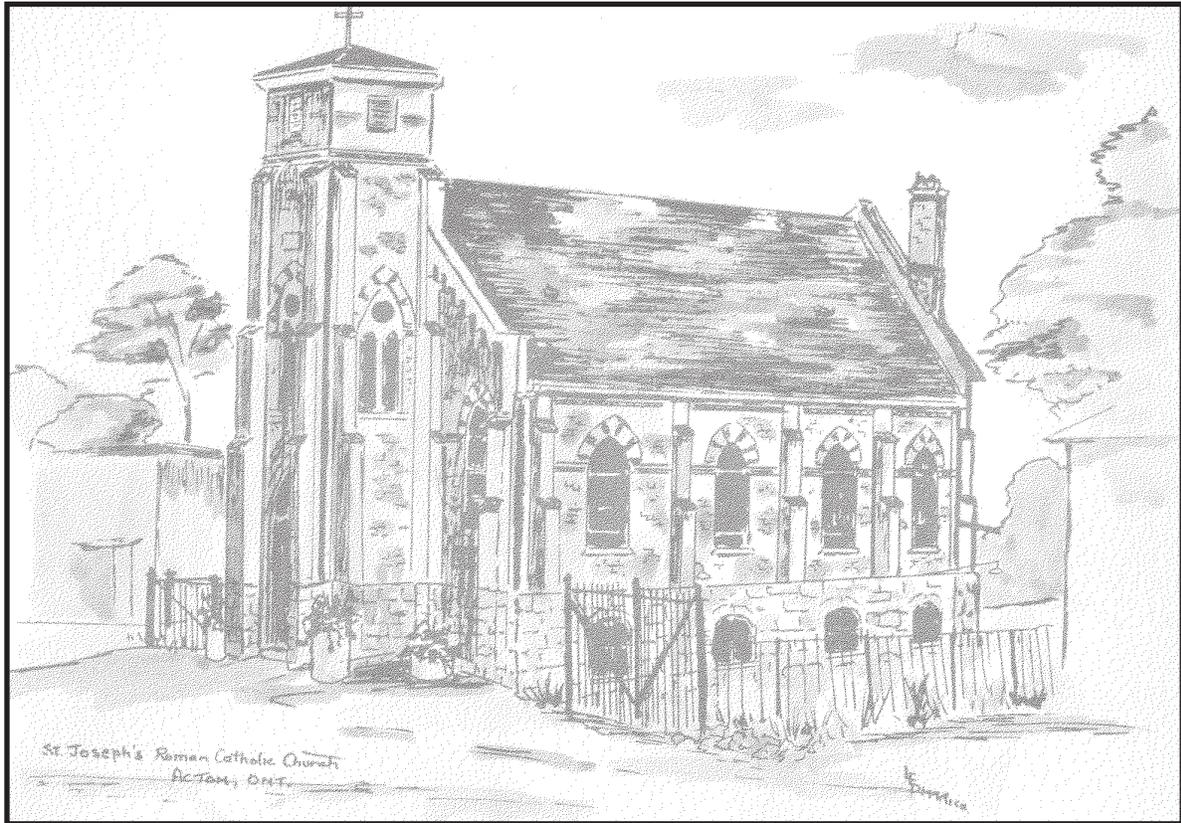


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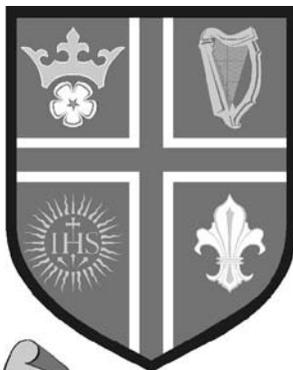
Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

## 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  
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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:

I am not a fan of practical jokes. First of all, I don't have the ingenuity to think up a practical joke. I also feel that they are not proper because most practical jokes involve making fun of or embarrassing another person through the joke.

I was recently reading of an individual who was very creative in pulling practical jokes. He was asked how he picks his targets. He responded by saying that "I look for people with no situational awareness, those who have no clue what is going on all around them."

The police are always urging us to be aware of our situations and surroundings. We always hear of stories and crimes where people are distracted, and others take advantage of them; the police tell us to be very aware of who and what is around us.

Situational awareness involves 'seeing'. It is obvious that the theme of our readings this Sunday is blindness and the contrast of darkness and light. What may not be so obvious is how these contrasts have much to teach us.

St. Paul writes today that "Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light". Paul cannot contrast the Old and New Testaments because what we call the 'New Testament' did not yet exist. Although Paul is writing even before the Gospels were written, he does have a sense of before and after. He sees the 'darkness' as the time before Christ and the 'light' as the time of Christ and we now are called to live in this light.

This contrast between the old and new is even sharper in today's gospel, though again perhaps not so obvious. The healing story of the man born blind is strange because Jesus makes some kind of potion. In other miracles He simply says something, such as: "Your sins are forgiven", but not this time. Jesus makes mud with His saliva, applies it to the man's eyes and then tells him to go wash in the Pool of Sileam. But why a 'potion'?

First, saliva was thought to have curative powers, but why mud? Jesus is acting out a drama to emphasize that something is very new. He is reminding all of us that Adam was made from the dust of the earth. Jesus used the very thing to cure the blind man that the father used to create human beings. In this miracle

Jesus did not restore sight to someone who had lost his sight. He gave sight to someone who had never had it.

Again, the notion that something new has begun is highlighted and underscored. A new 'creation' is here, now a new way to see things, a new way to see God, and, most importantly, a new way to see our relationship with God.

The man born blind can give us an example of someone who grew in faith and accepted Jesus as a man sent from God, and he said so. We must have the faith and strength to do the same.

*Fr. Mark*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"The goal of fasting is inner unity. This means hearing, but not with the ear; hearing, but not with the understanding; it is hearing with the spirit, with your whole being." - Thomas Merton

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Paul Kavanagh, Mary Albert, Ava Ishaq***



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

***Bodi, Bonello, Borkowski, Bourque, Brozic, Buck***

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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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**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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MARCH 15, 2026

**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 16- March 22)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	For Peace in the World	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Ron and Shirley Dunlop	Querques Family
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Italo Zanini	Luisetto Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	Michal Tracewicz	Tracewicz Family



**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:

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

**MEETINGS**

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



**Sat. Mar 21 5 p.m.**  
 Lector Kathleen  
 Ex. Minister Chris  
**Sun. Mar 22 9 a.m. 11 a.m.**  
 Lector Catherine Cheryl  
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**Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule**

**Tues. March 24th 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.**  
**Sat. March 28th 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.**  
**Tues. March 21st 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.**





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