

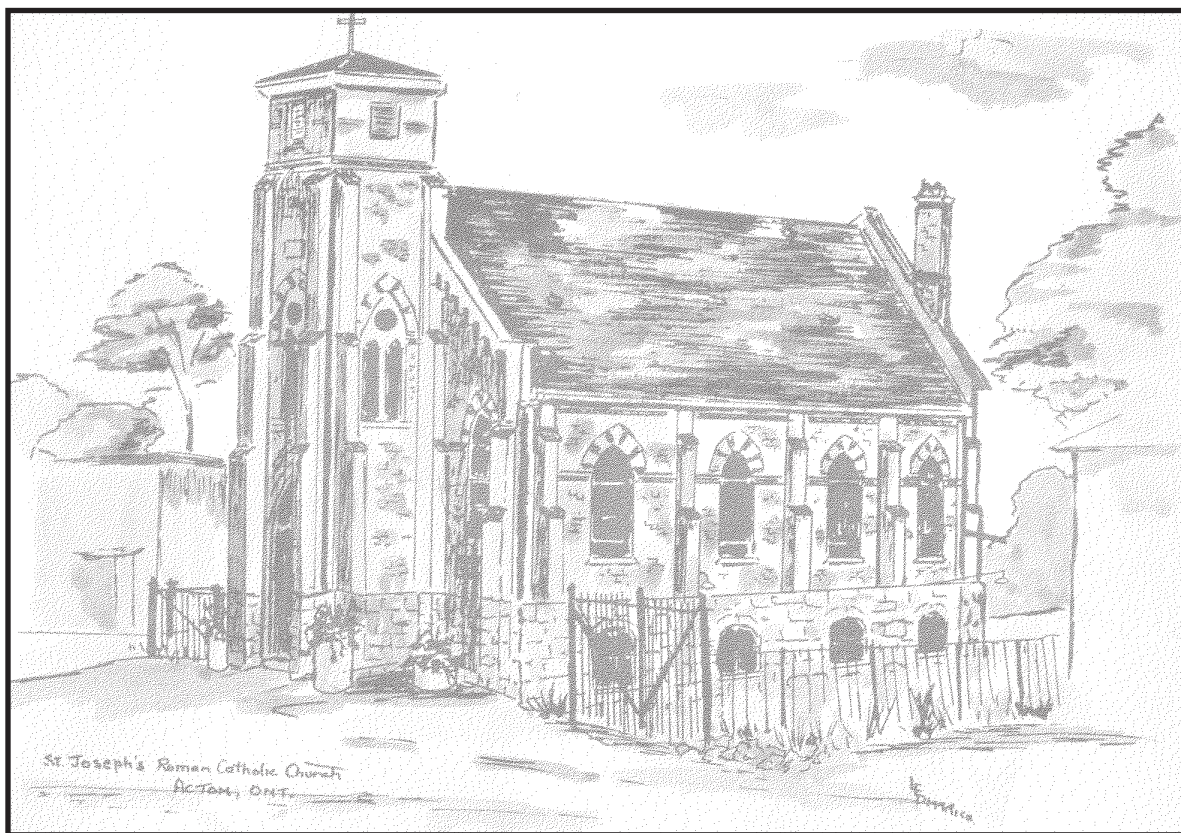
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

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.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

This is the last Sunday of the year on which we celebrate an Easter Sunday. The Easter Season officially ends in two weeks with the Solemnities of The Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost Sunday.

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, we once again have Jesus speaking to His Apostles at the Last Supper. In this passage, Jesus tells the Apostles of the peace He has for them and how His peace is everlasting.

At Mass, Catholics have a rite of peace. After a brief prayer which is said by the priest, either a deacon or the priest himself says, "Let us offer each other the sign of peace." This offer is an acknowledgement of the deep human need for our unity with God and with each other.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says that in the rite "the Church asks for peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family and the faithful express to one another their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating the Sacrament." For Catholics, the reception of Communion is the ultimate expression of unity in God and with each other.

Today in the Gospel we hear Jesus say "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." We need to focus on the last line that Jesus said. The peace which He offers to us is totally different to what the world offers to us. Yes, there are times when people are invited to share the sign of peace at Mass, one's very way of offering it makes it clear that they do not always understand Jesus' gift.

The General Instruction also says, "that each person offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest and in a sober manner." We have all probably seen some people go up and down aisles shaking hands and hugging others. I have seen fellow priests do this as well! We need to remember that Catholics are to say to each other when exchanging the Sign of Peace, "Peace be with you," or "The Peace of the Lord be with you." This peace is not a 'feelgood' peace. It is the offer of the word, "Shalom."

This word "Shalom" is a Hebrew word, which often is used as a common greeting such as 'hello' and 'goodbye' but its true meaning is deep and profound. It is the peace of God. This is a gift from God. This is what Jesus gave us when He said, "My peace I give to you." It is not peace, which means the absence of bad things happening to us and all around us. It is the peace that exists within us precisely when bad things are going on. It is the peace that can only exist when we are in union with God.

With the Easter Season soon ending, let us be mindful of the peace which Christ offers to us. It is blessed peace which offers a sign of unity. A union with God and with each other.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Opting for peace does not mean a passive acquiescence to evil or compromise of principle. It demands an active struggle against hatred, oppression and disunity, but not by using methods of violence. Building peace requires creative and courageous action. --Pope John Paul II

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Paul Kavanagh, Avelinda Toledo,
Cecilia Tracy***



Family Prayer

This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Rea, Reinhardt, Richardson,
Rosenmeier, Ryan, Saftic***

Bulletins are available online at:

<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

PLEASE NOTE: Father Mark will be away from the Parish from May 26 through June 2. There will be no weekday Masses while he is away. We once again welcome Father Carlos who will celebrate the Masses on May 31 and June 1 with us.

MAY 25, 2025

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (May 25 – June 1)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	No Mass	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	No Mass	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	No Mass	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	No Mass	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Carol Paisley	Tim and Cathy Coles
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Pro populo Fran Marcoux	South Family



Sat. May 31 5 p.m.
Lector Chris
Ex. Minister Patricia

Sun. June 1 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
Lector Jay Lar
Ex. Minister Kazi Aaron

MEETINGS

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



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

ABOUT THE SPIRITUALITY OF CHILDHOOD Holy Rosary Parish in Guelph is hosting the first of a two-part Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level One Formation Course **July 7-12, 2025**. This retreat-like experience immerses the adult in scripture, liturgy, theology, prayer, the needs and capacities of children, and making materials the child works with to internalize the Christian message. Catechists formed in this method usually go on to work with 3–6-year-olds in a parish or school, or are involved in ministries such as RCIA, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and preparation for the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. For more information: [www.cgsac.ca/Courses/Level One](http://www.cgsac.ca/Courses/Level%20One) or contact the course registrar: therese.wright8591@gmail.com.

From the CWL: Michael House Bottle Drive

Once again, the CWL is fundraising for Michael House, a place for young mothers in need in Guelph. Please collect change, bills, cheques in the bottle and return it on Father's Day (June 15). More information can be found on the poster on the doors at the back of the church.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH #149

Loving your partner is a choice you make every day, and it provides you, your spouse and your children with a stable home to grow and feel safe in. We can choose to speak calmly, express our love, gratitude, hurts and desires to our spouse so they can know and understand us better. Your children are watching you, learning how to be a husband and wife and your marriage, in the Catholic tradition, is meant to be the visible sign of God's invisible love. Making the choice to love is a daily commitment, but so many will benefit, most importantly, you and your spouse. (Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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