# St. Mary of The Assumption and Missions

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> 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 in the pews. Fill one out and drop it in the collection basket.

Tuesday, Thursday ...... 7:00 pm

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** 

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519-376-4278

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



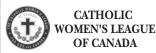
St. Vincent, Meaford Sunday 11:00 am



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



St. Mark, Lions Head Saturday 9:30 am



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Meetings 1st Wed. of the month

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PRIESTS

Fr. Wojciech Kuzma

PERMANENT DEACON

Deacon Philip Dwyer

ADMINISTRATION

Secretary: Brenda Lee

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Lynn Curley

Associate Pastor Fr. Francis Hubilla

Pastor

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



Holy Family, Sauble Beach Saturday 5:00 pm (July-Aug) Sunday 9:00 am (Apr-Oct)



St. Stanislaus, Chatsworth Sunday 9:00 am



St. Thomas Aquinas, Wiarton Sunday 11:00 am



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



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022



January 17 to 23

Mon 9:00 am Margaret Dobie + Private Mass: Anne McPhee +

- Tue 9:00 am Don Duggan + 7:00 pm Karin Stockwell (Int)
- Wed 9:00 am Raymond Trudell + Private Mass: For an end to abortion and euthanasia
- Thu 9:00 am In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph & St. Jude for answered prayer7:00 pm Matt & Kristen Fitzsimmons & Family (Int)
- Fri 9:00 am Nancy Bethune + Private Mass: Monica Romanowich +

#### Saturday – January 22

9:30 am Lion's Head – Ed Rossignoli (Int) 5:00 pm Owen Sound – Helena Betowski +

#### Sunday – January 23

9:00 am OS – Rosalie McDonald + 11:00 am OS – Pro Populo 9:00 am Chatsworth – Atie Huitema + 11:00 am Meaford – Andrea Dunning (Int) 9:00 am SB – Don Duggan + 11:00 am Wiarton – Monica Marchand +

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

Mon	Fr. Joseph de Viveiros
Tue	Fr. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak
Wed	Youth Ministers
Thu	Fr. Marian Gil
Fri	Fr. Zygmunt Baranowski
Sat	Fr. Timothy Higgins

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

#### From the Pastor's Desk:

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This week we celebrated the funeral Mass for Fr. James McSharry. In the midst of all that is happening in the world, we have been called upon to stop, to pray, and to reflect. Fr. James has served St. Mary's and the Missions for 9 years, 4

years with Fr. David Reilander, and 5 years with me. During his last year with me Fr. James was slowing down considerably, often getting sick and feeling tired for no apparent reason. I thought it was his age catching up with him, and so I was happy to hear that

Bishop Crosby accepted Fr. James' request for retirement. Fr. James was excited about his new adventure, offering his services to the Carmelite Sisters in St. Catharines at the Carmel Retirement Home. My friend Roger and I helped Fr. James with the move on the last Monday of June. One of the benefits of living in a retirement home was that Fr. James would have regular visits with the house doctor who came to see all residents. In the fall the doctor was unhappy with the yellow colour of Fr. James' skin, and requested tests to be done. This is when the cancer was discovered. Even though Fr. James did not feel any discomfort, his appetite for food went away and guickly the signs of his sickness became visible. When Fr. James came up for a visit in October, we all noticed how much weight he had lost. At the next visit in November the change was even more noticeable. In the middle of December I traveled to St. Catharines to accompany Fr. James to see a specialist. The news was not terrible: more tests were to be done and a consultation with a surgeon in Kitchener to determine if an operation was possible. Fr. James was still excited to come to Owen Sound and spend Christmas with us, but I could already tell that he was not strong enough to drive. Shortly after Christmas I received a phone call from the nurse at the Carmel Retirement Home that Fr. James had become too weak to get out of bed. Within days he was rushed to the hospital where he would spend his last days. On Wednesday, January 6 the hospital doctor informed me that Fr. James has maybe months left to live. On Thursday January 7th another call from the doctor to let me know that it will most likely be weeks not months. I made arrangements to have Fr. James transferred to Chapman House in Owen Sound and told the doctor that I will be coming to see Fr. James on Monday. Friday morning another phone call from the nurse taking care of Fr. James telling me: "He won't make it till Monday. Come today". I cancelled all my appointments and drove to St. Catharines. I arrived at Fr. James' bed at 2:30pm. Fr. James was awake, but not communicative. He saw me and his face lit up, he tried to speak but couldn't. I offered Fr. James last rites, along with confession, apostolic pardon, and a final blessing. Then at 3pm we proceeded to recite the chaplet of Divine Mercy. He tried to say it with me, but it was too difficult for him. At the end of the prayer Fr. James fell asleep and did not wake again. At 10am the next day Fr. James died. I am amazed at the speed with which Fr. James left this world in order to go to His Father's house. Where he has gone we too will follow. Life is so precious, eternal life even more so. May God grant us all proper perspective in this life, for tomorrow may be our last, and therefore our first in eternity. Rest in peace Fr. James, may God grant you rest!

