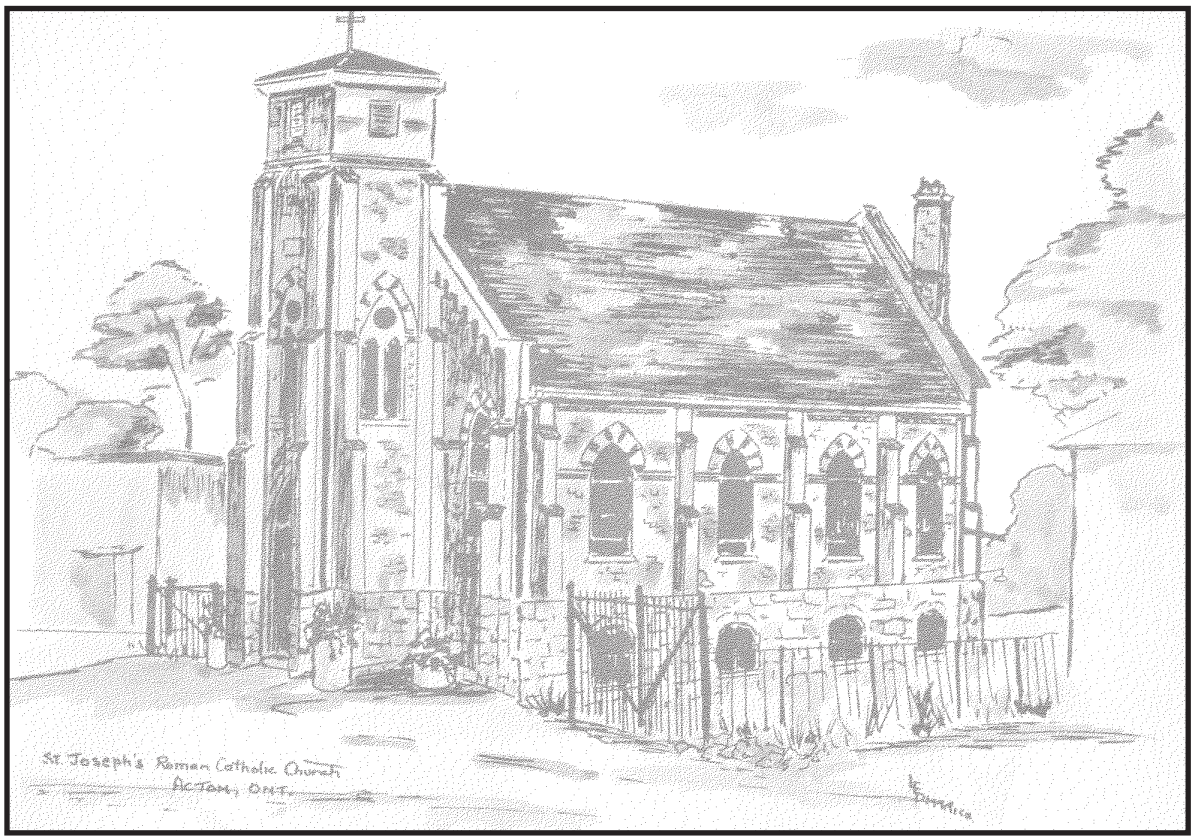
St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

64 Church St. E., Acton, ON
Office
39 John St. S. Acton, ON, L7J 2A8 Tel: 519-853-0784 Fax: 519-853-5941
e-mail: stjoseph.church@bellnet.ca



Fr. Mark Sullivan, Pastor
Janet Raats, Office Administrator
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

FIAT VOLUNTAS TUA

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:

Last week we welcomed our new Ordinary Bishop Joseph Dabrowski through his installation held at the Cathedral in Hamilton.

This past weekend, my friend Father Steve Lape phoned me to wish me a Happy Birthday. During our conversation he mentioned that his diocese of Rochester will be installing their new Bishop on March 19, which of course we know as being the Feast of St. Joseph.

The new Bishop is Bishop John Bonnici from New York City. I was able to find on YouTube a press conference which Bishop Bonnici had with the local media in Rochester. He mentioned that he has visited Rochester a lot over the years because he has a large number of relatives in Toronto!

What also struck me as well are four words he spoke about which are important for a Bishop to live by. He called them the four 'L's'. They are: listen, learn, and to love, so that one can live with Jesus. These words can be seen throughout the readings for this Sunday.

Two weeks ago, as we began to read from the sermon on the Mount, we were introduced to the Beatitudes from which we can learn to live proper ways of Christian living. Last week, Jesus told us that we are "Salt and Light" of the world. This mindset allows us to share with others the belief that we are called to bring Christ into the world through our words and actions.

This week, many scholars feel that we have come to the most important part of the Sermon of the Mount. Through His words, Christ is teaching us that we need to go beyond the mere 'letter' of the law in our lives. To be just good is not good enough! We are called to be holy, for our holiness comes from God, which allows us to live closer to Him and to His Son.

Jesus is telling us in our Gospel that getting by within the letter of the law is not what He has in mind for His followers, and spells out clearly what He expects of all those who profess to believe in Him. He does not lay down rules and regulations for every situation in life, but He asks us to keep a check on our inner attitudes or our motivations.

