

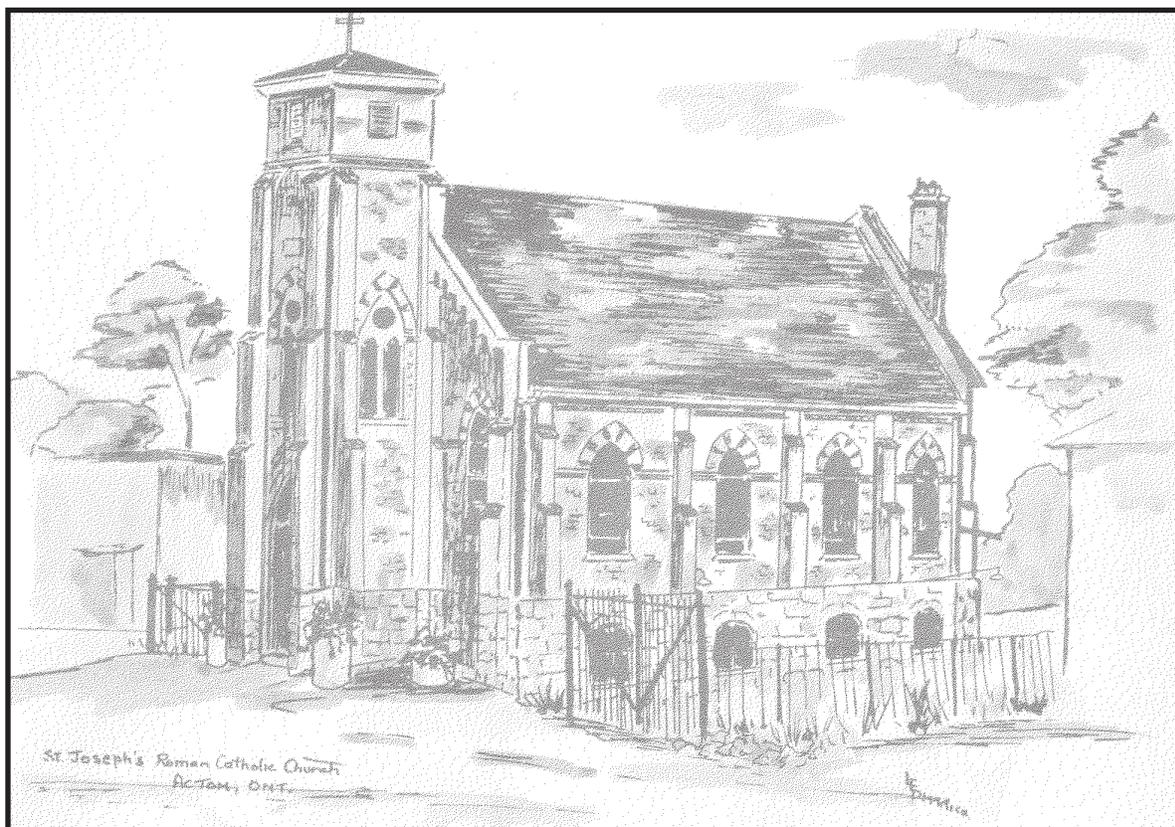
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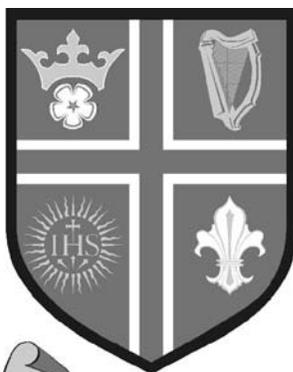
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## SUNDAY MASSES:

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

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League  
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:

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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:**

**A** little bit of a change for the bulletin blurb for this 3rd Sunday of Lent.

Three weeks ago, the Vatican declared the famous 20<sup>th</sup> Century Prelate, Bishop Fulton Sheen as being one step closer to being declared a Saint of the Catholic Church. Bishop Sheen has received what is known as 'beatification'. This is the final stage before Sainthood. There is the hope that he will be named a Saint sometime later this year. His title is now 'Blessed' Fulton Sheen.

Bishop Sheen was the most prominent Catholic voice in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. He was able to reach thousands of people first on radio and then more famously on early television. His TV show, "Life is Worth Living" was very popular to not just Catholics but to non-Catholics as well. My own Grandmother was a big fan of the show, and she was not a Catholic.

Bishop Sheen's popularity was so strong that in 1953 he received an Emmy Award for being the best television personality in the United States. He beat out such famous TV personalities as Lucille Ball and Milton Berle for the award. It is hard to fathom that in our world and society of today, a priest would receive an award like Bishop Sheen did 70 years ago, but he did.

Later in the 1960's, Bishop Sheen had another show titled simply "The Fulton Sheen Program". Both shows were very similar in nature with Bishop Sheen sitting at a desk and eventually moving to a blackboard to explaining the topic or theme of the show. Simple, but effective.

Two of my earliest recollections as a young catholic child were based on Bishop Sheen. For my First Communion, my parents bought for me a book titled "This is the Mass" which showed Bishop Sheen going through the different steps in the Mass with words and illustrations. I cherished that book for many years of my life.

My second recollection was on Saturday mornings growing up. One of the Buffalo TV stations would show repeats of Bishop Sheen's 1960's TV show at 7 a.m. I can recall watching the show on many occasions. Did I understand what the Bishop was saying or teaching? No, but I found it fascinating that a priest would be on television every Saturday.

After his retirement, Bishop Sheen continued to give lectures and retreats throughout the world. What is interesting is that he lost favour with some within the U.S. hierarchy. In the 1970's he was reaching more of an audience that was not Catholic, especially Evangelical groups and churches. Many considered Bishop Sheen to be the first televangelist.

A very poignant image of Bishop Sheen was near the end of his life. When Pope John Paul II, now Saint Pope John Paul, visited the U.S. in the Fall of 1979, to celebrate Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, he went out of his way to acknowledge

Bishop Sheen to those in attendance for the Mass and those watching on television.

His words were very beautiful and profound. He said to the ailing Bishop that he was "a loyal son of the Church" who has "written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus Christ". This pivotal affectionate moment validated Bishop Sheen's life work in the early time of the Pope's reign.

Bishop Sheen was to live just two more months after this encounter. He passed away praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament in his private chapel in New York City. Those around him said that the Pope's words were the ones he would always remember at the end of his life.

Let us pray for Bishop Sheen, but also for all those who are in the process of receiving canonization in the church. We are called to pray and to be inspired by the Saints.

*Fr. Mark*

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

"What Our Lord did say on the Cross was to forgive. Forgive your Pilates, who are too weak to defend your justice; forgive your Herods, who are too sensual to perceive your spirituality; forgive your Judases, who think worth is to be measured in terms of silver."

Blessed Fulton Sheen

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

This week please pray especially for:  
**Brian Tanney, Roberto Luisetto,  
Pat Haffey**



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

**Baxter, Beaton, Bell, Biernacki,  
Bilof, Blanchet-Haffey**

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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 8, 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 9- March 15)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Pat South</i>	CWL
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Lenten Intentions of Our Parish	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	For World Peace	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Sick of Our Parish	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Jane McDowell	Kosir Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
11:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of the Bell Family</i>	Bell Family



**CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C**

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**MEETINGS**

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



**Sat. Mar 14 5 p.m.**  
 Lector Maria  
 Ex. Minister Patricia  
**Sun. Mar 15 9 a.m. 11 a.m.**  
 Lector Kazi Lar  
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**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](http://www.humandevlopment.va)





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