

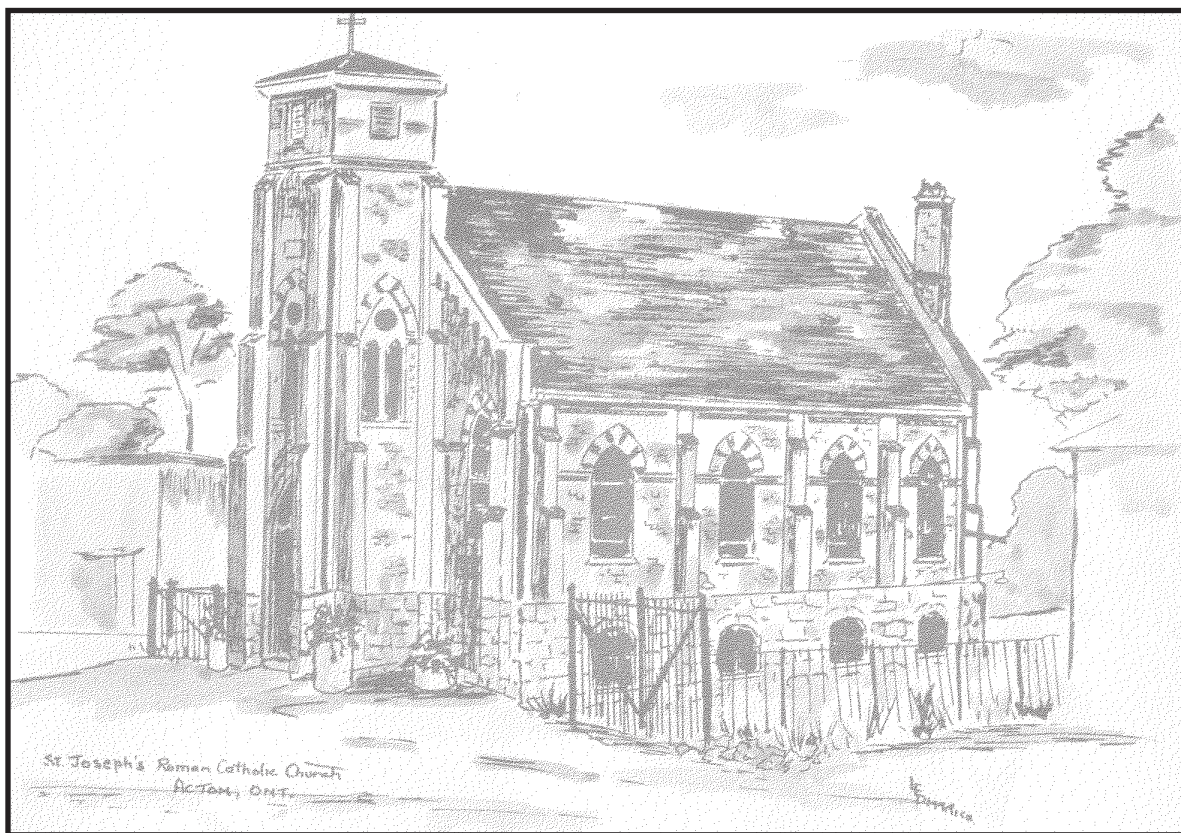
# St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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:

**T**his Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. There is confusion on this Solemnity for many people.

Some people were raised with the belief that this Solemnity was celebrated on the Thursday before this Sunday, hence, it was known as "Ascension Thursday". Some dioceses, especially in the United States, still celebrate it on the Thursday. In Canada, it was moved to the Sunday many years ago.

If one were to celebrate the Ascension on the Thursday, they would recognize that it is exactly 40 days since Easter. Many will believe that this is still the proper way to celebrate this Solemnity.

The Thursday before this Sunday, in itself, has no particular significance. As I mentioned earlier, it is exactly 40 days since Easter. In the passage from Acts today, Luke tells us that Jesus continued to appear to the disciples for 40 days, however, Luke never intended to imply that Jesus remained for this specific amount of time following His resurrection. The Scriptures rely heavily on symbols to make a point, and the number 40 has its own meaning.

