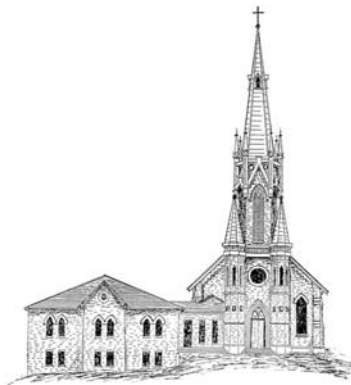


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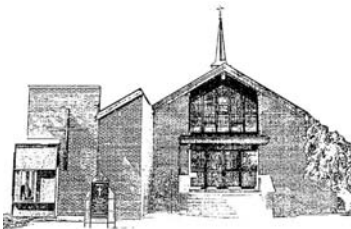
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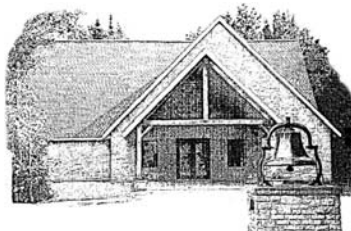
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Sunday 11:00 am



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Saturday 11:30 am



St. Mark, Lions Head
Saturday 9:30 am

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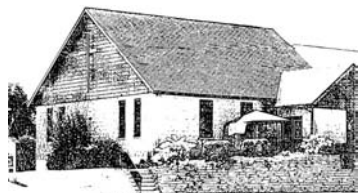
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Sunday 9:00 am (Nov-Mar)



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Sunday 9:00 am (Apr-Oct)



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Sunday 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Owen Sound: Monday-Friday 9:00 am

Tuesday, Thursday 7:00 pm

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2023



Feb 20 to Feb 26

Mon 9:00 am Patrick Ryan +
Private Mass: The Pinnegar Family & Barb Pinnegar (Int)

Tue 9:00 am Wayne Milner +
7:00 pm Anne Hodgins +

Wed – February 22 - Ash Wednesday
9:00 am Prayers & Squares Group (Int)
7:00 pm Mary Wilson +

Thu 9:00 am Christopher Francuz +
7:00 pm Felix Poole (Int – Healing)

Fri 9:00 am Denise Garipey & Family (Int)
Private Mass: Ronald McBride +

Saturday – February 25
9:30 am Lion's Head – Fr. Luc Payette (Int)
11:30 am Tobermory – Mary Krystyniak +
5:00 pm Owen Sound – Michelle (Paquette) Rioux +

Sunday – February 26
9:00 am OS – Allan & Margie Ruth (Int)
11:00 am OS – Tomas Podsiadlo (Int – Birthday)
9:00 am Chatsworth – Alice & William D'Silva +
11:00 am Meaford – Gonzalo Dinglasan +
9:00 am Hepworth – Doug Grant +
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. James Link, C.R.
Tue Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
Wed **Ash Wednesday**
Thu Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
Fri Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
Sat Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

* **Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick:**
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From Fr. Luc's Desk:

I am continuing to write a message in the absence of Father Kuzma who is beginning the second half of his time away in Florida. Fr. Francis had laser surgery on his left eye and feels that his vision is now good enough for him to drive and count every hair on my head. Praise God. May God bless Fr. Kuzma, Fr. Francis and all parishioners needing healing.



On the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time and only a few days from Ash Wednesday, the Scripture readings are

challenging us believers to think and act in opposite ways to the world ways. Since the Lord showed his perfect wisdom and love by doing good and dying for both righteous and sinful peoples, we too are being made holier and perfected as we choose to love our enemies, help them, pray for them and refuse to hate them. The Lord would not make such demands unless He provides the supernatural graces we need through faith in Him and the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit and the Sacraments. Are you on a journey towards greater holiness?

God tells Moses in Leviticus 19 that we are to become holy for God is holy, that we must not hate anyone in our heart, that we must reprove sinners or we will incur guilt, that we shall not seek vengeance nor bear grudges and must love our neighbour as ourselves. Saint Paul in 1st Corinthians 3 reminds us that we are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in us, that if anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person and that since God's temple is holy, we are holy. Are you taking a good care of your body, mind and soul? Are you living as a precious son or daughter of God, treating others as (potential) brother or sister of Jesus Christ however unaware or unworthy that may be?

