St. Mary of The Assumption and Missions

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> 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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Ècole St-Dominique-Savio

519-371-0627

St. Basil's School

519-376-9370

Notre Dame Catholic School

519-371-0161

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519-376-4278

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St. Mary of the Assumption 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



President Maggie Lutz 519-376-9557

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Meetings 1st Wed. of the month

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PRIESTS

Fr. Wojciech Kuzma

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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 Sunday 9:00 am



St. Thomas Aquinas, Wiarton Sunday 11:00 am



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





Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021



December 20 - 26

- Mon 9:00 am Anne Campbell + Private Mass: Anne McPhee +
- Tue 9:00 am Marsha Campbell + 7:00 pm Debbie Bell (Int)
- Wed 9:00 am Mike Maine + Private Mass: Margie & Allen Ruth (Int)
- Thu 9:00 am Mike Maine + 7:00 pm Dorothy Badregon (Int)

Christmas Eve – December 24

9:30 am Lion's Head - Pro Populo
11:30 am Tobermory – Carol Devilliers +
5:00 pm Wiarton – Monica Marchand +
5:00 pm Meaford – Mike Adams & Family (Int)
5:00 pm Owen Sound – Heinz & Irena Rothern (Int)
7:00 pm Owen Sound – Rosaleen Engel +
9:00 pm Owen Sound – Kamala Lydia Paul +

Christmas Day– December 25

9:00 am Chatsworth – Atie Huitema + 9:00 am Sauble Beach – Gary Broge + 9:00 am Owen Sound – Frank Szakall + 11:00 am Owen Sound – Don Duggan + 11:00 am – Cape Croker – Family of Dennis & Lorene Akiwenzie (Int)

Holy Family – December 26

9:00 am OS – Allen Hilgendorf + 11:00 am OS – Derek & Aaron Zavitz + 9:00 am Chatsworth – Rosaleen Engel + 11:00 am Meaford – Erika Nitsis (Int) 9:00 am SB – Mass 11:00 am Wiarton – Earl & Marian Hoffman + 1:00 pm Cape Croker – Earl Akiwenzie +

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

- Mon Fr. Pawel Stankiewicz
- Tue Fr. Ronald Voisin
- Wed Voluntas Dei Institute
- Thu Fr. Meskel Abib Aibu
- Fri Fr. Miro Grubisic
- Sat Nativity of the Lord

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

 Three Lessons from Mary and Joseph - Mary and Joseph are at the centre of the Christmas story. Both are surprised by the events which God makes present in their lives, and yet both accept the will of God with great joy and faithfulness. They teach us three basic attitudes that will help us to prepare for our personal encounter with God.

- <u>Do God's will.</u> The first lesson is the most important one. If we want to be truly happy and fulfilled in life we should simply DO GOD'S WILL. Only the creator knows what is best for the creature. God created us for a specific purpose, and that is to know, love, and serve God. The more we follow God's instructions the more fulfilled we will be. Notice the answer that Mary gives to the angel "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to your word". Joseph must have been a man of few words, for no words of his are recorded in Sacred Scripture, only his actions: "When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him".
- 2. Know God's will. But in order for us to do God's will, we must know what it is. This is where our knowledge of the faith becomes very important. This is why every Sunday we are nourished by the Word of God, listening to Scripture readings and trying to understand what they mean for us. Mary and Joseph knew their faith very well, they knew that God promised to send a Messiah, born of a virgin, who would save their people. We too must know our faith in order for us to know what God is asking of us. The knowledge of our faith will help us to love God, and to speak to Him and to listen to Him through our prayer life. God also wants to speak to us individually through prayer, to help us in our individual vocations in life. We cannot do what God asks, unless we know what He asks.
- 3. <u>Trust God.</u> Mary and Joseph surely did not understand how their lives are going to play out. They were not given a detailed instruction about what to do for the rest of their lives. God asked them to do something that seemed impossible. But they said yes because they trusted God. In order for us to do God's will, we must trust our God unconditionally. It is not enough to believe in God, we must also trust Him. Only then will we be able to submit our wills to His.

