

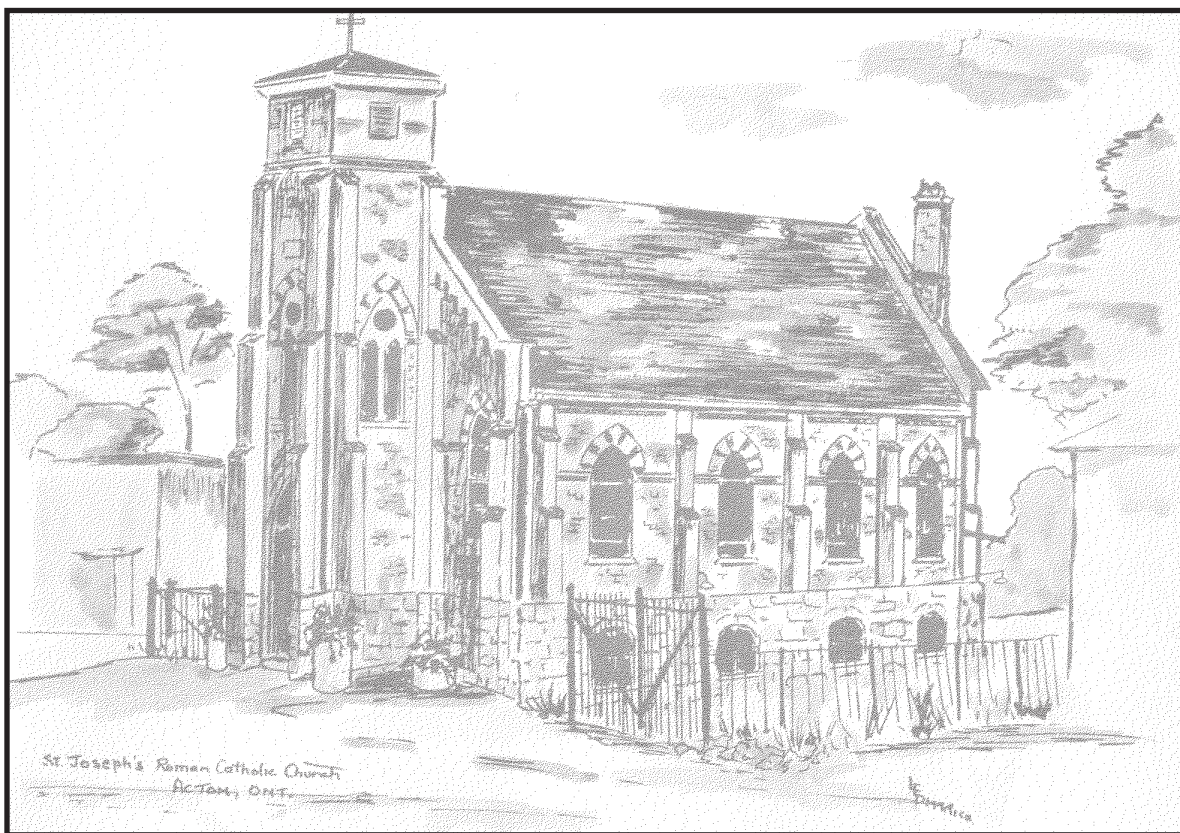
St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

Christ the King 905-702-8838

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:

A movie which my parents had always told me about when I was young was "The Keys to the Kingdom" which was made in 1944 and starred Gregory Peck. I never saw it listed on TV as I was growing up and I was intrigued in viewing it. About two weeks before my ordination as a priest in 1995, I was at the Eaton's store in downtown Toronto when I came upon a VHS copy of the film. I purchased it and decided to watch it back at St. Augustine's Seminary the next evening. I was able to borrow the VCR in the seminary TV common room and watched the movie with two other seminarians. I found the movie enjoyable to watch, although somewhat dated. The film deals with a young missionary priest (Peck) and his struggles in China. Much of the movie is filmed in flashback and is narrated by him as an elderly priest. Still the film is inspiring and one I would encourage anyone to watch.

We have this week in our Gospel the image of the Keys to the Kingdom where it originated from. Jesus offers this symbol to Peter to lead the early Church. St. Peter would be the last person that many of us would have chosen to bear this responsibility, he did not even impress his contemporaries. By human reasoning he was a disastrous choice and should never have been appointed. You could hardly describe him as a stable person because at times he was brave while on other occasions he displayed complete cowardice.

Nevertheless, in our Gospel, Jesus, while on the road to Caesarea Philippi, appointed him as the leader of the Church. Christ had confidence in Peter and was able to release a great power within him and entrust him with a mission which was critical for the continuation of the Church. This is a very human aspect of Peter's life to which we can easily relate. His weakness and moments of betrayal are echoed in our own lives. We can learn from Peter whose deep-seated trust in the person of Christ more than compensated for any failure as will a similar trust on our part.

"The Keys to the Kingdom" may be an enjoyable old movie, but the symbol and image of the term is still important for us today in our relationship with Christ and His Church. We need to always be mindful of the example of St. Peter in our own faith lives. An example of a man who had his struggles but was still able to trust in God.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God."

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:

Anna and Stan Lis, Fran Walters, Kevin Hazzard, Danielle Little, Mary and Joe Humenyk, Ian Munday



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

Week of Aug 23 – Aug 30:

Tracewicz, Turchiaro, Umbrello, van Asseldonk, Verzosa, Victoria

Week of Aug 31 – Sept 6:

Vidler, Vlasic, Vrbanc, Weglicki, Winstone-Marsalik

From the Office: There have been changes made to automated banking systems which mean all cheques to our Parish must be made payable to:

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There can be **no other words added and no words omitted** on the payee line. This matters for us and the local branch as well because all cheques deviating from this must be returned. We are sorry for the inconvenience to our Parishioners.

AUGUST 23 & 30, 2026

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Aug 24 – Aug 30)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV</i>	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Karol and Darice Kwiatkowski</i>	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	World Peace	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Delores Dinn-Doucette	Doucette Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Wilfred Duval	His Children
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Aug 31 – Sept 6)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Raymond Arbic	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Bishop Dobrowski</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	World Peace	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Sophia Podsada	Podsada Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Jan Spicewicz	Kazi and Zorika
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Aug 29	5 p.m.	
Lector	Patricia	
Ex. Minister	Chris	
Sun. Aug 30	9 a.m.	11 a.m.
Lector	Kazi	Lar
Ex. Minister	Ann	Lorin
Sat. Sept 5	5 p.m.	
Lector	Kathleen	
Ex. Minister	Chris	
Sun. Sept 6	9 a.m.	11 a.m.
Lector	Penny	Cheryl
Ex. Minister	Kazi	Lar

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.

Bulletins are available online at:

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



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

The Acton Fall Fair takes place from Friday Sept. 18th till Sunday Sept. 20th. Volunteers are needed to help with parking and admissions. If you are interested in helping please leave your name and contact information on the sheet at the back of the church. For further information please contact the Grand Knight, Ian Nolan or CWL member Catherine Hannah, (stoneyacres97@gmail.com)

Summer Bulletin Schedule: Please note the bulletin will not be published each week throughout the summer. The next bulletin will be published for the weekend of September 6.



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