

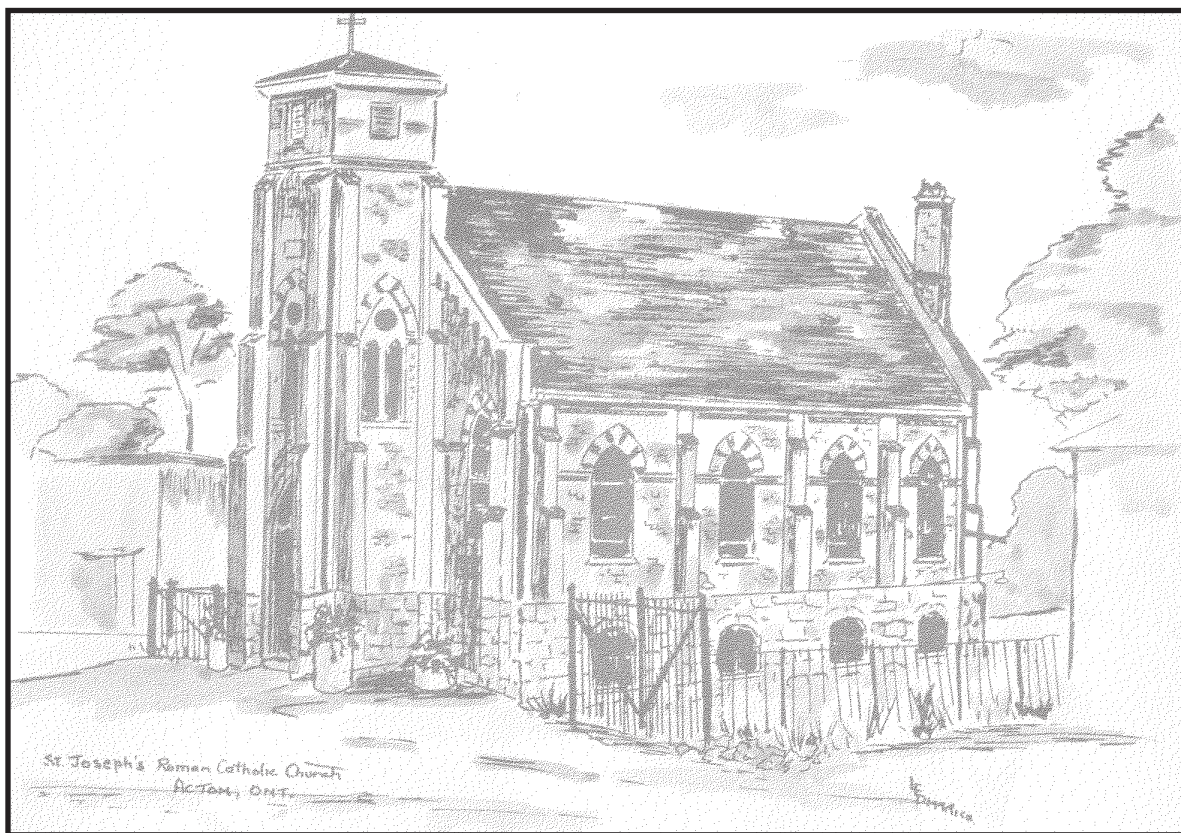
St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

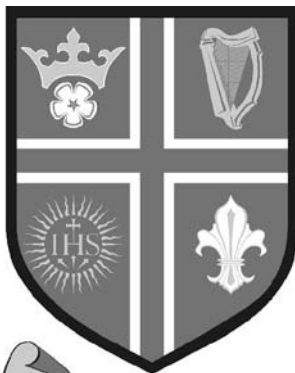
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

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:

During the summer we often hear of the importance of water. During the heatwave we had last month we were reminded of the need to stay hydrated. We need to water our plants and vegetables because there was a lack of rain this past month, while back in June we experienced the wettest June since 1966! This is also a time of the year many of us wish to be around water, lakes, pools, etc. to enjoy and to cool off.

Yes, water provides many things which are positive to us. However, water can also be destructive and even frightening in nature. In the Old Testament there are numerous examples of how water caused chaos as in Genesis "in the beginning, the waters covered the earth," and they were violent. They represented the chaos that God overcame when He created the dry land. Later, however, and in anger, God almost completely destroyed creation in a flood. God also used water to slay the Egyptians who pursued His people.

In the New Testament, we read of St. Paul using water as a symbol of death when he speaks of Baptism as going down into "the waters of death." Coming out of the water, then, becomes a symbol of the Resurrection.

In today's Gospel we find the Apostles in the evening in a boat on Lake Gennesaret. Because of the geography of the land there, huge windstorms could develop without warning. For the Apostles, water still represented a place where demons and evil gods lived. To be caught after nightfall in a boat in a windstorm would have been frightening. They surely thought they might die that very night.

In these waters, Matthew calls us to see once again, the chaos that existed in the beginning. It is over these waters that Jesus walks, and it is over these waters, by the power of Jesus, that Peter himself could walk if only for a moment. The boat, often seen as a symbol of the Church, was a safe haven once Jesus entered it. Today we learn much about the power and role of Jesus Christ within the chaos of our own lives.

This Gospel story can be very revealing to many of us. One may have faith, but despite one's faith, lose focus in their life. People can see storms around them, the suffering, the bad news, the hardships, and begin to sink. Often one asks, "Why is

God doing this to me?" or "Why is God letting this happen?"

We must see that God is still with us in these moments. He's the figure walking on the water who says, "Come." He's the figure who can give us power over storms and chaos. However, to allow this power to be exercised requires us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. As long as we do, we defeat chaos. When we begin to see more chaos than Jesus, we can sink. But even then, Jesus is there with an outstretched hand to guide us.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Farmers everywhere provide bread for all humanity, but it is Christ alone who is the bread of life...Even if all the physical hunger of the world were satisfied, even if everyone who is hungry were fed by his or her own labor or by the generosity of others, the deepest hunger of man would still exist...Therefore, I say, Come, all of you, to Christ. He is the bread of life. Come to Christ and you will never be hungry again.

St. John Paul II

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:

***Avelinda Toledo, Cecilia Tracey,
Marg Davey, Adrian Landry,
Ronald Parker, Karin Brozic***



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

Week of Aug 10 – Aug 16:

***Spencer, Spinotti, Stade,
Stewart, Storelli, Swain***

Week of Aug 17 – Aug 23:

***Tanney, Taradan, Taylor,
Toledo, Topan, Torres***

Please note: Father Mark will be away from August 10 to August 20. We welcome Father Ian Duffy who will preside over Masses August 15 and 16. There will be no weekday Masses while Father is away.

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

St. Joseph Patron of Canada

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 9 & 16, 2026

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Aug 10 – Aug 16)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. No Mass		
Wed. No Mass		
Thurs. No Mass		
Fri. No Mass		
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Robert Nesbitt	Querques Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Katrine and Frank Kwiatkowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (Aug 17 – Aug 23)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. No Mass		
Wed. No Mass		
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	World Peace	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Raymond Arbic	Luisetto Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Monica and Andrew Ruminski</i>	
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. Aug 15	5 p.m.	
Lector	Kathleen	
Ex. Minister	Patricia	
Sun. Aug 16	9 a.m.	11 a.m.
Lector	Ann	Gita
Ex. Minister	Penny	Lar
Sat. Aug 22	5 p.m.	
Lector	Chris	
Ex. Minister	Nancy	
Sun. Aug 23	9 a.m.	11 a.m.
Lector	Penny	Lizzie
Ex. Minister	Kazi	Aaron

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 August 23.



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