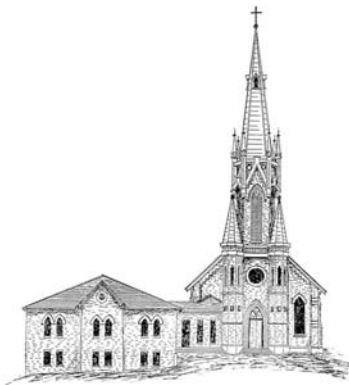


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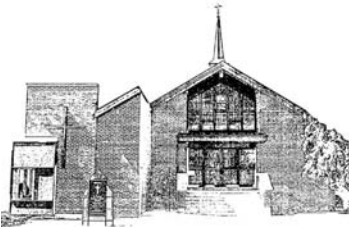
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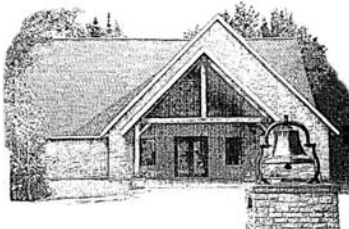
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Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am



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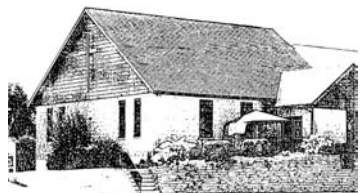
St. Mary of the Rosary, Hepworth
Sunday 9:00 am (Nov-Mar)



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

1st Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023



Feb 27 to Mar 5

Mon 9:00 am Rowghan Hart MacDonnell (Int – Healing)
Private Mass: Anne Campbell +

Tue 9:00 am Marilyn Schinbein +
7:00 pm Hank Huitema (Int)

Wed 9:00 am Gary & Roland (Int)
Private Mass: Tatum Kendra Rankin (Int)

Thu 9:00 am Garry Bates (Int – Healing)
7:00 pm Captain Keith Fernandes +

Fri 9:00 am Ron & Diana Spizziri (Int – 50th Wedding Anniversary)
Private Mass: For all the souls in Purgatory

Saturday – March 4

9:30 am Lion's Head – Vera McDaid (Int – Strength)
11:30 am Tobermory – Fr. Francis Hubilla (Int)
5:00 pm Owen Sound – Bev Vilestra (Int)

Sunday – March 5

9:00 am OS – Terry & Colleen Warmington (Int)
11:00 am OS – Alfred Cordell +
9:00 am Chatsworth – John McKeown +
11:00 am Meaford – Catherine Molto (Int – Healing)
9:00 am Hepworth – Allan & Margie Ruth (Int)
11:00 am Wiarton – Fr. Vince Gallager (Int)
1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

This week we pray for:

Mon Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.
Tue Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Wed Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (R.S.J.C)
Thu Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.
Fri Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
Sat Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.

*** Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick:**
Available upon request

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 has recovered very well; thank God, Our Lady, the saints and you for your prayers. May God bless Fr. Kuzma, Fr. Francis and all parishioners needing healing.



On the First Sunday of Lent, the Scriptures address the source of evil and sin through temptations from the devil and the need for the wisdom and power of God to defeat

temptations. Pope Saint John Paul II wrote that the loss of the consciousness of sin was the greatest threat to humanity and to the world. Pope Benedict XVI – may he rest in peace – wrote that the loss of belief in the existence of the devil, God's arch enemy and ours too, is what causes the loss of consciousness of sin and the need for a Saviour. In his encounter with the devil in the desert, our Blessed Lord overcame the three ultimate kinds of temptation and therefore gave us the means of overcoming them.

"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." The Lord replied; "... man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Extremely hungry after fasting for forty days, Jesus did not break his commitment to fast. Pampering oneself with creature comforts (food, entertainment) is very addictive and undermines one's desire to pray and love God from the heart. We cannot indulge in worldly pleasures and hunger for the Word of God in the Eucharist at the same time. Since all the saints fasted, we also need daily sacrifices to persevere and to spend more time with Scriptures to love God more.

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down angels ... will bear you up" The Lord said "... do not put the Lord your God to the test." How often do we place ourselves in situations that tempt us to sin? Showing off, gossiping, driving dangerously, sinful media and shows, window shopping, etc. The saints tried to do everything for the glory of God, accepted humble tasks, illnesses, ridicule, limitations, shunned being praised and served others lovingly.

"All these (kingdoms) I will give you, if you fall down and worship me." Jesus said ... "Away with you Satan! Worship the Lord your God and serve only him." What are we willing to give up and to suffer in order to serve only God? Many persecuted Christians are losing everything, even their lives for their faith. Let us pray for the humility, love and courage to serve God about all things. I love the Lord's promise that not one hair on your head shall be lost.

May God's call to deny ourselves in order to resist temptations 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 *

Catholic Women's League – Please join the St. Mary's Catholic Women's League at St. Mary's Church, Owen Sound for the Rosary on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come. We hope to see you there!



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.

Lenten Resource - If you are looking for a good Lenten resource, we have books called "The Art of Living" by Edward Sri available for \$10 while supplies last.

40 Cans For Lent - 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, Wiarton 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 from 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 all Churches. Please make sure to put your full mailing address on the envelope to receive your tax receipt.

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 kevinquin@wightman.ca

Knights of Columbus Breakfast - The Knights of Columbus invite you to the monthly Parish Breakfast. The next one is upcoming on **Sunday, March 5th after the 9 am and 11 am Masses** at St. Mary's Church, in the Parish Centre. Come enjoy some breakfast and spend some time with your fellow parishioners.



A donation is appreciated, with proceeds towards K of C and Parish projects.

K of C DONATIONS 2022 - If you made a donation to '40 Cans for Lent', or any other K of C charitable cause in 2022, income tax receipts will be available in the Parish Centre near the collection envelopes. Any questions can be directed to Kevin at 519-376-3193

Calling all knitters & crocheters - The Oncology Department at the Owen Sound Hospital is in



need of women's hats for their patients. If you can help by knitting or crocheting some it would be greatly appreciated. You can drop the hats off at the Parish office. Thank you!

*** In the Diocese ***

First Sunday of Lent - Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as 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/

Earthquake relief for Syria & Turkey - The Diocese has compiled a list of Catholic entities currently mounting humanitarian responses on the ground.

Catholic Near East Welfare Association - CNEWA has been a lifeline for the poor throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe for 90 years. They are currently serving 2,000 families specifically in Syria seeking emergency shelter. <https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/>

Caritas International - The International Caritas team is rallying to support Caritas Turkey whose facilities, staff and volunteers have all been impacted by the earthquake. Caritas Turkey has begun working with local authorities to raise shelters, medical supplies and communication pathways between survivors and support services. <https://www.caritas.org/>.

Catholic Relief Services - CRS is partnering with Caritas Turkey, Caritas Syria and Caritas Anatolia, all hardest hit by the earthquake. https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes?ms=agicrs2023eqk00her00&_ga=2.58454440.387174977.1675953053-1953421407.1675953052

Aid to the Church in Need - ACN like CNEWA is serving impacted Christian communities specifically in Syria: <https://acn-canada.square.site>

There will be a special collection this weekend for the people affected by these devastating earthquakes. If you wish to donate by cheque, please make it payable to St. Mary's and it will be sent to the Diocese for distribution to the affected areas.

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who are in need of our prayers: for –
 Becki Knisley, 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 18/19, 2023

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Chatsworth	465
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Lion's Head	<u>224</u>
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