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Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. - Pastor

Fr. Daniel Lobsinger, C.R. - Associate Pastor

Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. - Assisting Priest

Penny Laurette - Admin Assistant

Robert Tasse - Music Director

Rianne Rops - Outreach Coordinator

Andrew Olinski - Caretaker

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Friday: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Baptism and Marriage - Please email the parish office for details and to submit your requests.

Parish Outreach - Are you interested in getting involved in outreach initiatives? Do you have ideas about how we might better serve our neighbours? If so, please contact Rianne at 519-576-3860 or rianne.stmarys@gmail.com to let her know that you're interested and/or to share your ideas.

St. Vincent de Paul - For assistance with groceries and other needs please call 226-988-5915 weekdays, except Tuesdays, between 9:00 am and noon. For information on volunteering, please email Don McClure at don@teambilton.com.

Most Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

3:00 pm (Traditional Latin Mass)

(Children's Liturgy Sept. - June at 11:00 am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays: 11:15 - 11:45 am Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm

or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration - **Thursday mornings** mornings from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon and each **First Saturday** of the month, beginning with Mass at 8:00 am, followed by Adoration until 9:30 am.

Visits to the Sick - Please notify the parish office to arrange for Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick. If you enter the hospital, please remember to indicate your religion and parish on the patient registration form.

Let Us Pray For One Another - If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, the members of our Parish Prayer Network will gladly pray for you. Contact the parish office to add your intention to the Prayer List.

In your kindness, please remember St. Mary's Church in your estate plan and when recommending expressions of sympathy. Thank you.



Welcome to St. Mary's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome and hope that you feel at home. To register with St. Mary's please complete a Registration form – either online on the parish website, or by using the form provided at all church doors.

MASS INTENTIONS May 7 - 12, 2019

Tuesday – ferial

Acts 7.51-9.1a John 6.30-35

12:00 pm †Doris Frank & †Grace Hartleib

Wednesday – ferial

Acts 8.1b-8 John 6.35-40

12:00 pm †Ponciana Ortega

Thursday – ferial

Acts 8.26-40 John 6.44-51

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:15 am Confession until 11:45 am

12:00 pm †Bob, †Colleen & †Elsie Bezruki

Friday – ferial

Acts 9.1-20 John 6.52-59

12:00 pm †Fr. Frank Reitzel, C.R.

Saturday – ferial

Acts 9.31-42 John 6.53, 60-69++

8:00 am †Paul Hochbau

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13.14, 43-52 Revelation 7.9, 14b-17 John 10.27-30

5:00 pm ††Aurea & Harold Cahill, ††Gerry & Rosemary Morgan, †Werner Schwammle

Sunday

8:30 am Our Parishioners

11:00 am For All Mothers

3:00 pm †Joaquina Mota

(Traditional Latin Mass)

OFFERTORY – April 28, 2019 **Sunday Offerings** \$3,977.80 **Easter Offerings** \$335.00 \$30.00 **Initial Offerings** Sunday Pre-Authorized (per week) \$883.39 \$67.00 **Building & Maintenance Offerings** B & M Pre-Authorized (per week) \$229.15 **Debt Fund Offerings** \$4,092.00 Share Lent \$62.00 \$67.00 Needs of the Holy Land

We thank all our Parishioners, Visitors and Benefactors for their generous support!

CR CORNER



At the beginning of the ministry of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee he called Peter and the others to leave their nets for they would no longer catch fish but they would catch people. Today's Gospel readings opens up and Peter and the others are again at the

water and Peter decides to go back to fishing for fish. Once again the Peter and the others have betrayed Jesus and gone back for that from which Jesus had called them.

As opposed from being upset with them the Risen Lord meets Peter and the others in their very betrayal of him. The Risen Lord invites them to cast their nets to the right side of the boat and they catch such a large haul, 153 large fish, that one might expect the nets to brake but they held firm. At that time it was commonly understood that there were 153 different nationalities and so in a symbolic way Jesus reminds them that they are to turn their attention away from fish and to turn it to all the nations.

Notice how the nets, i.e., the Church is not an exclusive private country club but how there is room in the Church for everyone. It challenges us to examine how we treat those who come to church with us. Do we judge them for what they are wearing? Do we make young families uncomfortable because the children are behaving like children? Are we unwilling to offer our neighbour the Sign of Peace because we are afraid of contamination? Are we more concerned with doing our "own private prayers" during Mass rather than participating as a member of the Body of Christ: responding, and singing and acting in communion with others?

