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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 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. Vincent, Meaford

St. Thomas The Apostle, TobermorySaturday 11:30 am



St. Mark, Lions Head Saturday 9:30 am

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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.



St. Stanislaus, Chatsworth Sunday 9:00 am



St. Thomas Aquinas, Wiarton Sunday 11:00 am



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

2nd Sunday of Advent





Dec 8 to Dec 14

No Monday Mass

Tues 9:00 am Dr. Emily Hertel (Int) 7:00 pm Sharif +

Wed 9:00 am The Lee Family (Int)

Thu 9:00 am Marek Powichrowski (Int) 7:00 pm Erika Nitsis (Int)

Fri 9:00 am Bud Jones +

Saturday – December 13

9:30 am Lion's Head - Jerry Calder + 11:30 am Tobermory – Deanne Calder & family (Int) 5:00 pm Owen Sound - Edith Fries (Int)

Sunday - December 14

9:00 am OS - Pro Populo

11:00 am OS - Pauline & Jim McGrath (Int - 50th Wedding Anniversary)

9:00 am Chatsworth - Robert (Bob) Clark +

11:00 am Meaford - Richard Dunning +

9:00 am Hepworth – Nicole Munn (Int)

11:00 am Wiarton - Phil Dwver (Int)

1:00 pm Cape Croker - Mass

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

Mon. The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue. Rev. Ronald Voisin

Wed. Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, C.Ss.R.

Thu. Catholic Young Adults

Our Lady of Guadalupe/National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

Sat. Rev. Michael McHugh

- * 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 519-807-4754

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MEETINGS Every 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm 770 6th St. East 519-372-0537

Prayer Corner

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

In the Parish

Advent Confessions - This Advent we will be having extra confessions times in Meaford: Friday, December 12



from 6pm to 7pm. In Owen Sound: Friday, 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 Masses.

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.

Cemetery Closure & Clean Up - All 4 parish cemeteries will be closed from December 1st to May 1st as usual.

People may continue to visit the cemeteries throughout the winter. Rights holders are reminded to remove any decorations which may blow around or suffer the ill effects of winter weather. Winter wreaths must be removed before the grass cutting begins in May. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the cemeteries beautiful.

The Giving Tree is a simple and easy way to help others at this time of year. Take a tag from the tree in the foyer in St. Mary's Church, purchase the item listed on the tag and bring the gift (unwrapped) with the tag back to the church. The

Giving Tree works in conjunction with the Salvation Army, providing clothing to their gifts for children and teens. These gifts must be back to the church no later than December 14th as the Salvation Army will be picking them up and distributing the gifts before Christmas.

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



Christmas Card to Each Other - Each year St. Mary's Catholic Charities sponsors the "Christmas Card to Each Other". This is the major fund raiser for our Catholic Charities.

During this year of the Jubilee of Hope, the Bishop has asked each parish to take a "Spirit of Hope Collection" and designate the monies received for the support of the poor in our community.

We are going to combine these two collections, using only the Christmas Card to Each Other envelope, and our Catholic Charities will assign the monies, as they always do, to support those in need of food, clothes, and temporary shelter. Please return your donation by December 14

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary's Catholic Charities.

Parish Gift Shop - We received some new Christmas items in the gift shop! Please drop by during office hours and have a look. In addition to ornaments, children's books, and car decals, we also now have some Christmas

cards.

Also, for those hard to buy for people, we have our Parish travel mugs available for \$5. Proceeds from these mugs and all items in the gift shop goes to our Parish.

Jubilee of Hope - A church in each Deanery of our diocese has been declared as the Jubilee Pilgrim Centre.



These churches will have a replica of the Holy Door, Our Deanery church for the Jubilee 2025 is Immaculate Conception Church, Formosa. Parishioners from our Deanery can visit on

Monday, December 8, 2025 to receive graces.

The Church opens at 10:00 a.m.; Exposition at 10:30 a.m.; Reposition at 4:30 p.m.; Mass at 5:00 p.m.

All are warmly invited to share these moments of grace!

* 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.

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

* In the Diocese *

Journey through Advent from the CCCB-Each Advent the National Office for Evangelization and Catechesis produces a four-week series on the Sunday Gospels throughout Advent with reflections from one of our Canadian Bishops. This year, our very own Auxiliary, His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger provides the video series for us. You can find all information, here: https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholiceducation/video-resources/journey-through-advent/

Vocations - "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, 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: 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 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 Nov 29/30, 2025 Owen Sound \$ 5.057 Sauble Beach 265 Meaford 834 Wiarton 658 Hepworth 1, 246 Chatsworth 258 Tobermory 257 Lion's Head 307 \$ 8.882 May God bless you for your generosity.

"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic His giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves." St. Nicholas

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