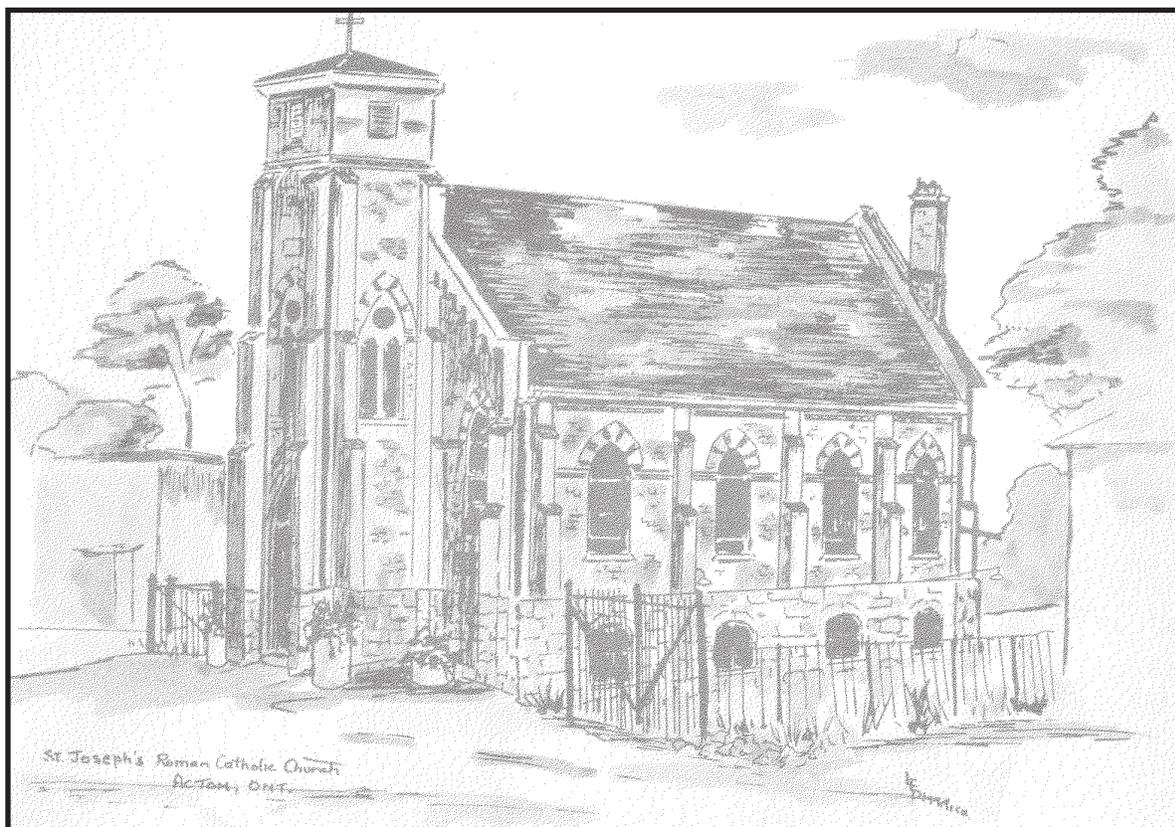


St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

64 Church St. E., Acton, ON
Office

39 John St. S. Acton, ON, L7J 2A8 Tel: 519-853-0784 Fax: 519-853-5941
e-mail: stjoseph.church@bellnet.ca



Fr. Mark Sullivan, Pastor
Janet Raats, Office Administrator

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:

There is a story of a funeral home which was very kind in assisting destitute members of a nearby Catholic Church with the cost of funerals. The parish also helped with costs as well for these families. The Pastor also made himself available to these families and for families without membership to any church as well. The Pastor would also waive any type of stipend in helping these families.

Both the Pastor and the staff of the funeral home came to the realization that families with little or no faith experience were the most emotional. For these families, to lose a loved one was devastating and the sense of loss overwhelming.

It is almost impossible for someone who believes in God and the promise of life after death to imagine how death feels for those who have no such belief. While believers still might 'grieve hard', such grieving still possesses a sense of hope.

As we approach Palm Sunday and Holy week, we must move beyond what we now almost take for granted, that someone suffered, died, and rose from the dead. We are called to identify with and actually participate in the experience. It is in entering this experience that we gain the courage and grace necessary to face the deaths of our loved ones and even our own death.

