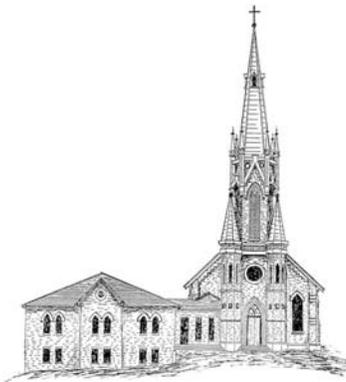


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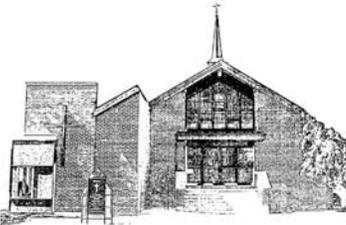
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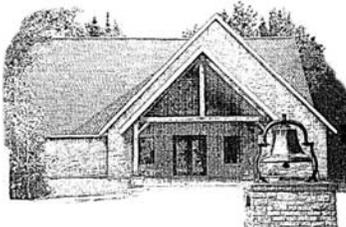
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Saturday 5:00 pm
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St. Vincent, Meaford
Sunday 11:00 am



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



St. Mark, Lions Head
Saturday 9:30 am

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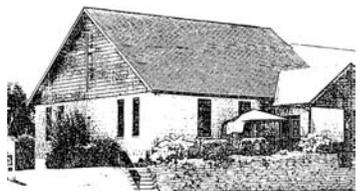
St. Mary of the Rosary, Hepworth
Sunday 9:00 am (Nov-Mar)



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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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Friday 3:00 pm – 4:00 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 at the back of the Church. Fill one out and drop it in the collection basket.

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17th, 2023



Dec 18 to Dec 24

Mon 9:00 am Mark Strong +
Private Mass: Romanowich Family (Int)

Tue 9:00 am Richard McBride +
7:00 pm Walter Snowden +
Private Mass: Colin Anderson +

Wed 9:00 am Joan Ruston-Berge (Int)
Lee Manor: Faye Ulmer (Int)
Private Mass: Richard Dunning +

Thu 9:00 am Steve Rovers +
7:00 pm Rene Chaput +
Private Mass: Special Intention

Fri 9:00 am Bud & Bonita Jones (Int)
Private Mass: Reparation
Private Mass: Bob McBride +

Saturday – December 23

9:30 am Lion's Head – Peter McKenna & Family (Int)
11:30 am Tobermory – Ralph B (Int – Healing)
5:00 pm Owen Sound – Fr. Emmanuel Ogboli (Int)
Private Mass: Pat McMillan (Int)

4th Sunday of Advent - December 24

9:00 am OS – Pro Populo
11:00 am OS – Lorne Beitz +
9:00 am Chatsworth – Costantino Zacchigna +
11:00 am Meaford – William Malcolm & Elizabeth
Bruce Dunning +
9:00 am Hepworth – Jim Finlayson +
11:00 am Warton – Fr. Luc Payette (Int)
1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

Christmas Eve – December 24

3:00 pm Lion's Head – Kyle Watson +
5:00 pm Owen Sound – Allen Hilgendorf +
9:00 pm Owen Sound – Ignatius Lee +

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

Mon Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
Tue Single Catholics
Wed Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
Thu Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Fri Rev. Ronald Hodara
Sat Rev. Donald Wilhelm

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

Prayer Corner:

St. Nicholas Prayer for the Spirit of Childhood

O good St. Nicholas, you who are the joy of the children, put in my heart the spirit of childhood, which the Gospel speaks, and teach me to seed happiness around me.

You, whose feast prepares us for Christmas, open my faith to the mystery of God-made man. You, good bishop and shepherd, help me to find my place in the Church and inspire the Church to be faithful to the Gospel.

O good Saint Nicholas, patron of children, sailors, and the helpless, watch over those who pray to Jesus, your Lord and theirs, as well as over those who humble themselves before you.

Bring us all in reverence to the Holy Child of Bethlehem, where true joy and peace are found. Amen.

