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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



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 26, 2021

Bishop Crosby's Christmas Message -



Dec. 27 – Jan 2

Mon 9:00 am Tillie Maine & Family (Int) Private Mass: Rachael Rood Family, Past, Present & Future

- Tue 9:00 am Peggy Anne Meloche (Int) 7:00 pm Monica Romanowich +
- Wed 9:00 am Students & Staff of St. Basil's (Int) Private Mass: Basil Davenport +
- Thu 9:00 am Students & Staff of Notre Dame (Int) 7:00 pm Debbie Bell (Int)

New Year's Eve – December 31

9:30 am Lion's Head - Mass 11:30 am Tobermory – Stella Smith + 5:00 pm Wiarton – Parishioners of Wiarton (Int) 5:00 pm Meaford – Ezekiel, Isobel & Nathaniel Quintana (Int) 5:00 pm Owen Sound – Jackie & T. Way McDonald+

New Year's Day– January 1

9:00 am Chatsworth – Rosaleen Engel + 9:00 am Sauble Beach – Jeremy Fleming + 9:00 am Owen Sound – Deceased members of McArthur & Reilly Families + 11:00 am Owen Sound – Students & Staff of St. Mary's HS (Int) 11:00 am Cape Croker – Mass

Epiphany – January 2

9:00 am OS – Monica Romanowich + 11:00 am OS – T. Way McDonald + 9:00 am Chatsworth – Raymond Trudell + 11:00 am Meaford – Harold & Evie Fox + 9:00 am SB – Pro Populo 11:00 am Wiarton – Julius & Catharina Van Aalst + 1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

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

Mon	Msgr.	Murray	Kroetsch
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- Tue Fr. Francisco Cruz
- Wed Sisters of St. Anne
- Thu Fr. Adam Wroblewicz
- Fri Fr. Melvin Pinto
- Sat Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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





My dear friends,

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shown!" ls. 9.2

The fact that we are now dealing with the Omicron variant of the pernicious COVID-19 virus is discouraging indeed. We have worked so hard to do what we can to "manage" the pandemic protocols, but the daily bad news of increased infections, after we thought we were getting ahead of things, makes it difficult to remain positive.

The scripture passages given to us by the Church in the daily readings during the Christmas season remind us over and over again that we are a people of HOPE – darkness does not overwhelm us. The powerful recounting of the Christmas story lifts us up out of darkness, sadness, and sorrow, and reminds us that God has given us a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. This announcement gladdens us and reassures us that the Lord is with us – especially in the darkest of nights. It is the blessing of Christmas!

May the God of infinite goodness, Who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night, drive far from you the darkness of death and illumine your hearts with the light of life!

(From the solemn blessing of Midnight Mass)

Merry Christmas! Enjoy the season.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+ Douglas Crosby, OMI (Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI Bishop of Hamilton

From the Pastor's Desk:

Christmas is a time of great joy. It is the time for families to get together and share their time, their gifts, and presents with each other. And if you are like me you also share a great meal together. Christmas is a family oriented feast.

But Christmas is above all a great GIFT from God to us. First, it is a gift because on that blessed Christmas day, two thousand years ago Jesus was

born, God became a human being in order to share all of our joys and sorrows. He was born poor and cold, in the dirtiest of all places, in a stable. He was born for us, so that we may be given an opportunity of redemption. Christmas is also a gift because when we celebrate it each year we are given an opportunity to reflect on that which is really important in life. We are encouraged to look at our lives, at our God, and renew our relationship with Christ and with those closest to us.

We know that Nativity Story so well. We know how Jesus was born, we hear it every year. But the Nativity Story does not end with the birth of Jesus, it doesn't even end with the Resurrection of Jesus and His ascension back to heaven. The Christmas Story does not end with Jesus because it is also our **story**. All that Christ did was for us, for you and me. And the end of the story will depend on you and me. Will I receive Christ into my home, into my life, into my heart this Christmas, and the day after Christmas, and the day after? How will the Christmas story end for me? Christ gives us himself when He is born on Christmas. All we have to do is welcome Him into our lives on Christmas, and the day after Christmas, and the day after. Merry Christmas!

Fr. Wojtek Kuzma

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 - Continuing through the Christmas Octave, parishioners are welcome to browse the donated items of Fr. Kuzma's Christmas Bazaar. There are

deals to be had! Some items have fixed prices, others are by donation. All proceeds will go to our Building Project.

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.

* 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 journey 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 *

Feast of the Holy Family - By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person.

Mary Mother of God - January 1 - Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or by calling 905-528-7988. Or check out the website for more info: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

The Diocese has prepared a beautiful resource for families to share and pray together in celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family.

https://hamiltondiocese.com/holyfamily2021/

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who are in need of our prayers: for -Sandra Hill, Sharon Cantlon, Carolyn & Noah, Arnold Hodgkinson, Fr. James 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 prav to the Lord.

Donations received the weekend of December 19th & Christmas Masses were unavailable at time of printing.

God bless you for your generosity.

Boxed envelopes for 2022 are available for pick up. Be sure to print your name and address on the first few you use.

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