If we answered yes to any of the above or similar questions then the Risen Lord comes by our lakeshore and says "N. do you love me?" If we dare to say: "Yes" then we had better be showing it by feeding and tending his lambs and sheep! Notice for the Risen Lord the only way to demonstrate true love for him is to love our neighbours! Eucharistic devotion that does not find expression in feeding and tending our neighbours is empty. St. John says it best: "Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. (1 John 4:20)

Written by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BRICK-LAYING & PIZZA

We are looking for 8-10 people to help lay brick on Saturday, May 18th from 9 am - noon. FREE PIZZA will be provided for all volunteers. No experience necessary, but must be able to lift a brick. This is a great opportunity to gain high school community service hours! Join Fr. Toby and Rianne and learn how to build a pathway through some old-fashioned hard work and good times. All ages welcome. If interested email rianne.stmarys@gmail.com or call the parish office, 519-576-3860, to RSVP.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S		
May:		
4/5:	All Masses	Building & Maintenance Collection
		Holy Land Christians Articles for Sale
5:	9:30 am	Sunday Coffee Social
	12:00 pm	Board Game Café Sunday Social
7:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
8:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
9:	1:00 pm	German Men's & Ladies' Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
11:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program
11/12:	All Masses	CWL Bake Sale
		K of C Roses for Life Campaign
	4:00 pm	Latin Congregation Social
14:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
15:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
16:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
18:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program
18/19:	All Masses	Monthly St. Vincent de Paul Collection
19:	9:30 am	Coffee Social

CWL SPRING BAKE SALE



May 11th/12th, Mother's Day Weekend following each Mass. Your participation, whether it's donating baking and/or just purchasing a treat, is very important to us. For all you gracious bakers, please bring

your baked goods to the Lower Hall on Saturday, May 11th between 1:30 and 4 pm. Following each Mass, join us for coffee/tea and fellowship as you select a sweet, (perhaps a special one for Mom!), to take home! Many thanks for your ongoing and generous support!!

ROSES FOR LIFE WEEKEND



May 11th – 12th. The Knights of Columbus freely distributes small roses which attach to the lapel of jackets or coats, at all Masses. This program is designed to increase awareness of Pro-Life issues. Any

donation to this program helps the Knights support Pro-Life issues. It's our practical way to raise funds and provide financial support for organizations for their work in this campaign.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF RAPHAEL MA, C.R.

Saturday, June 15th at 11 am. The Congregation of the Resurrection cordially invites you to the Priestly Ordination of Raphael Ma, C.R. You may remember Raphael from when he spent two years here as a seminarian, 2016-2018. Thank you for your support and prayers over the years! Join us for this joyful event. A light reception will follow.

<u>A STUDY COMMISSIONED</u> by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.

2019 National Week for Life and the Family: Letter to Catholic Families from the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Dear Catholic families,

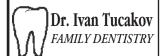
Once a year the Church in Canada sets aside a week to celebrate and reflect upon God's great gifts of life and family. Jesus tells us in John's Gospel that he desires for us to have an abundant life (*Jn* 10:10). The fullness of life we are to experience is only possible through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Father's loving plan for humanity, families are called to share in and be a sign of his life-giving presence. This year's Week for Life and the Family will be observed from May 12 to May 19, with the theme, "*Listening to the Gospel as a Family*".

We live in a world of constant news; bad news, fake news, shouldn't we hear some good news? The word Gospel literally means "Good News." As Catholics we are the recipients of this Good News. Of the many negative words we hear today, there is one Word which is truly good news, Jesus, whose name means "God saves." What is the good news? Simply put, the good news is that God, our loving Father, has sent his only begotten Son, Jesus, so that whoever believes in him might have eternal life (*Jn* 3:16). It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to proclaim Jesus as Lord and call God "Abba, Father" (1 *Cor* 12:3; *Rom* 8:15).

When we hear good news, our hearts are filled with joy and we want to share that good news. Pope Francis tells us that "the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness, and loneliness. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew" (Evangelii Gaudium, 1). The Gospel is a saving message not only for us, but for all peoples; "the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations" (Mk 13:10). The Holy Father teaches us that "the best incentive for sharing the Gospel comes from contemplating it with love, lingering over its pages and reading it with the heart" (Evangelii Gaudium, 264). Saint Boniface asks, "Can there be a more fitting pursuit in youth or a more valuable possession in old age than a knowledge of sacred scripture?" And Saint Jerome famously said that "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ;" let us come to know Jesus more deeply by listening to the Gospel as a family.

With my brother Bishops, it is my prayer that on the occasion of this year's Week for Life and the Family, you and your family will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to encounter Jesus more fully by listening to the Gospel, and that you may joyfully live out this saving message by becoming witnesses of God, the Father's loving presence in the world.

+Lionel Gendron, P.S.S.
Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops



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