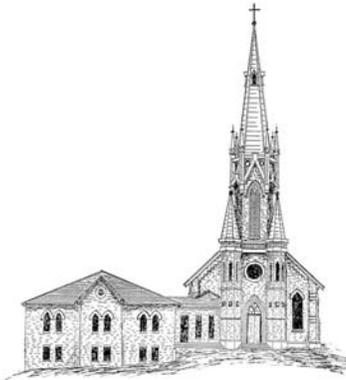


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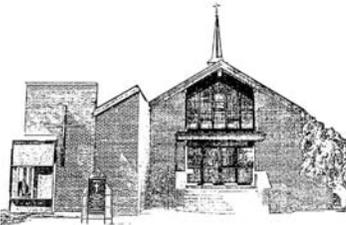
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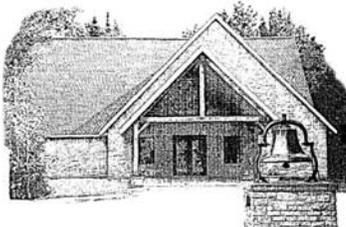
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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am



St. Vincent, Meaford
Sunday 11:00 am



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



St. Mark, Lions Head
Saturday 9:30 am

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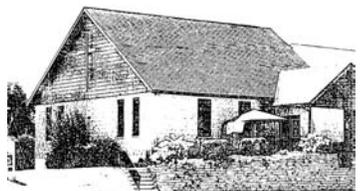
St. Mary of the Rosary, Hepworth
Sunday 9:00 am (Nov-Mar)



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

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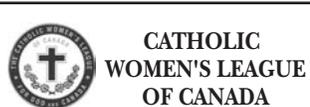
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-12 noon; 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before all weekday and the Lord's Day Masses.

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

1st Sunday of Lent

February 18th, 2024



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Feb 19 to Feb 25

Mon 9:00 am Bud Jones +
Private Mass: Peter Hillyer +

Tue 9:00 am Bud Jones +
7:00 pm Wojciech & Vicky (Int)
Private Mass: Cezary Hryciuk (Int – Birthday)

Wed 9:00 am Bud Jones +
Lee Manor Deanie Warmington +
Private Mass: Patricia McMillan (Int – Birthday)

Thu 9:00 am In Thanksgiving
Private Mass: Stella Dantas +
Private Mass: Florence & Bill Zettler (Int – Healing)

Fri 9:00 am Christopher Francuz +
Private Mass: Deceased family members of Ed & Mary Ruth
Private Mass: Matt Bell (Int)

Saturday – February 24

9:30 am Lion's Head – In Thanksgiving for the lives of unborn children (Int)
11:30 am Tobermory – Living & deceased family members of Rick & Joan Zettler
5:00 pm Owen Sound – Denise Gariepy & family (Int)
Private Mass: Healing for Sophie Kim (Int)

Sunday – February 25

9:00 am OS – Doug Grant +
11:00 am OS – Charlene Eckensweiler (Int)
9:00 am Chatsworth – John McKeown +
11:00 am Meaford – Pro Populo
9:00 am Hepworth – Simon & Rose Kocher +
11:00 am Wiarton – Earl & Marian Hoffman & Patrick Ryan +
1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

This week we pray for:

Mon Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Tue Rev. Ron Cote
Wed Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)
Thu Rev. William Foote
Fri Rev. Michael Isabelle
Sat Consecrated Virgin Candidates

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



An excerpt from Pope Francis' Lenten Message:

God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your



God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). Lent is a *season of conversion, a time of freedom*. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For

forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.

It is time to act, and in Lent, *to act also means to pause*. To pause *in prayer*, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan *in the presence of a wounded brother or sister*. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. Then the atrophied and isolated heart will revive. Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers. This is God's dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind.

To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope. Allow me to repeat what I told the young people whom I met in Lisbon last summer: "Keep seeking and be ready to take risks. At this moment in time, we face enormous risks; we hear the painful plea of so many people. Indeed, we are experiencing a third world war fought piecemeal. Yet let us find the courage to see our world, not as being in its death throes but in a process of giving birth, not at the end but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history. We need courage to think like this" ([Address to University Students](#), 3 August 2023). Such is the courage of conversion, born of coming up from slavery. For faith and charity take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward. [1]

I bless all of you and your Lenten journey.

Pope Francis

** In the Parish **

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**. Please come and join us.



Parish Lenten Retreat Cancelled – Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Parish Lenten Retreat is cancelled this Lent.

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. 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.

Tax Receipts - If you donated \$10 or more over the year in 2023, you can expect to receive a charitable tax receipt from us. Tax receipts will be mailed out, as usual, after the Family Day weekend. If you do not receive your expected receipt by Feb 28th, please give the office a call in early March and we will be happy to look into it at that time.

Knights of Columbus – Charitable Tax Receipts - The Knights of Columbus charitable tax receipts for last year's 40 cans of Lent are now available 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 **

First Sunday of Lent – February 18, 2024 - Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be 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 or visit the website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who need our prayers: Marie Beckberger, 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.**



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