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WEEKDAY MASSES

Sauble Beach: 1st, 3rd, 5th Wed. of the month 7:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-12 noon; 1:00 pm-5:00 pm **CONFESSIONS** 30 minutes before all weekday and the Lord's Day Masses. **NEW PARISHIONERS** Welcome to your new parish! You will find registration forms in the pews. Fill one out and drop it in the collection basket.

Tuesday, Thursday 7:00 pm

1st, 3rd, 5th Wed. of the month 7:00 pm

2nd, 4th Wed. of the month 7:00 pm



St. Mary of the Rosary, Hepworth Sunday 9:00 am (Nov-Mar)



Holy Family, Sauble Beach Saturday 5:00 pm (July-Aug) Sunday 9:00 am (Apr-Oct)



St. Stanislaus, Chatsworth



St. Thomas Aquinas, Wiarton Sunday 11:00 am



Sunday 9:00 am





Owen Sound Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am



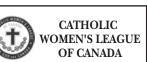
St. Vincent, Meaford Sunday 11:00 am



St. Thomas The Apostle, Tobermory Saturday 11:30 am



St. Mark, Lions Head Saturday 9:30 am



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Meetings 1st Wed. of the month



770 6th St. East - 519-372-0537 Meetings:

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St. Mary's, Cape Croker Sunday 1:00 pm

22nd **Sunday in Ordinary Time** August 30, 2020



August 31 - Sept. 6

Mon **9:00** am – Dylan Rivest (Int)

Private Masses: Sean Winstanley (Int); Fred Fries +

Tue 9:00 am - Marnie Bunt +

Private Mass – Richard & Deanna McKenna (Int)

7:00 pm – Joan Tod (Int)

Wed 9:00 am - Colin & Joanna Fisher (Int)

Private Mass: Special Intention
7:00 pm – SB – Karl Fortney +
Thu 9:00 am – Thelma Moser +
Private Mass: Baby Alessio (Int)

7:00 pm – Mary Klebans + Fri 9:00 am – Laura Payne (Int)

Private Masses: Dorothy Driver Elliott +; Holy Souls

Saturday – Septmber 5

5:00 pm - Clayton Willis (Int)

Private Masses: Peggy Anne Moore +; Salvation of Souls in our Households

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 6

9:00 am Owen Sound – Pro Populo

Chatsworth – Joanne Solomon +

Sauble Beach – Dennis, Mary & Todd Erdmann +

11:00 am Owen Sound – Carol & Bob Griffith (Int - 60th Wedding Anniversary)

Meaford – Harold & Marie Jones + **Wiarton** – June Germann +

1:00 pm Cape Croker - Mass

From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar This week we pray for:

Mon Msgr. Ivan Vuksic Tue Fr. Felix Nwatu Wed Legionaries of Christ

Thu Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony

Fri Fr. Peter Watters Sat Fr. Piotr Machnacki

* Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick: Available upon request

From the Pastor's Desk:

When shutdowns first started in February, we started offering Rosary every weeknight at 9pm live streamed on our website. The intention was to pray for an end to this pandemic, and to invite our parishioners to pray with their priests. Praying the Rosary as a community each day has made me rediscover the richness of this devotional prayer. There is a reason why it has continued to be one of the favourite prayers for Catholics for centuries. I find that the more I pray

the Rosary, the more I'm entering into the life of Jesus, meditating on the key moments in the life of Jesus. Repetition is so important in the life of faith, because it forces us to go beyond the surface of what we know. I find that there is a process in going deeper in our spiritual life. At the start of our spiritual journey we may find excitement and desire to pray and learn. This is associated with the first stage of spiritual life also called "the purgative stage". When we start praying the rosary we experience the beauty and joy in meditating on the life of Jesus. After some time, though, the newness of the life of faith can lead us to feel like we have exhausted its newness and there is nothing left in it to for us to explore. This is when most people fall away from faith, assuming that they have exhausted its benefits. To leave at this point is a big mistake, because behind the sense of dissatisfaction is a new and deeper knowledge of God and His truths awaiting those who are willing to push through their discomfort. The key is to stick with it even in spite of not getting much from it. We commonly call this stage "the dark night", a time of testing, proving our faith and commitment. What awaits us on the other side of the "dark night" is the second stage of the spiritual life called "the illuminative stage". Once we arrive at this stage we will experience a deepening of our closeness with God and a life of deeper peace. When praying the rosary we too must go through the stage of boredom, especially when we don't feel the prayer can do much more for us. Once we persevere in praying the rosary, we will begin to enter into a new and even more beautiful appreciation of Christ's life. We will also find a deepening of peace even in the midst of turmoil. Please continue to pray, don't give up, and when you experience difficulties with prayer know that you may be on the verge of entering into a greater peace and joy if you only persevere. Join us Monday-Friday at 9pm for the live-stream of the Rosary on our parish website.

