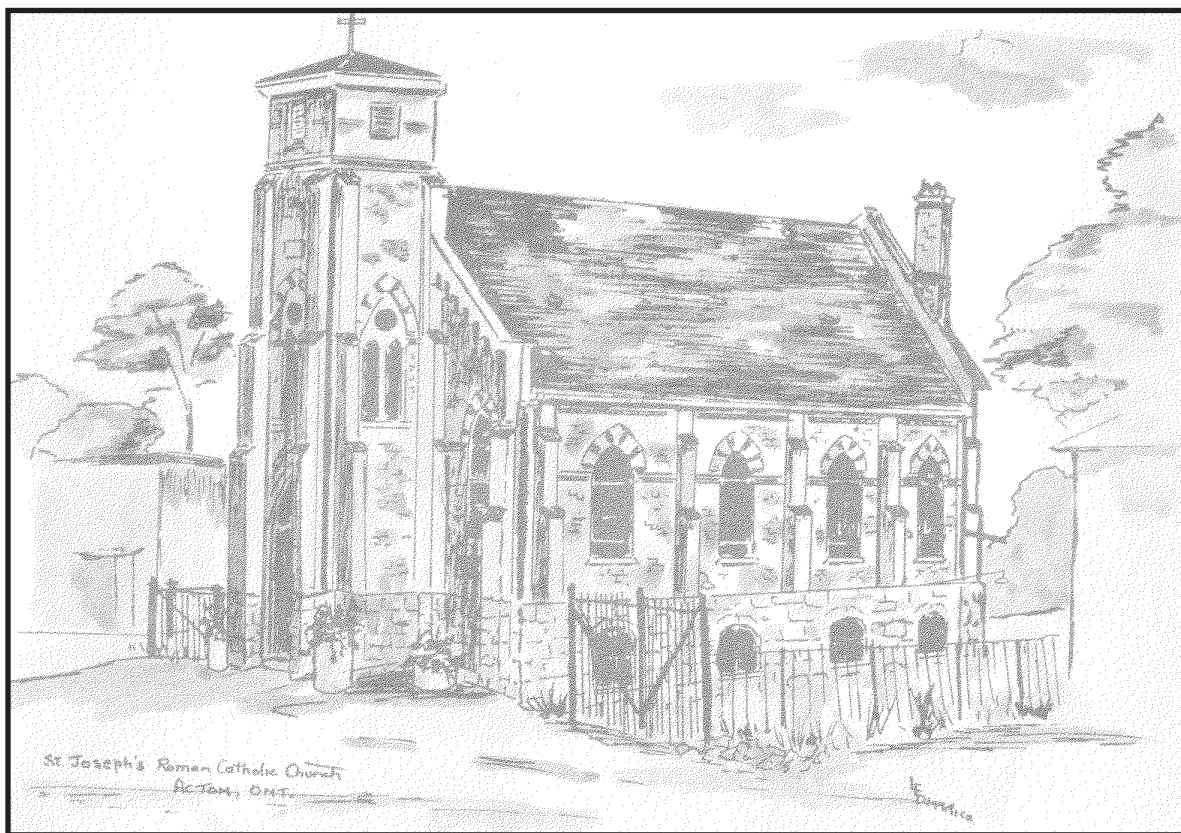


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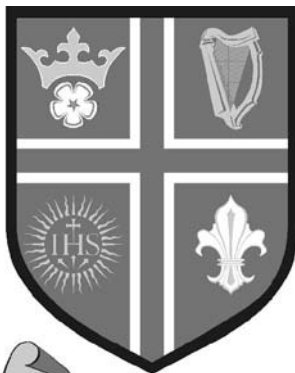
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Saturday 5:00 pm
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Catholic Women's League
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By arrangement with the pastor.

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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:

I was reading the story of a woman named Egeria who sometime between the years of 381 and 400 made a three year pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

This woman's legacy to the Church is that she wrote lengthy accounts of what she saw in the places she visited. She wrote about how Christians were worshiping in the Holy Land, about the sacraments and prayer as they then were practiced and celebrated. She also wrote about the developing liturgical seasons and about popular practices of piety of the time.

She also left detailed accounts of Holy Week that was practiced in and around Jerusalem. These accounts still influence our Holy Week services because her accounts go back almost to the beginning of Lenten practices and the experience of the Triduum.

She wrote of the practices on what we now call Palm Sunday. In the early afternoon, Christians of Jerusalem would gather on the Mount of Olives for a rather lengthy liturgy of the word. As evening came, they would process into Jerusalem carrying palm or olive branches. This was not a universal practice of the Church at the time, but it spread, and by the Eighth Century liturgical books contained blessings for the 'palm branches.'

Important to our use of palm branches is that in their Greek and Roman pagan past, palm served as a symbol of life, hope and victory. Eventually, Christians began to believe that the blessed palm branches had great power. Palm Sunday practices continued to expand until the mid 1950's when the practices of Holy Week were reformed. The symbolic use of palm branches and the Palm Sunday procession was pared back to the days of Egeria when their use called to mind Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

With all the effort and the beauty of our Holy Week services, we can lose the meaning of this Sunday. Today we should strive to begin paring back all the things that divert and distract us from the meanings of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.

Unfortunately, many have made the "Easter Holy Days" a time for "Easter Holidays". This mindset has developed the opposite of the reason we take a break during this week. What began as our effort to

identify ourselves with the self-emptying love of Jesus Christ has, for too many, become a time of self-indulgences. Our challenge is to remember and honour what it is we celebrate.

What we need to remember this week is that Christ took it upon Himself to take the sins of humanity to show the depth of His perfect love. We need to wave our palms because we adore the life that has been given to us. Every year we are called to come back to this belief.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"When Christ entered into Jerusalem the people spread garments in the way: when He enters into our hearts, we pull off our own righteousness and not only lay it under Christ's feet but even trample upon it ourselves."

- Augustus Toplady

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Nuria Gomes, Jacques Agnes,
Avelinda Toledo***



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

***Castellino, Caswell, Champagne,
Clough, Coles, Conroy***

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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!

MARCH 29, 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 30- April 5)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Nuria Gomes	Marie Vickery and Bill Ford
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Fri. 11:00 a.m.	Passion Service with Holy Communion	
3:00 p.m.	Passion Service with Holy Communion	
Sat. 8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil	
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Easter Mass	
10:00 a.m.	Easter Mass	
11:30 a.m.	Easter Mass	



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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MEETINGS

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



Sat. Apr 4 (Vigil) 8 p.m.
 Lector Catherine, Lar, Jay
 Ex. Minister Aaron
Sun. Apr 5 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 Lector Lilli Catherine Gita
 Ex. Minister Kazi Patricia Lorin

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule
Tues. March 31st 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.





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