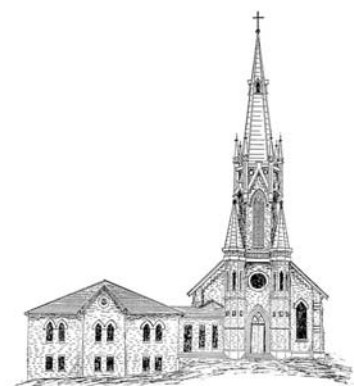


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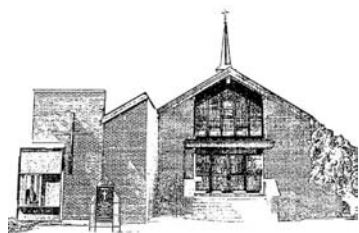
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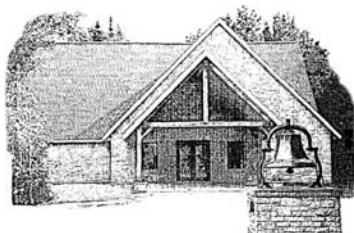
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**St. Mary of the Assumption
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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am



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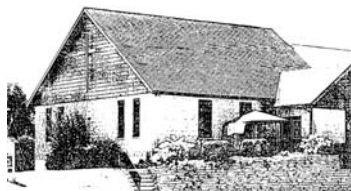
St. Mary of the Rosary, Hepworth
Sunday 9:00 am (Nov-Mar)



Holy Family, Sauble Beach
Sunday 9:00 am (Apr-Oct)



St. Stanislaus, Chatsworth
Sunday 9:00 am



St. Thomas Aquinas, Wiarton
Sunday 11:00 am



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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Owen Sound: Tuesday-Friday.....9:00am
Tuesday, Thursday.....7:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday 9:00am - 12 noon; 1:00pm - 5:00pm

ADORATION

9:30am - 10:30am in Owen Sound on Fridays

BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place following Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office. A date for baptism will be set after the parents meet with a priest.

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before all Masses or by appointment.

WEDDINGS

Please contact the parish office one year before the desired date of marriage.

FUNERALS

When a loved one passes away, please contact the funeral home you have chosen to serve you. Funeral arrangements at the church will be coordinated through the Funeral Home.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to your parish! You will find registration forms at the back of the church. Please fill one out and put in the collection basket.

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025



Dec 15 to Dec 21

No Monday Mass

Tues 9:00 am Stella Dantas +
7:00 pm Lawrence Armstrong +

Wed 9:00 am Bob & Carol Griffith (Int)
Lee Manor Mass: Relief of Suffering for the Homeless
in our community

Thu 9:00 am Allan Ruth (Int – Birthday)
7:00 pm Andrea Dunning (Int)

Fri 9:00 am Robert Bailey +

Saturday – December 20

9:30 am Lion's Head – Doug Barber +
11:30 am Tobermory – Barber Family (Int)
5:00 pm Owen Sound – Marcella Gurney +

Sunday – December 21

9:00 am OS – Allen Hilgendorf +
11:00 am OS – Alan & Emilia Clarke +
9:00 am Chatsworth – Frank Beirnes +
11:00 am Meaford – Kenneth Mills Jr. +
9:00 am Hepworth – Helen Hunter (Int)
11:00 am Wiarton – Claude McPhail +
1:00 pm Cape Croker – Pro Populo

From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

This week we pray for:

Mon. Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Tue. Rev. Stanley Nwokeji
Wed. Voluntas Dei Institute, i.v.Dei.
Thu. Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Fri. Rev. Donald Sanvido
Sat. Rev. David Weise

*** Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the sick: Available upon request. Please call the office. ***

Adoration is every Friday starting at 9:30 until 10:30 am

Catholic Women's League of Canada
President Vicki Lee
226-668-1063
st.maryscwl@outlook.com
MEETINGS
1st Wed. of the month
Rosary at 6:15 pm
Meeting at 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus
Grand Knight Adam Helmers
519-807-4764
gk2092@ontariokofc.ca
MEETINGS
Every 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm
770 6th St. East
519-372-0537

Update from Fr. John:

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's and the Missions. I will be taking some time away from the parish beginning on Dec 15 and returning before Easter. In my absence, Fr. Francis Ahuekwe will be the administrator of our parish, and Fr. Paul Niesiobedzki will be coming up on weekends to assist with the Masses. Fr. Luc will continue assisting as well. While I am away, any messages or mail for me will be held at the parish office.

I ask for your continued prayers for me and assure you of mine each day. Though distance will separate us for a time, we are always united in faith, especially when we celebrate the Eucharist. I look forward to joyfully celebrating Easter together upon my return.

