

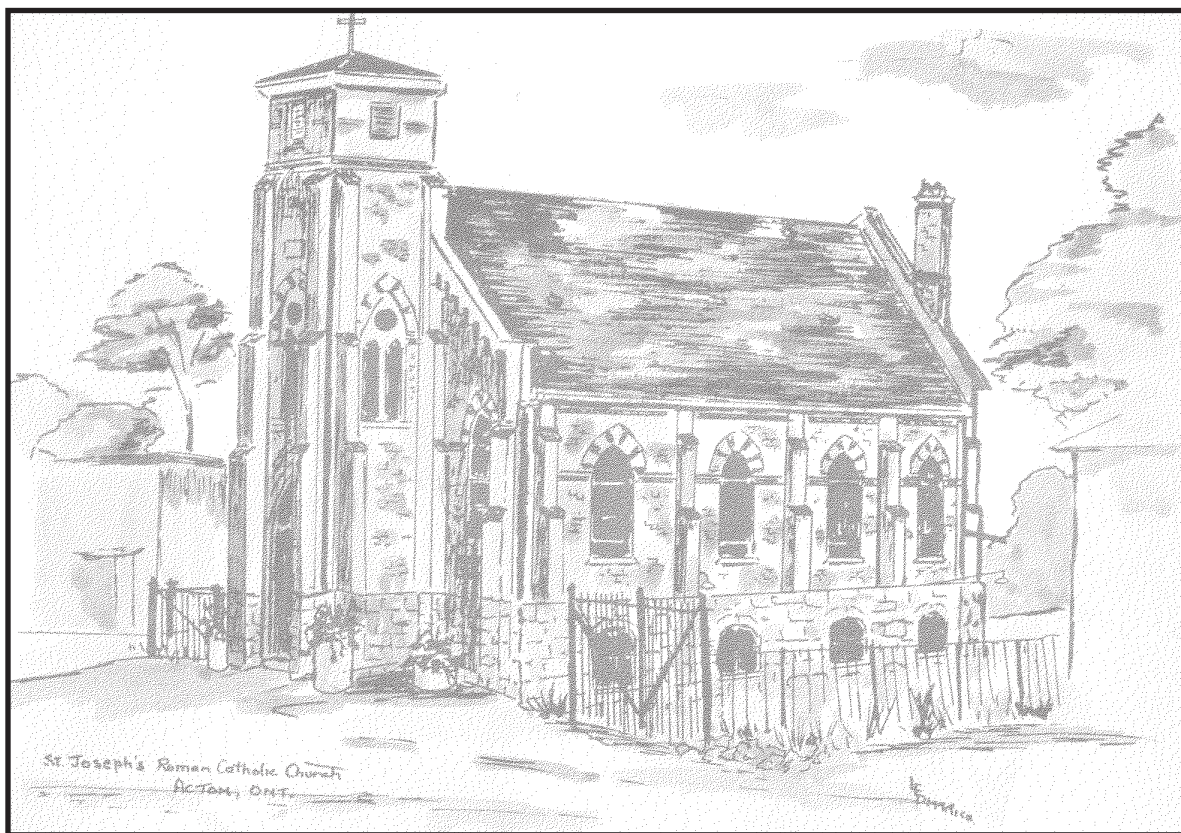
St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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

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:

Since my arrival here at St. Joseph's Parish, I have had the opportunities to drive around the area and enjoy the countryside. I have gained a stronger admiration for those who tend and work the land. There is hard work and sacrifice which goes into planting and growing plants and food. We should always be grateful for those who work the land.

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus paints a very familiar image from everyday agricultural life throughout the world. It's the story of a farmer who goes out to sow seed in the rich soil of his field but unfortunately some seed accidentally falls on rocky ground and among thorny brush and fails to take root. Seed needs soil and showers for growth. It needs protection from birds, wind, and frost, until it takes root and shoots forth to produce plants, flowers, etc. The harvest will depend on the quality of the soil and the care and attention the seeds receive. It was that way in the time of Christ and the way in our time as well.

Matthew's use of Jesus' parable about the Sower and the Seed was Matthew's response to criticism within his own Christian community that he wrote to. Matthew's community had witnessed the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D. In the resulting chaos, Judaism underwent many profound changes. Many people escaped the area, while others questioned their existence as a people and as a community. The early Jewish-Christians were challenged to stay faithful in the face of persecution. They could not understand how not all people were willing to become Christian.

These early Christians were asking "Could I be the one who is wrong?" In other words, they were having serious self-doubt about their faith and community. They had been taught that God's Word was always effective, but they were witnessing that it was not in many ways. Families were splitting over faith in Jesus. Why was this?

Matthew's response to these struggles was to show to his community and to us as well, the mixed character of the Christian community. In so doing we need to see that all of us can struggle in living out our faith in Christ. All of us have heard the Word of God and have partaken in the Eucharist but we still have our challenges to overcome regarding sin.

We must understand that the Word of God has an immense and mysterious power to change us. The hard thorny patch that our lives may be currently experiencing, could be Christ's was of calling us to a deeper union with Him. Reaping the rich harvest of God's goodness depends on our openness to receive His Word.

God's Word is all around us. If we begin to perceive God's Word as being active in our lives, and it always is, we will see a perception that changes us.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us."
- C.S. Lewis

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week and next please pray especially for:

**Colleen Decarlis, Lisa Fuller, Pat O'Meara,
Pat Haffey, Madeline Ainsworth,
Helen Stroz**



We pray especially for the following families of our parish:

Week of July 13– July 19:

**Previte, Quackenbush, Querques,
Raats, Ramalho, Rea**

Week of July 20 – July 26:

**Reinhardt, Richardson, Ryan,
Saftic, Sammit, Samson**

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.

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (July 13 – Jul 19)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Raymond Arbic	Mary Smith
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Bishop Ustrycki</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>World Peace</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus 8050	Knights of Columbus
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Raymond Arbic	Hannah Family
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (July 20 – Jul 26)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Bishop Crosby</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Pope Leo</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>World Peace</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Jim and Jackie Kosir</i>	Kosir Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Frances Hutchison	Hutchison and Raats Families
Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Sat. July 18 5 p.m.
 Lector Patricia
 Ex. Minister Nancy

Sun. July 19 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Ann Gita
 Ex. Minister Kazi Aaron

Sat. July 25 5 p.m.
 Lector Kathleen
 Ex. Minister Chris

Sun. July 26 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Penny Lizzie
 Ex. Minister Ann Lorin

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

There is still time to participate in Michael House's **Baby Bottle Campaign!** Every bottle returned helps provide hope, shelter, and support to vulnerable mothers and their children. Thank you for making a difference, one bottle at a time.

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 July 12.



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