* In the Parish *

2023 Christmas Schedule



Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

Lion's Head _____ 3:00 pm
Owen Sound _____ 5:00, 9:00 pm

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

Owen Sound _____ 9:00, 11:00 am
Chatsworth _____ 9:00 am
Hepworth _____ 9:00 am
Meaford _____ 11:00 am
Warton _____ 11:00 am
Cape Croker _____ 1:00 pm

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31st

Lion's Head _____ 3:00 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
Hepworth _____ 9:00 am
Meaford _____ 11:00 am
Warton _____ 11:00 am
Cape Croker _____ 1:00 pm

Parish Office Closure – Our Parish office will be closed for Christmas starting at noon on Friday, December 22, 2023. The office will open again on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 9:00 am. Merry Christmas to all our parishioners and to your families near and far and Happy New Year!



2024 Offering Envelopes - Boxed sets of envelopes for 2024 are now available. Please note that we are putting out fewer boxes than in previous years; your favourite number might not be available. Please choose any number but be sure to print your name and address on the first few you use.

Parish Gift Shop – We just received some new Christmas items in the parish gift shop! Please drop by during office hours and have a look. We have ornaments, nativities, and car magnets.



Also, for those hard to buy for people, we have our parish travel mugs available for \$10. Proceeds from these mugs go to our Rectory Building Fund.

Alpha is back! – Starting January 9th, 2024, at 10 am to 12 noon at St. Mary's Parish Centre, Owen Sound. Registration forms are in the foyer of the Church, or you can call the Parish office at 519-376-0778.



What is Alpha? We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore faith, ask questions, and share their point of view.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

Alpha is enjoyed all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. It runs in cafes, churches, universities, homes – you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: Connection, Content, and Conversation. Come and see.

Adoration every Friday – Adoration of the Holy Eucharist occurs every Friday beginning after the 9 am Mass and ending at 8 pm. If you can commit for an hour from 5 pm to 6 pm, please call the parish office. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to come to the Church and spend time in the presence of our Lord.

Invitation to Cursillo (ker-see-yo) – What is Cursillo? It is a renewal movement of the Church. It has been a powerful tool in achieving a new and deeper awareness of what Christianity means in many peoples' lives. Cursillo is an encounter WITH ONESELF, WITH CHRIST, WITH OTHERS that can last your lifetime. Ultreya meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9.00 am in St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Centre, Owen Sound. Enjoy a Coffee at 8:45 AM. Everyone is welcome. Like Jesus said, "Come and See" John 1:39. For more information contact Mary Ann Kirkconnell rmkirkconnell@gmail.com 519-379-9858 or Pauline McGrath pauline_mc_grath@hotmail.com 905-702-3963.



Cursillo Men's Weekend is April 25 to April 28, 2024.

Divine Mercy Hour – The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed every Friday from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at St. Mary of the Assumption in Owen Sound. If you cannot stay the whole hour, you are welcome to join for as long as you can. Please come and join us. You are certain to find peace & comfort in the presence of the Lord.



Catholic Women's League – The St. Mary of the Assumption CWL membership is due in January. The membership is \$40.00. For those who use envelopes, there is one in the parish envelope box, or you can use any envelope and place it in the collection. Thank you!



* *In the Diocese* *

Third Sunday of Advent – December 17, 2023
- There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or visit the website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Advent resource for teens - The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to announce the release of the 2023 Advent Resource, "Shine Your Light". This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The resource is an interactive journal, inspiring prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospels, in addition to suggestions for living out the Advent Season. Special links and videos are included to help teens meditate on the weekly themes. You are invited to share this resource with the teens of your school communities. The resource is located here: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3h2ejs>

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who need our prayers:



Connie Bell, Cheryl Watters, Lincoln Hogan, Maciej Zielinski, Lydia Foch, Alwyn D'Silva, Joan West, Colleen Wright, Andrew Gambal, Mike Adams, Bernadette Lewis, Lyn Hannigan, Becki Knisley, Marlene Ryerson, Tom McDonnell, Sharon Cantlon, Brad Cahoon, Ben Meissner, Helen Hunter, Yvette Fournier, Felix Poole, Matt Bell, Maynard Dietrich, Eunice Blom, Arnold Hodgkinson, Landon Archer, and Mike Couture. **We pray to the Lord.**

Donations received from the weekend of December 9th & 10th, 2023, were unavailable at the time of printing.

God bless you for your generosity.

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