Fr. Wojtek Kuzma

#### \* In the Parish \*

**Catechism (RCIA)** – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a program for adults who wish to become Catholic or know more about the Catholic faith. This program is also excellent for those Catholics who would like a refresher in the Catechism. Fr. Kuzma offers interactive classes **online every Tuesday at 7:30 pm**. Please visit our website for a link to his YouTube channel.

**Bible Study** taught by Fr. Kuzma is being offered online every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Each week he focusses on a different book of the bible. Please join him live on his YouTube channel where you can ask him questions or you can watch it later on.

**New cemeteries manager** - Lynn Curley has assumed full time duties as Manager for all 4 Cemeteries of St. Mary's and the Missions. Lynn is anxious to provide service as you make arrangements to purchase a lot, plot, marker or a niche in our recently constructed columbariums. Contact information will soon be updated on the front and back of the weekly bulletin. The email address has not changed but the new phone number is 519 379 5537.

#### The snowy weather has arrived again -

Please be kind to those who clean the floors of our churches. It would be very helpful if you would stamp the snow and salt off your boots before entering the church. Thank you very much for your help.



Sunday Missals 2021-2022 – If you missed picking up your missals, they are still available at all of our churches. Parishioners can also purchase them in the church office during regular office hours. They are \$5.00 each.

#### \* In the Community \*

Bereavement Support Group: Weekly meetings starting Jan. 12th. We share stories of our grief over the death of a loved one and offer support to each other with the help of experienced facilitators. There will also be a short video about the grief journey at each meeting. Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:00pm, Jan. 12th to Mar. 9th, 2022. St. Peter's Lutheran, 441 Brown St, Wiarton. Call Bruce Peninsula Hospice at 519-534-1260, x 5612 Offered FREE - Covid precautions will be observed.

#### \* In the Diocese \*

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities.

Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton by calling (905-528-7988) or by email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - We are excited to present the Year Amoris Laetitia Family Diocesan speaker series designed to look at various topics that impact families with one speaker per month from January to June. In January we will have a special three part presentation on the document itself. They first two sessions will be presented by Bishop Lobsinger, with the final session led by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett. The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The entire series will be presented by zoom, so you must register, but can join in by internet or phone. Check the Diocesan website at https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/ for information and to register. Join us for the entire series, or for a topic of interest to you! Contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who are in need of our prayers: for – Matt Bell, Pete & Edna Van Aalst, Sandra Hill, Sharon Cantlon, Carolyn & Noah, Arnold Hodgkinson, Cor Van Schie, Clarice Stewart, Doug Woolway, Kim Chegahno, Gordon Dion, Glenda Emma Dupont, Colleen Warmington, Mike Couture Madelyn van Veen, Kathleen Walsh, Collin Rier, Phyllis Cooper, Barry Beatty, Marc Hilker, Marilyn Schinbein, Mike Adams, Pat McIntyre and Brenda Richter, **We pray to the Lord**.

Donations received January 9/22		
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