Jesus gives the Commandments a deeper meaning through His words. He is saying that they are to be written into our hearts and into the innermost part of who we are. The Commandments are a blessing from God and a sign of His care for us. If our goal is merely to avoid breaking them, then we are not striving for any measure of perfection but simply fulfilling the basic minimum required for salvation.

As we enter Lent this upcoming Wednesday, we are given the opportunity to listen to God, so that we can learn of His love for us. Basically, we are either choosing to follow God, or we are not. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to choose which is right.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

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

- Thomas Merton

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

Bob Dzioba, Mary and Joe Humenyk, John Nother

This week we pray especially for the following families of our parish:

Weglicki, Winstone, Agnes, Aitken, Alac, and Albano

Important: Salt Shortage There is currently a severe National salt shortage with reserves going to municipalities. We will be having to revert to a salt/sand mixture which will not completely melt ice but provide traction. Please be cautious and aware of changing conditions in the parking lot.

Bulletins are available online at:

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

DAY & TIME		MASS INTENTIONS (February 16 – February 22)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue.	7:00 p.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Ash Wednesday	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
Thurs.	7:00 p.m	*Intentions of* Janet Raats	Janine Milton
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Maria Albano	Schiafone Family
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Daniel Earl Haffey	Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey
Sun.	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo Living and Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus 8050	 Knights of Columbus

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**

MEETINGS

Tues.	7:30 p.m.	K of C General
Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Acton Sharing

Liturgical Roles

Sat. Feb 21	**5 p.m.**	
Lector	Kathleen	
Ex. Minister	Patricia	
Sun. Feb 22	**9 a.m.**	**11 a.m.**
Lector	Catherine	Cheryl
Ex. Minister	Jay	Lar

Winter Weather Conditions:

During inclement weather, we remind Parishioners to be cautious when coming to Mass and be prepared to stay home if conditions are treacherous. We wish all our Parishioners to be safe both on the roads and on the sidewalks this Winter.

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.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #176 We are constantly teaching our kids by what we choose to make a priority. We encourage schoolwork to be done well, engage in extra-curricular activities for fun and development, pray and attend Mass so faith stays at the forefront of our family values. We are however, also teaching our children when we are not trying to teach them. In those moments we are silently saying, you matter and I love being with you, that family time to relax is vital to good mental health and that undertaking chores together connects us as a family. So, enjoy the non-teaching times because they matter more than you might think! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

2025 Envelopes are available in the hall. Tax receipts are at the back of the church.

Lenten Lunches

Please join us each Wednesday during Lent for prayer and lunch at Trinity United Church at 12 noon. A prayer service is led by a different Christian Church in town each week and is followed by soup and sandwiches (free will donation). It is a great time of fellowship and sharing!

CWL Members and Ladies of the Parish:

CWL annual membership fees of **$40.00** are now due. Please put in an envelope marked for the CWL including your name, phone number, email address (if applicable), and home address, and put it in the weekly collection. **Cheques should be payable to the CWL**. If any women in the Parish would like to join our group, you are more than welcome! Just do the same as above and we will contact you to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph's Council #8050
Ian Nolan, Grand Knight
Decio Ramalho
647-453-1801

Footprints
Physiotherapy Clinic
10 Eastern Ave.
519-853-1800
FootprintsPhysiotherapy.ca

YOURWAY Auto Repair Ltd.
262 Main St. N
All makes & models
www.yourwayauto.ca
519-853-0900

we create
SMILES

Dr. Jones Chan
10 Eastern Ave, Suite 104
519-853-1900
Separate Entrance, located outside Acton Medical Clinic

Mountainview Residence of Georgetown
Multi level lifestyles staffed & ready to provide services that fulfill your intellectual, social & physical needs. Private suites & homestyle meals round out our motto "Family Caring, Caring for Life"
For suite & service information
905-877-1800
www.mountainviewresidence.com

Holy Redeemer Catholic Cemetery
12337 17th Side Road, Georgetown
905-877-8500
www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca
THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
of the Diocese of Hamilton

OUR COMMITMENT TO LOWER PRICES IS BANANAS.

Luciano & Sarah's No Frills NOFRILLS

THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!

TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 1-800-268-2637

Catholic Women's League
of St. Joseph's invites the ladies of the Parish to our regular meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Desjardins Insurance

Richard Demille, Agent
905-257-0111
RichardDemille.com
rich@richarddemille.com
AUTO • HOME • LIFE • BUSINESS

MacKinnon
Family Funeral Home Ltd.

Sharon McIsaac
Location Manager
55 Mill St. E., Acton
519-853-0350
MacKinnonFamilyFuneralHome.com

IT'S WISE to ADVERTISE!

P & H Milling Group
A division of Parrish & Heimbecker, Ltd.
Milling Quality Flour In Acton
Since 1830
45 Church St. W. 519-853-2850

ACTON HEAD-2-TOE HEALTHCARE
Massage • Foot Care
Custom Orthotics
Orthopedic Shoes
Deanna Wilson B.Sc., D.Ch.
Chiropodist/Foot Specialist
Naomi Bedell RMT
Registered Massage Therapist
65 Mill St. E.
519-853-8557
www.ActonHead2Toe.com

AMPed HEARING CENTRES
HEARING AIDS
Mobile Services
We come to you!
1-833-350-1165
or 647-350-1165
www.PlimmerHearing.com