Sincerely,

Fr. John

In the Parish

Advent Confessions – This Advent we will be having extra confessions times in **Owen Sound: Friday,**



Masses.

December 19 from 6 pm to 7pm. There will still be confessions half an hour before all Masses, but please note we will not be having confessions before any of the Christmas

Collective Mass Intentions - Beginning in January 2026, there will be a change in the scheduling of Mass



intentions. Our Diocese allows us to offer Masses for multiple intentions. We will begin this in the New Year on **Saturdays at 5:00 pm Mass in Owen Sound.** The Mass can be offered for multiple intentions because each Mass is infinite value and the grace is not "divided" between the intentions, but each intention receives the full benefit of the Mass. When there are multiple intentions, they will all be read aloud at the Mass.

Also, at this time the scheduling and publication of private Masses will be discontinued. These changes will provide more flexibility in the scheduling of Mass intentions and gives us the ability to accept more Mass intentions on short notice. If you have any questions, please see Fr. John.

Update on Weekday Morning Masses – Just a reminder that we no longer have Monday morning Masses, and as of **December 23**, we will not be having Tuesday morning Mass. The remaining weekday schedule will remain unchanged.

Sunday Missals 2025 - 2026 are now available in the parish office during regular office hours. The price is still \$5 each.



2026 Offering Envelopes - Boxed sets of envelopes for 2026 are available now. Please note that

we are putting out fewer boxes than previous years; your favourite number might not be available. Please choose any envelope number but be sure to print your name and address on the first two or three envelopes you use.

The snowy weather has arrived again –

Please be kind to those who clean the floors of our churches. It would be very helpful if you would stamp the snow and salt off your boots before entering the church. Thank you very much for your help.



Catholic Women's League – Just a reminder that St. Mary of the Assumption CWL memberships are due by January 2026. The membership fee is \$40.



Please put your envelope in the collection basket or in the mailbox in front of the parish office. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and email address on the envelope.

Meetings are in the Parish Centre the first Wednesday of every month, beginning with the Rosary at 6:15 pm. The first meeting for the new year will be Jan 7th, 2026. Come out and see what we do.

* In the Community *

Alpha Youth St. Joseph's, Port Elgin - Join us for a fun, open and judgement-free space to explore life, faith, and big questions with new friends. Ten Fridays from January through April.



To register or for more information, email ssalphayouth2026@gmail.com.

* In the Diocese *

Heroes Hope - Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we pray for **Heroes of Hope** – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During December, we pray for those who minister to families.



Prayer for those who Minister to families

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who uphold the dignity of marriage, built on the firm foundation of love and faithfulness, and for those who assist families to grow in mutual love, that they may enjoy your peace in their homes and become a source of blessing for one another and for the life of the world.

Through their varied ministries, may they touch the hearts of all in our community who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Reel Justice Film Festival is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films, and register for screenings. A partnership between the [Bishop Farrell Library & Archives](#) and [Development and Peace](#), the [Reel Justice Film Festival](#) shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

Vocations – “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or visit the website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners, family members and friends who need our prayers: Sue Paquette, Allan Graff, Les Highfield, Frances, Sarah, Regina Makuch, Lincoln Hogan, Anne Marie Fairley, Larry, Marianne Raymann Oklad, Matthew Thomas,



Rebecca Gregory, Stephen LaCroix, Omar, Durelle, Doug Okrafka, Ida Foch, James Hachey, Jamie Hill, Pat McMillan, Becki Knisley, Anne Cahoon, Julie Hunter, Helen Hunter, Mike Ruth, Gabriela Berger, Edith Fries, Anne MacDonald, James Gamble, Joann & Noel Price, Valma & Francis Wright, Doug Shular, Matt Bell, Marek Powichrowski, Bernadette Lewis, Marlene Burnett, Jerry Couture, Marcia Couture, Paul Burt, Rosanne Lipskie, Cecile Renaud, Robert Pointon, Rob Hillyer, Sharon Richard, Fr. Bill Scanlon, Bill Schinbein, Felix Poole, and Arnold Hodgkinson. **We pray to the Lord.**

In January, we will begin to rebuild our prayer list. If you or a loved one need prayer, please call or email the office. Each year at this time, we will begin our new list.

Donations received the week of Dec 6/7, 2025

Owen Sound	\$ 7, 699
Sauble Beach	305
Meaford	2, 096
Warton	640
Hepworth	1, 556
Chatsworth	738
Tobermory	217
Lion's Head	474
	<u>\$ 13, 725</u>

May God bless you for your generosity.

Where there is no love, pour love in, and you will draw love out.

St. John of the Cross



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