In Matthew 5, the Lord Jesus challenges us to heroic charity towards evil doers by refusing to retaliate – seeking justice is a form of love for the innocent and the guilty –, by being as generous and prudent as we can towards people in need and to show love towards our enemies through good deeds for them and by praying for them. God calls us to perfection. If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Like you, I have a long way to go before I become holy, but this does not mean that I/we should not make sincere efforts to surrender every day our mind, heart and will to God through prayer, fasting, penance and obedience to God's will.

May God's call to holiness inspire us to embrace with a positive attitude the great season of Lent to become more like our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless you and Our Lady, Saint Joseph, the Angels and the Saints protect and guide you always.

Fr. Luc (Retired Priest)

** In the Parish **

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

Ash Wednesday falls on **February 22** this year and is a day of fasting and abstinence. **Fasting** means that we take one full meal a 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. The point is 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 efficacious. 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 24th.**

40 Cans of Lent - Starting Ash Wednesday and continuing throughout Lent, the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual '40 Cans for Lent Project' in support of local food banks in Meaford, Chatsworth, St. Mary's, Warton and Cape Croker. Donated food items will be shared with the above.



Those who wish to donate a cash sum instead, can receive a charitable receipt by the K of C's Charitable Trust. The donation can be directed to OShare, Safe 'n Sound, or the Food Banks. Envelopes for that purpose will be available at St. Mary's. Please make sure to put your full mailing address on the envelope.

Cheques can also be dropped in the collection or at the Parish Office. E-Transfer is also available to Kevin Quinn (K of C Financial Secretary) at keviquin@wightman.ca

** In the Community **

Safe 'N Sound - The Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) fundraiser will be held this coming Saturday, Feb. 25 and will be an in person sponsored 2 and 5 k walk, beginning and ending at the Owen Sound market.



Safe 'N Sound provides service and support to help people living with precarious housing, mental health, addiction and poverty issues. For more information you can go to the website: <https://cnoy.org/location/owensound>


If you would like to sponsor a group taking part in the Coldest Night of the Year you may wish to consider supporting the 2:12 team from St. Mary's parish! 2:12 (reference to 1 John 2:12) exists to help Catholic men connect, commit, and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another. This men's group from St. Mary's has taken on CNOY as their almsgiving project for the month of February.

** In the Diocese **

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a, priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or visit the website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Reel Justice Film Festival - Join in on **February 23, 2023 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM** for a film screening featuring two short films that highlight challenges and approaches to affordable housing. **A Better Tent City** follows a group of dedicated individuals, including those living rough, service providers, community members and municipal staff, working together to create a self-organized housing community in Kitchener, ON. **Safe** explores the housing and opioid crises through the stories of tenants that live in Indwell affordable housing units, available for people experiencing poverty because of their mental health and/or substance use disorders, in Hamilton, London, Woodstock, Simcoe and Mississauga. Both films focus on the necessity for low barrier housing, community building, and respect for our shared home.

Special discussion following the screening with **Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Pastor at St. Mary, Kitchener** speaking about his work and ministry with **Tiny Homes and A Better Tent City**, as well as with **Jess Brand, Indwell regional manager for Hamilton** discussing the community engagement, programs, and initiatives offered through Indwell to provide supportive affordable housing. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online. R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at: reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/**

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who are in need of our prayers: for -

Marlene Ryerson, Tom McDonnell, Sharon & Terry Cantlon, Rosa Cirelli, Brad Cahoon, Ben Meissner, Helen Hunter, Yvette Fournier, Felix Poole, Matt Bell, Maynard Dietrich, Eunice Blom, Maria Beckberger, Arnold Hodgkinson, Landon Archer, and Mike Couture. We pray to the Lord.

Donations received February 11/12, 2023

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Sauble Beach	277
Meaford	1, 852
Warton	607
Hepworth	494
Chatsworth	632
Tobermory	198
Lion's Head	324
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"You have heard that it was, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."

Matthew 5. 43-45

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