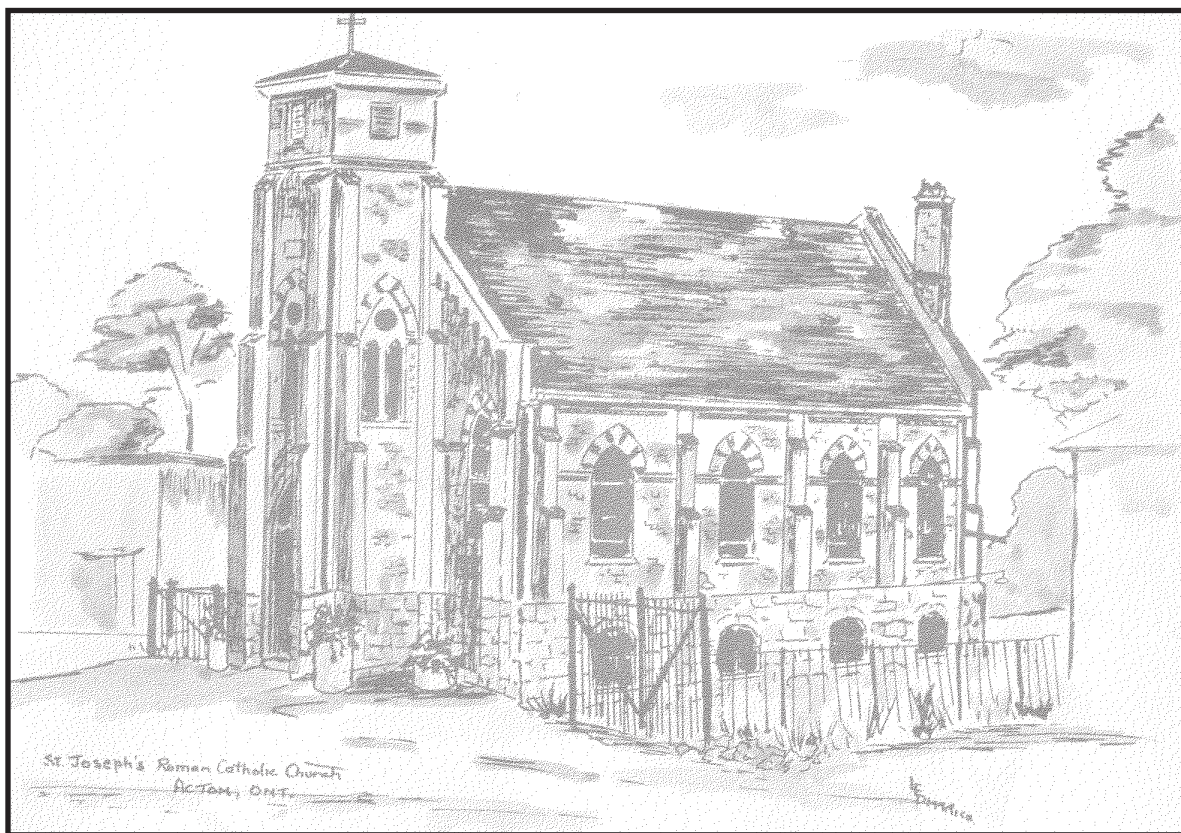
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

Recently my friend Father Steve Lape called me, and we were talking about religious movies. In all the parishes which he has been assigned to, Father Lape has always had a program once a month called Faith and Film night. Each month he shows a film followed by the audience engaging in a discussion about the faith aspects of the film. These nights have been well received in all his parishes, and they truly bring people together.

He was telling me that for the last two months he has shown the 1977 television production of Jesus of Nazareth which starred Robert Powell as Jesus. I remember watching it with my parents and my grandmother at her place in London. It made a strong impression on me, and I watched it again when it was broadcast again a couple of years later. It was divided into four parts, so it is quite long, but still a powerful interpretation of the Life of Christ. Father Lape mentioned that it is his favourite film on the Life of Christ.

As I mentioned earlier, I have not seen this film in over 40 years, but I made a point to look it up on YouTube and view some scenes of the film. I deliberately watched the scene depicting our Gospel passage for this Fifth Sunday of Lent. In the film the role of the woman caught in adultery was played by Claudia Cardinale, an Italian actress. The scene played out, is powerful in its depiction of the terror the woman in the Gospel was experiencing. In the scene, Christ is portrayed writing on the ground and basically not appearing to show any interest in the woman's plight. He of course challenges the mob to cast the first stone if they have not sinned. Obviously, the crowd disperses one by one, and Robert Powell is left alone with Claudia Cardinale. He tells her to sin no more and to go on her way, which she does. Very powerful in its interpretation of the Gospel passage, the film still holds up well to this very day.

I have always wondered, and was wondering again after watching the scene, what Jesus wrote on the ground? Many scholars have speculated that it was probably nothing. Some have thought that Jesus was so furious with the crowd and their actions that he was basically counting to ten while drawing. It was not what He wrote that silenced the crowd, it was how He did it.

Jesus made the crowd face itself. We must face ourselves as well. It is a national sport to judge and criticize those in the public eye and in everyday occurrences with family and others, however; we are called to be followers and imitators of Christ. We are all in sales. We must sell and promote the Christian way of life especially with Easter approaching.

If you are able to watch Jesus of Nazareth with Easter near, I encourage you to do so. It can bring forward numerous questions about the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy."

- Thomas Merton

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:

**Joe Humenyk, Stephanie Lampkin,
Bob Dzioba**

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 ending in Holy Week on April 16th.



Family Prayer

This week we pray especially for the following families:

**Masse, Mastracci, McCabe,
McDonald, McGilloway, McLean**

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.

APRIL 6, 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 (April 7 – April 13)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Rena Arbic</i>	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Janina Cymek	Kazi and Zorika
Thurs. 9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Anne Marie Vrscaj
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Carol Paisley	Chris and Paul Hansen
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	Tadeusz Knapczyk	Katarzyna and Jacek Leja



Sat. April 12	5 p.m.	
Lector/Narrator	Lilli, Maria	
Ex. Minister	Chris	
Sun. April 13	9 a.m.	11 a.m.
Lector/Narrator	Ann, Catherine	Gita, Lizzie
Ex. Minister	Jay	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

Celebration for Rena Arbic's birthday. The CWL is hosting a small celebration of Rena's 100th Birthday. Please join us after Mass on Tuesday April 8 to greet Rena, offer best wishes, and share some cake.



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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