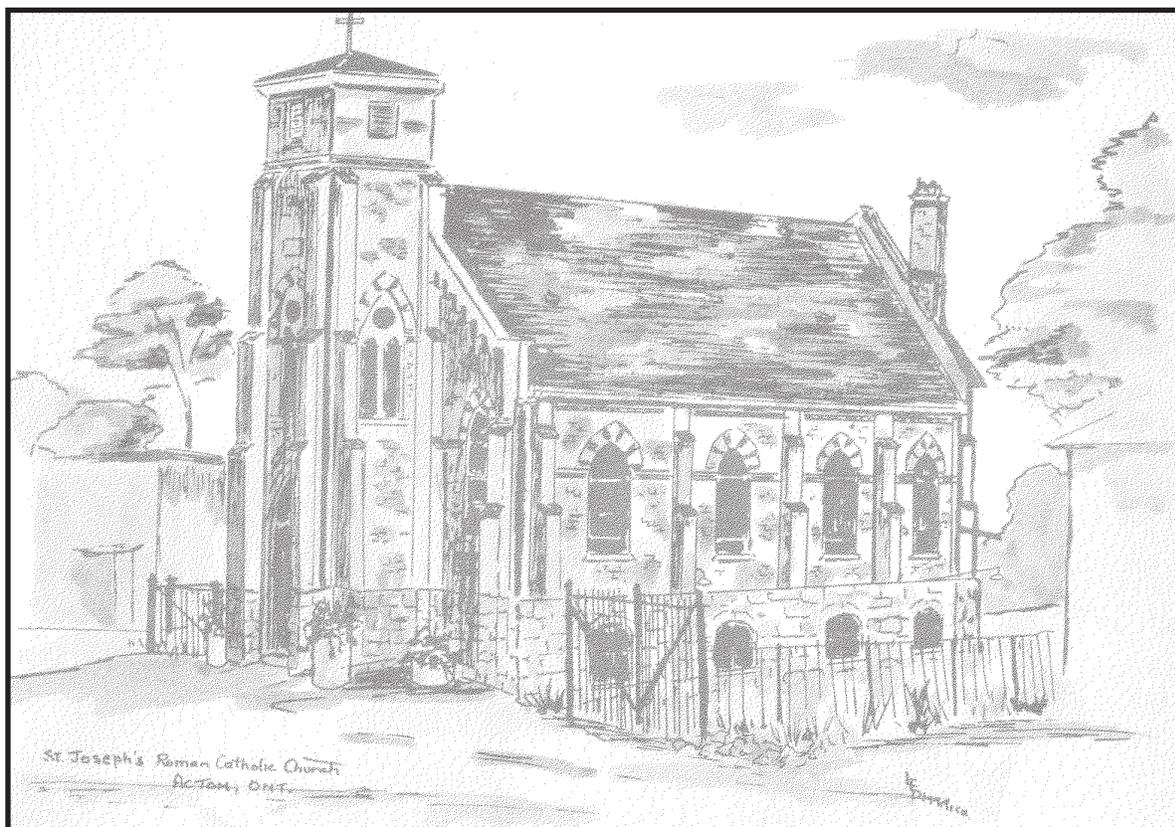


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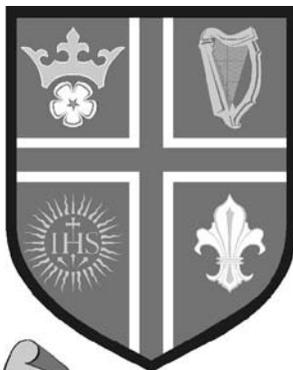
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League
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BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

MARRIAGES:

By arrangement one year in advance.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment.

SCHOOLS:

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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:

When I started at Saint Augustine's Seminary in 1989, I was one of the youngest seminarians at that time. Even though I was 26 years old, I can recall someone on the faculty stating that the seminarians are getting younger every year!

What caught my attention was how old some of my fellow seminarians were and how they had more life experiences than I had at 26 years old. A couple had worked in Catholic education as teachers and superintendents. One gentleman had worked for many years as an employee at CBC Television. Another seminarian had worked on Bay Street in Toronto in the advertising profession. There was another seminarian whose wife had passed away, his children had grown up, and so he decided to enter the seminary.

All these men were in their 50's or 60's when they entered seminary. All of them were ordained to the priesthood. Most of them are now deceased or retired. I admired them when they were in the seminary because of the courage that they had to leave their careers and study for the priesthood. As I have achieved their ages now, my admiration has grown even more.

Our First Reading this Sunday shows an individual who listened to the voice of God at an older age as well.

Abraham, a name which means 'Father of a multitude', was born 'Abram' or, 'exalted Father', in Ur which is in what is now modern-day Iraq. Eventually Abram moved with Terah, his father, to Haran, a wealthy town in what is now Turkey. The family was very prosperous.

These towns worshipped a god named Sin, a moon god. When Abram was 75 years old, God introduced Himself. Incredibly, Abram felt that this newly met God wanted him to leave his family and head to Canaan, 400 miles South. In return, God promised to bless and protect Abram.

Last week, we read of the tests of loyalty that Adam and Jesus underwent. Today's act of Abraham was an act of trust. Not many of us are willing to start over when we are older as Abraham was. To do this is simply too frightening.

In addition to loyalty, Lent is an opportunity for us to explore our trust in God. God asked Abraham to leave his comfortable home, his wealth and his

extended family for an unknown destination. Many feel placing trust in God puts us in Abraham's shoes, that we too would face an unknown destination.

Lent is an opportunity for us to face our fear of God. It is an opportunity for us to not only express in words that we can trust God but also provides an opportunity to put trust into action.

During this Lenten Season are we willing, like Abraham, to embark on a journey in which we're not always sure of the destination? Trusting in God can help us find the strength to do so.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves."

- St. Francis de Sales

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Nuria Gomes,
Bob Dzioba, Mary Albert***



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

***Atkins, Badin, Baginski,
Bahro, Banks, Bartczak***

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.

LISTENING AND FASTING: POPE LEO XIV'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026 Pope Leo XIV's message for Lent 2026, entitled "Listening and fasting. Lent as a time of Conversion," was published on Friday, February 13, by the Holy See Press Office. To read Pope Leo's message, and download a helpful infographic, visit the Dicastery for Integral Human Development here: www.humandevlopment.va

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 (March 2- March 8)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the CWL	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Bishop Crosby	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Bob Stewart	Raats Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of the Gomes Family</i>	
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
 K of C: Ian Nolan: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

MEETINGS

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



Sat. Mar 7 5 p.m.
 Lector Lilli
 Ex. Minister
Sun. Mar 8 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Jay Lizzie
 Ex. Minister Ann Lorin

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.

Fish and Chips Takeout

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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!





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