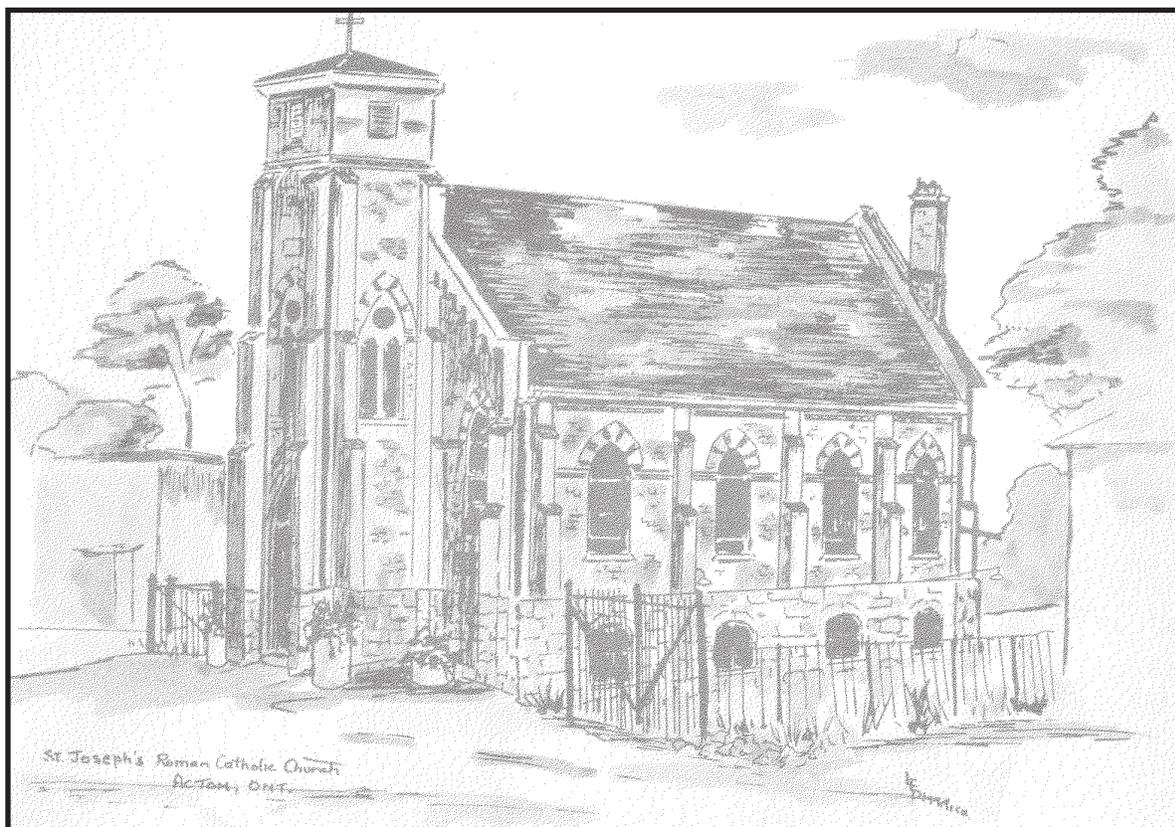


# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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.

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

It is hard to believe that we have started the Holy Season of Lent this past with beginning with Ash Wednesday.

Every First Sunday of Lent we read of Jesus being led into the desert by Satan to be tempted. When we think of a 'temptation' we think of the urge to do something we shouldn't do. Sometimes the temptation comes from within, sometimes it comes from another. With the mindset of Scripture, every temptation should really be called a test. It is a test of our loyalty to God. Also, it is a test of our character.

Clearly Adam's loyalty to God was being tested in the First Reading this Sunday. As was Jesus being tested in our Gospel. In both cases, 'the Tempter' is not so much interested in getting either Adam or Jesus to do something wrong, rather, the Tempter is trying to find out if each would be loyal. Adam failed his test. Jesus did not fail His test.

Every person must discover their true character, and to do so we must put ourselves to the test. Jesus did this by going into the desert. Free of all distractions He went to face Himself. Lent is our opportunity to do the same.

Adam was told not to eat of the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil." This does not mean that God wanted us to be simple creatures. In the Scriptures knowledge is not just the stuff of the intellect. 'Knowledge in Scripture often implies having an intimate relationship with someone. Often people think that intimacy means sex and there are many jokes which imply this, however, intimacy means to really 'know' someone and to be close enough to them to understand them.

God created us to have an intimate relationship with Him. When Genesis tells us that Adam ate of the tree, in part what we are being told is that Adam was looking for some autonomy, some ability to live without dependence on God.

Jesus' temptation was different. Where Adam failed, Jesus did not. Jesus' choice was to love His Father more than His own life. His choice, His act of love, serves as an example that we can love God too.

Lent is a time for us to go into our deserts and to test ourselves. We can use the tests of Lent: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. To fast is not only to give up food, but also to put aside these things that distract us from God. Lent should involve much more prayer than normal for us. In intense prayer we become more aware

of who God is, and who we are, and of who we are not. Almsgiving is to practice justice. It is one thing to fast, to deny ourselves something. It is quite another to give that thing to the poor. When we fast from food, will someone else be able to eat?

Lent is a time for a new life in Christ. By joining Jesus in the desert of our heart, we focus our attention upon the things which really matter in life. In facing our temptations and defeating them, we will learn that choosing to be loyal to God is very possible.

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One."

Pope Benedict XVI

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Gerry Kupferschmidt,  
Mary Palmateer, Geralda Savoie***



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

***Albert, Amaral, Anastacio,  
Arbic, Arruda, Aitken***

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**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

***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.***

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### 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.

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**HOLY WEEK**

**Holy Thursday** April 2 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration until 10:00 p.m.  
**Good Friday** April 3 11:00 a.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion  
 3:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion  
**Holy Saturday** April 4 12:00 p.m. Blessing of food baskets **in the Church**  
 8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass**  
**Easter Sunday** April 5 **Easter Masses 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (February 23- March 1)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Maria and Giuseppe Querques	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Jeremy Smith	Socha Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Frances Hutchison	Raats Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Arlene Coultrup</i>	Howard Coultrup
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



**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](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)  
 K of C: Ian Nolan: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**MEETINGS**

Tues. 7:30 p.m. CWL Executive  
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing



**Sat. Feb 28 5 p.m.**  
 Lector Chris  
 Ex. Minister Patricia  
**Sun. Mar 1 9 a.m. 11 a.m.**  
 Lector Ann Gita  
 Ex. Minister Kazi Aaron

**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.

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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!





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