The number 40 is used to represent a considerable amount of time when knowing the exact amount of time is unimportant. The number 40 was also used to represent an amount of time that was long enough in which to accomplish a specific task, to see the task through to its completion.

One may notice that the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are in a disagreement with each other over the time between the Resurrection and the Ascension, even though both books were written by Luke at the same time.

In the Gospel, Jesus rises from the dead, appears to the disciples, and ascends to the Father, all on the same day, but in Acts, there are 40 days between the Resurrection and the Ascension. Luke's readers had strayed from the point of the Resurrection and the Ascension, and he had to redirect them.

Luke is telling two stories. In the Gospel, the story is of Jesus Christ. In Acts, the story is of the formation of the Christian community, the Church. Both versions are told to help the community understand the transition from the life of

Jesus to the life of the Church. Both stories are told to emphasize Jesus' ongoing presence.

Luke is also telling us about the dawn of the Kingdom of God. Many early believers in the Church thought that after Jesus' resurrection, He would come again very shortly afterwards in power and glory. Luke's community was very caught up in the timetable of this return. Luke had to help his readers finally grasp that God's Kingdom was not earthly. The exact time of Jesus' return to us is unimportant. What is important is that we are still in a time of transition. Jesus has us working for the Kingdom, and He has sent the Spirit to aid us in the mission which we have been given. The return will occur when it occurs. What is important is that we prepare for it.

As we come closer to the end of this Easter Season, we must remember that the '40 days' are not important. What is important is that Jesus is still with us.

*Fr. Mark*

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Christ is already in that place of peace, which is all in all. He is on the right hand of God. He is hidden in the brightness of the radiance which issues from the everlasting throne. He is in the very abyss of peace, where there is no voice of tumult or distress, but a deep stillness--stillness, that greatest and most awful of all goods which we can fancy; that most perfect of joys, the utter profound, ineffable tranquillity of the Divine Essence. He has entered into His rest. That is our home; here we are on a pilgrimage, and Christ calls us to His many mansions which He has prepared."

- St. John Henry Cardinal Newman

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Marg Davey, Adrian Landry,  
Ronald Parker***



**Family Prayer**

This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Nevins, Sammit, Samson,  
Savoie, Scott, Sekiw***

**Bulletins** are available online at:

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

JUNE 1, 2025

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (June 2 – June 8)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	<b>No Mass</b>	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Giuseppe and Marie Querques	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Paul Hutchison	Janet Raats
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Maria Albano	Geraldine Eichstedt
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo Helen Fowler	Geralda Savoie



**Sat. June 7 5 p.m.**  
Lector Patricia  
Ex. Minister Nancy

**Sun. June 8 9 a.m. 11 a.m.**  
Lector Catherine Cheryl  
Ex. Minister Kazi Marcus

### MEETINGS

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



### 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)

**PLEASE NOTE: Father Mark will be away from the Parish through June 4. There will be no weekday Masses while he is away. We once again welcome Father Carlos who celebrates with us this weekend.**

### From the CWL: Michael House Bottle Drive

Once again, the CWL is fundraising for Michael House, a place for young mothers in need in Guelph. Please collect change, bills, cheques in the bottle and return it on Father's Day (June 15). More information can be found on the poster on the doors at the back of the church.

### AFLO 2025 Conference – June 21st in Guelph

Join Alliance for Life Ontario for a powerful full-day conference on "Loving the Neighbour Society Spurns" at the Basilica of Our Lady, Guelph. Featuring expert speakers on abortion, euthanasia, and law.

**Saturday, June 21 | \$75 Adults | \$45 Students**

info and registration:

**[www.allianceforlifeontario.ca/2025-conference](http://www.allianceforlifeontario.ca/2025-conference)**

### STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION?

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry and in need of support? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

Reminder: We have a subscription to Formed where all sorts of videos and materials are available to our Parishioners. Go to **formed.org**, make a sign in id for yourself and find St Joseph Patron of Canada Parish in the list of Parishes. There are so many interesting resources and activities for children and adults. Beginning June 1 Lives of the Saints are featured.







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each month at 7:30 pm.

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