There were two disconnects in the story of the raising of Lazarus in our Gospel this Sunday. Jesus' announcement that He was going to return to Bethany was a great concern for the disciples. He was almost certain to be killed. Thomas's statement "Let us also go, that we may die with Him" was not a statement of deep faith, but rather a statement of resignation. Whatever Jesus had hoped to accomplish would likely end with His death in Bethany, a village just outside Jerusalem.

There was also a disconnect with the crowd's tears and the tears of Jesus. The people were wiling, a type of ritual mourning thought to be cathartic. When Jesus wept, the crowd assumed that He was simply participating in the ritualistic grief. However, He was not! Jesus' tears were tears of frustration. Jesus was frustrated that, after everything He had said and after all the miracles He had performed, hardly anyone 'got it'.

The purpose of Jesus' trip to Bethany and His raising Lazarus from the dead was to prepare the disciples to cope with and grieve His death. They would be devastated by His death, but after witnessing what He did for Lazarus, they would be able to face death differently.

We are about to enter the experience of this death ourselves, but Jesus models for us how to grieve. Yes, we grieve, but we grieve with hope!

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"While we do our good works let us not forget that the real solution lies in a world in which charity will have become unnecessary."

— Chinua Achebe, *Anthills of the Savannah*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Mary Albert, Bob Dzioba,
Mary Palmateer**



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

**Boccia, Campbell, Campos-Teharia,
Cantwell, Carpio Diaz, Cassar**

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.

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!

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 23- March 29)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Peace in the World	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of the Bell Family</i>	Bell Family
Thurs. 9:00 a.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Francesco and Angela Iazzo	Joseph Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Stan and Rose Smysnuik	Gallagher Family
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. CWL Executive
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing



Sat. Mar 28 5 p.m.
 Lector Chris
 Narrator Lilli
 Ex. Minister Patricia

Sun. Mar 29 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
 Lector Jay Gita
 Narrator Catherine Lizzie
 Ex. Minister Kazi Lar

Fish and Chips Takeout

Every Friday during Lent



Place Order by Thursday at 8pm - \$15/per order

Pickup at St Joseph POC Hall

Order Online at: <https://stjosephprayforus.ca/>

Phone Orders: 519 853-0405



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 31st 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.





Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph's Council #8050
Ilan Nolan, Grand Knight
Decio Ramalho
647-453-1801

Footprints

Physiotherapy Clinic
10 Eastern Ave.
519-853-1800
FootprintsPhysiotherapy.ca

YOURWAY
Auto Repair Ltd.
262 Main St. N
All makes & models
www.yourwayauto.ca
519-853-0900

we create
SMILES



Dr. Jones Chan

10 Eastern Ave, Suite 104
519-853-1900

Separate Entrance, located outside Acton Medical Clinic

Mountainview Residence of Georgetown

Multi level lifestyles staffed & ready to provide services that fulfill your intellectual, social & physical needs. Private suites & homestyle meals round out our motto "Family Caring, Caring for Life"

For suite & service information
905-877-1800
www.mountainviewresidence.com



Holy Redeemer Catholic Cemetery

12337 17th Side Road, Georgetown
905-877-8500
www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca



OUR COMMITMENT TO LOWER PRICES IS BANANAS.



Luciano & Sarah's No Frills **NOFRILLS**

THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!



TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 1-800-268-2637

Catholic Women's League



of St. Joseph's invites the ladies of the Parish to our regular meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Desjardins Insurance



Richard Demille, Agent
905-257-0111
RichardDemille.com
rich@richarddemille.com
AUTO • HOME • LIFE • BUSINESS

MacKinnon Family Funeral Home Ltd.



Sharon McIsaac
Location Manager
55 Mill St. E., Acton
519-853-0350
MacKinnonFamilyFuneralHome.com



P & H Milling Group

A division of Parrish & Heimbecker, Ltd.
Milling Quality Flour In Acton Since 1830
45 Church St. W. 519-853-2850



Massage • Foot Care
Custom Orthotics
Orthopedic Shoes

Deanna Wilson B.Sc., D.Ch.
Chiropractor/Foot Specialist
Naomi Bedell RMT
Registered Massage Therapist
65 Mill St. E.
519-853-8557
www.ActonHead2Toe.com



HEARING AIDS Mobile Services
We come to you!

1-833-350-1165
or 647-350-1165
www.PlimmerHearing.com