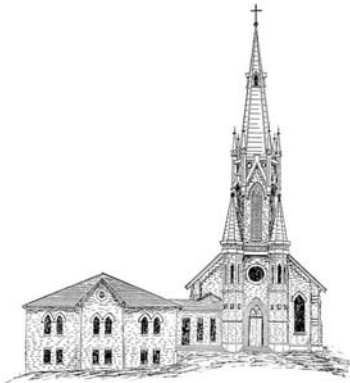


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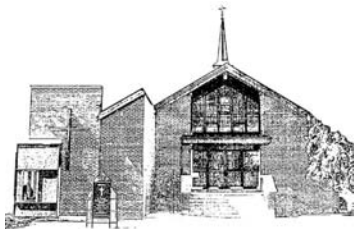
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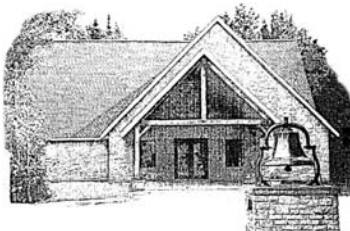
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**St. Mary of the Assumption  
Owen Sound**  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am



**St. Vincent, Meaford**  
Sunday 11:00 am



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



**St. Mark, Lions Head**  
Saturday 9:30 am

## PASTORAL TEAM

### PRIESTS

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#### Associate Pastor

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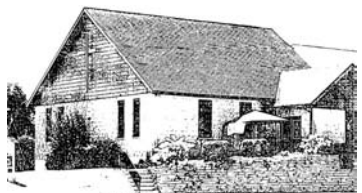
**St. Mary of the Rosary, Hepworth**  
Sunday 9:00 am (Nov-Mar)



**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

## DIVINE MERCY OWEN SOUND

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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WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
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**President Vicki Lee**  
226-668-1063

### Meetings

1st Wed. of the month  
Rosary at 6:15 pm  
Meeting at 7:00 pm



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Mass: 7:00 pm

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519-376-9370

**Notre Dame Catholic School**  
519-371-0161

**St. Mary's High School**  
519-376-4278



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

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### February 11th, 2024



Feb 12 to Feb 18

**Mon 9:00 am** Bud Jones +  
Private Mass: Ida Foch (Int)

**Tue 9:00 am** Bonita Jones & family (Int)  
**7:00 pm** Mike Spencer +  
Private Mass: Holy Souls

### Wed – February 14<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday

**9:00 am** Cathy Treacy (Int)  
**12:00 pm** Ray Macaya +  
**7:00 pm** Mrs. Elaine Green Thompson (Int- Healing)

**Thu 9:00 am** John Strba +  
**7:00 pm** Rick Zottl +  
Private Mass: Anna Szakall (Int)

**Fri 9:00 am** Bud Jones +  
Private Mass: Barbara Fox +  
Private Mass: Stuart (Int) & Rhonda Nesbitt +

### Saturday – February 17

9:30 am Lion's Head – Lucy Letra +  
11:30 am Tobermory – Barbina Fernandes & family (Int)  
5:00 pm Owen Sound – Clem O'Reilly +

### Sunday – February 18

9:00 am OS – Susan Romanowich (Int)  
11:00 am OS – Alan Clarke +  
9:00 am Chatsworth – Frank Beirnes +  
11:00 am Meaford – Elizabeth Mikulska +  
9:00 am Hepworth – Julius & Catharina van Aalst +  
11:00 am Wiarton – Maddy Schwoob +  
1:00 pm Cape Croker – Pro Populo

### From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

**This week we pray for:**

Mon Rev. Michael McHugh  
Tue Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman  
Wed **Ash Wednesday**  
Thu Rev. William Trusz  
Fri Rev. Vincent Kim van Toan  
Sat Rev. Msgr. Edwad Sheridan

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

### From the Pastors Desk:

Dear Parishioners,

Continuing our discussion of Adoration, today I'd like to talk about what it means that Jesus is present in the Eucharistic Host.

The catechism says, "The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. In the most blessed

sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.*" "This presence is called 'real' - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (CCC 1374).

The church recognizes that Christ can be present in many ways. Christ is present in his creation. He is present in the hearts of the baptized faithful. He is present when two or three are gathered in his name. But only in the Eucharist is Christ *substantially* present. To be substantially present means you can point to it and say, "that is Jesus". While the Christ is present in the soul of a baptized person, we cannot point to it and say that is Jesus. In our souls, Jesus is present spiritually. In the Eucharist he is present substantially.

With this gift of the Eucharist, Christ invites us to come and spend time in his *real* presence. Just as a couple, when separated, long to be in each other's presence, so our hearts long to be in the presence of Our Lord. No words need to be spoken; we just want to be with him.

That is what we do in adoration.