Fr. Wojtek Kuzma

*In the Parish *

Safety Measures for Returning to Church: Given the number of restrictions still in place, Bishop Crosby has extended his dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for those who may feel uncomfortable to attend at this point. Please make your own decision in this regard. Anyone who is feeling sick or who has travelled outside the country in the last 14 days is asked not to come to church. Our weekend Masses will be offered in Owen Sound, Meaford, Chatsworth, Sauble Beach and Wiarton. After consulting with parishioners I have decided not to open Tobermory, and Lions Head missions at this time. If you live in those regions and would like to attend Sunday Mass, please consider going to either Wiarton or Owen Sound for now.

We will be following the safety protocol while at church, as has been outlined in Bishop Crosby's letter to parishioners. Here are a few highlights in summary form:

- 1. When you arrive at the church doors you will be greeted by one of our ushers who will nvite you to sanitize your hands
- You'll be asked to sit in such a way as to respect the social distancing rule of 2 meters. Members of the same household do not have to follow that rule and can sit together. Wearing safety masks is encouraged, and we will have some available for those who need them.
- 3. All printed materials have been removed from the pews: hymnals, Sunday missals, etc. Music will be provided by an instrumentalist.
- 4. There will be no lectors or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion during this time. The priest will be the only one in the sanctuary.
- When coming up for Holy Communion, social distancing of 2 meters will be observed. One side of the church will come up for Communion, in a single row, and then the other side.
- Before reaching the priest the mask will be lowered, and Communion is to be offered without any exchange of words between the priest and the communicant.
- Collection is to be placed in the baskets on the way out of church, and there should be no socializing with one another before or after Mass.
- 8. Printed bulletins will not be available, instead parishioners will be able to view the bulletin on our website.
- 9. Confession will not be offered before or after Mass, but we continue to offer Confession by appointment in a drive-thru format.

I hope that all these steps undertaken by our churches will provide extra protection for our parishioners and their loved ones. Please follow these as best as you can. I hope to see you soon as we return to a somewhat normal church practice.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Wojciech Kuzma

Please Note: Reaching the parish by email – the email address has changed from smm@bmts.com to stmaryowensound@hamiltondiocese.com

* In the Diocese *

Blessings in the Midst of Trial: The COVID-19

pandemic kept our parishes closed for three months, but it hasn't kept the good work of the Church from taking place. The Stewardship and Development Office asked



for a few examples from our pastors and parish leaders, and the response was so great that we want to share as many as we can with you. A few are listed here, and we'll have more in the weeks to come!

Canadian Martyrs, Hamilton - A report from Sister Mary McIntyre, coordinator of liturgical ministries: When the doors of the church were closed, the work of discipleship began in a whole new way! A year ago our church communication had already gone digital, so it was a natural transition for us, even as we expanded our outreach: content heavy weekly emails, updating and optimising our website experience, and daily inspiring messages on social media. Many video updates and initiatives were posted and sent, including "living our faith" testimonies from community members, Senior Leadership Team updates, weekly introductions of community organizations in need, and virtual walkthroughs of our exciting "Cornerstone" building project - oh, and weekly Mass and Father's Musings! Small- and large-group "gatherings" took on a new life within our university Chaplaincy: online faith studies, student leadership formation, lectio divina, social gatherings and spiritual direction. We are especially proud of how generously our community responded to our weekly outreach through which all donations to the church were tithed at 10% and distributed among seven local organizations. Even as the church doors were closed, many more were opened. The work of discipleship continues!

Holy Rosary, Burlington - There was never a lull at Holy Rosary in Burlington because of COVID-19! The parish found numerous ways to keep parishioners in touch with the parish and one another. Here's a sampling:

Holy Rosary's Pastor, Fr. Martin Vallely, was touched by the loving outpouring he received in May for the 40th anniversary of his ordination. On the anniversary day, a "drive-through" celebration took place outside the rectory door, organized by old friends from Stoney Creek and by other priests. For more than a half-hour, cars kept coming, with families – and even Bishop Douglas Crosby – bringing their greetings. The well-wishes brought "great comfort and reassurance," Fr. Vallely said.

A Web-based bulletin, "Holy Rosary Newsletter 2020," was conceived as a way to keep parishioners connected and to take note of the many wonderful things taking place behind the scenes during challenging times.

For more stories from the parishes in our Diocese go to: https://hamiltondiocese.com/news

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Owen Sound	\$ 5,949
Sauble Beach	1,024
Meaford	1,096
Wiarton	572
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