Our journey of faith continues, and we don't know where it will take us. As long as we are on the journey it's important that we stay close to the Lord. We do this by remaining in the state of grace. The sure way of remaining close to God is by making frequent use of the sacrament of confession. It will take away any impediment that we may have on our way to God, and will help us to always respond to God's will in our lives with the attitude of Joseph and the words of Mary: "Let it be done to me, according to your Word".

Advent Retreat with God's Word - This online



retreat will bring to your homes an experience of God's Holy Word through sacred music, Bible reading, and reflection by Fr.

Kuzma. The sessions began Wednesday, December 1st, streamed live on each Wednesday of Advent, at 7pm. Please join us live or watch it later by going to the home page of our parish website and clicking on the "YouTube channel link" button. Happy Advent!

Christmas Schedule 2021

Christmas Eve. Friday. December 24th

Lion's Head	_9:30 am	Tobermory_	11:30 am
Wiarton	5:00 pm	Meaford	5:00 pm
Owen Sound			5:00, 7:00, 9:00 pm

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th

Owen Sound			00, 11:00 am
Sauble Beach	9:00 am	Chatsworth	9:00 am
Owen Sound	11:00 am	Cape Croker	11:00 am

Holy Family, Sunday, December 26th

Owen Sound	9:00, 11:00 am	Chatsworth	9:00 am
Sauble Beach	9:00 am	Meaford	11:00 am
Wiarton	11:00 am	Cape Croker	1:00 pm

New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31st

Lion's Head	9:30 am	Tobermory	11:30 am
Wiarton	5:00 pm	Meaford	5:00 pm
Owen Sound			_5:00 pm

New Year's Day – Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1st Owen Sound __9:00, 11:00 am Chatsworth _____ 9:00 am Sauble Beach 9:00 am Cape Croker 11:00 am

Epiphany Sunday, January 2

Owen Sound	_9:00, 11:00 am Sauble Beach _	9:00 am
Chatsworth	9:00 am Wiarton	11:00 am
Meaford	11:00 am Cape Croker	1:00 pm

* In the Parish *



Fr. Kuzma's Bazaar - Following the weekend and during office Masses, hours. parishioners are welcome to browse the donated items of Fr. Kuzma's Christmas

Bazaar. There are deals to be had!

Alpha Postponed until further notice. At the present time there are too many unanswered questions with rising numbers and active spread of the omicron virus. We hope to review the situation in a few months and proceed with alpha when it is safe to do so. The Alpha Group wishes each and everyone of the parishioners

at St. Mary's a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

* In the Community *

Bereavement Support Group: Weekly meetings starting Jan. 12th. We share stories of our grief over the death of a loved one and offer support to each other with the help of experienced facilitators. There will also be a short video about the grief iourney at each meeting. Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:00pm, Jan. 12th to Mar. 9th, 2022. St. Peter's Lutheran, 441 Brown St, Wiarton. Offered FREE -Covid precautions will be observed.

* In the Diocese *

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love?

Nativity of the Lord - December 25 We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon. If God is calling you, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or bv calling 905-528-7988. Or check out the website for more info: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who are in need of our prayers: for -Carolyn & Noah, Arnold Hodgkinson, Fr. James U**I** McSharry, Cor Van Schie. Clarice Stewart, Doug Woolway, Kim Chegahno, Gordon Dion, Connie Bell, Glenda Emma Dupont, Colleen Warmington, Mike Couture Madelyn van Veen, Kathleen Walsh, Collin Rier, Phyllis Cooper, Barry Beatty, Marc Hilker, Marilyn Schinbein, Mike Adams, Pat McIntyre and Brenda Richter, We pray to the Lord.

Donations received weekends of December 12 th		
Owen Sound	\$ 4,074	
Sauble Beach	676	
Meaford	1,022	
Wiarton	443	
Chatsworth	1,107	
Hepworth	173	
Tobermory	136	
Lion's Head	269	
	\$ 7,900	
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God bless you for your generosity.

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