God Bless,

*Fr. David*

*\* In the Parish \**

Ash Wednesday Masses will be at **9 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm** in Owen Sound.

Ash Wednesday falls on **February 14th** this year and is a day of fasting and abstinence. **Fasting** means that we take only one full meal throughout day and **abstinence** means that we do not eat any meat. We can still eat small portions at two other times of the day, as well as liquids. In short, we try not to eat as much as we would in a normal day. The concept of fasting and abstinence is found in the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments. When fasting in conjunction with prayer it is believed that our prayers become more effective. Fasting applies to those above the age of 14 and below the age of 69, and abstinence applies to all.



Stations of the Cross - The Stations of the Cross is a devotion, especially during Lent, that prayerfully follows Jesus' path to the Cross. Every Church contains the 14 stations, and it can be prayed at any time. In Owen Sound this devotion is celebrated every Friday of Lent at **7 pm, beginning this Friday, February 16th**. Please come and join us.



Parish Lenten Retreat – Fr. David will be holding a parish Lenten Retreat on **Saturday, March 2 starting at 10:30 am** at St. Mary's Church in Owen Sound. This is the

first retreat for St Mary's and the Missions in a long time, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Invite family and friends. Lunch will be provided by St. Mary's and St. Thomas Aquinas CWL members.

For food prep and hall set up numbers, each mission church is asked to have a designated person put a signup sheet in their church entrance. The priest will pick up the list on the weekend of Feb 24/25. Come and enjoy a spiritually uplifting time for yourself, family, and friends!

Lenten Resource - Are you are looking for a good Lenten resource to support your Lenten journey? "The Art of Living" by Edward Sri is available for \$10, while supplies last. A great read for anyone wanting to take the next step in growing towards God. Mr. Sri explains very simply why virtues are so essential if we want to grow in relationship with others. A virtuous person does not just do what is right, they delight in doing right things. Please call the office to reserve a copy.

### Registration for the Sacraments -

Registration for First Communion is now open for children in grade 2 and up. Confirmation registration is now open for children in grade 7 and up. The registration form is on the parish website, or you can also pick one up at the parish office during office hours. The **deadline** for registration is **Friday, March 22, 2024**.



Adoration every Friday - Adoration of the Holy Eucharist occurs every Friday beginning after the 9 am Mass and ending at 8 pm. We are currently looking for someone who can commit for an hour from 2 pm to 3 pm and 5 pm to 6 pm. Please call the parish office if this is something you would like to do. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to come to the Church and spend time in the presence of our Lord.



World Day of Prayer - The World Day of Prayer brings Christians together to observe a common day of prayer. "I Beg You ... Bear With One Another in Love", is the theme of World Day of Prayer 2024.



St. Stanislaus Church in Chatsworth is hosting an Ecumenical service on Friday, March 1st. Please call Sharrie at 226 974 0334 for details.

Knights of Columbus - The Knights of Columbus Valentines Dinner is taking place on **Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 770 6<sup>th</sup> St. East. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Due to a mix-up, the tickets for dinner were not available at last weekend's Masses, but there is a limited amount still available by phoning Randy Hingston at 519-270-1261.



The Knights of Columbus charitable tax receipts for last year's 40 cans of Lent will be available next week in the Parish Centre.

**Food for Families - 40 Cans for Lent** - Almsgiving during the season of Lent is one way for us to share God's gifts. Food insecurity, not having enough money to buy food, is a serious income problem that affects 1 in 5 households in Grey Bruce. Food donations can help provide temporary relief for families struggling to afford food. **This year, consider supporting families in need of food through the "40 Cans for Lent" program coordinated by the Knights of Columbus.** Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing throughout the forty days of Lent, you are invited to make a daily donation of at least \$1 or 1 canned/non-perishable food item. Each church will have a box available to collect food items. Please be mindful of individual food choices and needs when selecting food items. Alternatively, you may make a tax-receiptable monetary donation using the envelopes found at the entrance of the church.



Catholic Women's League - Membership fees of \$40 are now due for the St. Mary of the Assumption CWL. Please place your envelope with your name, address, phone number and email address in the collection basket, in the Church mailbox or bring it into the parish office. Thank you.

### \* In the Diocese \*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 11, 2024 - Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as He did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988**, email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) or visit the website: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)



For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who need our prayers: Rob Zaltron, Bob Francis, James Gamble, 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, Felix Poole, Matt Bell, Maynard Dietrich, Eunice Blom, Arnold Hodgkinson, and Mike Couture. **We pray to the Lord.**

### Donations received the week of Feb 3/4, 2024

Owen Sound	\$ 4,922
Sauble Beach	283
Meaford	2,171
Warton	667
Hepworth	522
Chatsworth	617
Tobermory	85
Lion's Head	314
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