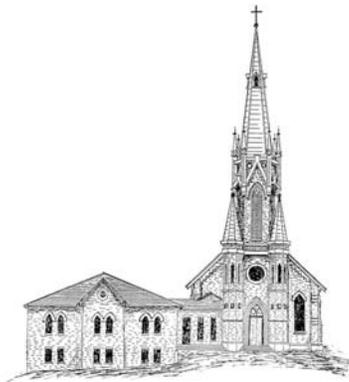


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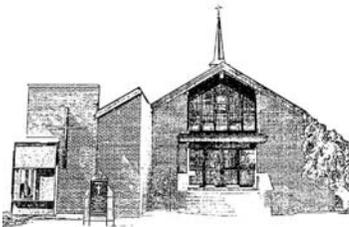
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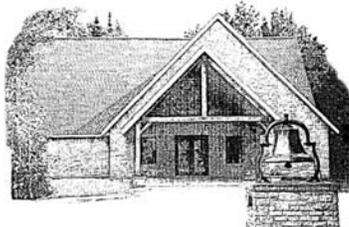
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**St. Mary of the Assumption  
Owen Sound**  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am



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



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



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

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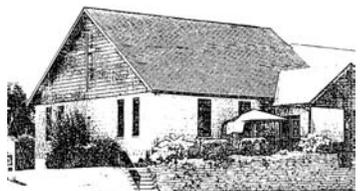
**St. Mary of the Rosary, Hepworth**  
Sunday 9:00 am (Nov-Mar)



**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



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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Owen Sound: Wednesday-Friday.....9:00am  
Tuesday, Thursday.....7:00pm

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### ADORATION

9:30am - 10:30am in Owen Sound on Fridays

### BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place following Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office. A date for baptism will be set after the parents meet with a priest.

### CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before all Masses or by appointment.

### WEDDINGS

Please contact the parish office one year before the desired date of marriage.

### FUNERALS

When a loved one passes away, please contact the funeral home you have chosen to serve you. Funeral arrangements at the church will be coordinated through the Funeral Home.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to your parish! You will find registration forms at the back of the church. Please fill one out and put in the collection basket.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
March 22, 2026



**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK

**Mar 23 to Mar 29**

**No Monday Mass**

**No Tuesday Morning Mass**

**Tues 7:00 pm** Malcolm & Mary Grace Dunning +

**Wed 9:00 am** Terry McNeil +

**Thurs 9:00 am** Fred Fries +

**7:00 pm** MaryAnn Kirkconnell (Int)

**Fri 9:00 am** The deceased relatives & friends of  
the DeMarchi Family

**Saturday – March 28**

**9:30 am** Lion's Head – Special Intention

**11:30 am** Tobermory – Marlene White +

**5:00 pm** Owen Sound -

In honour of our Blessed Mother

Monsignor David Reilander (Int)

Louise Summers (Int)

Our candidates & catechumens (Int)

Stella Jones +

Elke Martin +

**Sunday – March 29**

**9:00 am** OS – Aleksandra Juchniewicz +

**11:00 am** OS – Joan Delorme (Int)

**9:00 am** Chatsworth – Dominic & Merlyn Noronho +

**11:00 am** Meaford – Elizabeth Dunning (Int)

**9:00 am** Hepworth – Julius & Catharina van Aalst +

**11:00 am** Wiarton – Earl & Marion Hoffman & Patrick  
Ryan +

**1:00 pm** Cape Croker – Pro Populo

**From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar**

**This week we pray for:**

Mon. Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski

Tue. Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki

Wed. **The Annunciation of the Lord**

Thu. Rev. Lajos Angual

Fri. Rev. Joseph Durkacz

Sat. Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly

**\* Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the sick:**

**Available upon request. Please call the office. \***

**\* Adoration is every Friday starting at 9:30 until 10:30 am\***

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[st.maryscwl@outlook.com](mailto:st.maryscwl@outlook.com)

**Meetings**

1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month

Rosary at 6:15 pm

Meeting at 7:00 pm

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Columbus

**Grand Knight** Adam Helmers

519-807-4757

[gk2092@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk2092@ontariokofc.ca)

**Meetings**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:30 pm

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*From Pope Leo:*

Continuation of Pope Leo's Lenten Message  
2026

*Fasting*

If Lent is a time for listening, *fasting* is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we "hunger" for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our "appetites," keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbor.

With spiritual insight, Saint Augustine helps us to understand the tension between the present moment and the future fulfilment that characterizes this custody of the heart. He observes that: "In the course of earthly life, it is incumbent upon men and women to hunger and thirst for justice, but to be satisfied belongs to the next life. Angels are satisfied with this bread, this food. The human race, on the other hand, hungers for it; we are all drawn to it in our desire. This reaching out in desire expands the soul and increases its capacity." [2] Understood in this way, fasting not only permits us to govern our desire, purifying it and making it freer, but also to expand it, so that it is directed towards God and doing good.

However, in order to practice fasting in accordance with its evangelical character and avoid the temptation that leads to pride, it must be lived in faith and humility. It must be grounded in communion with the Lord, because "those who are unable to nourish themselves with the word of God do not fast properly." [3] As a visible sign of our inner commitment to turn away from sin and evil with the help of grace, fasting must also include other forms of self-denial aimed at helping us to acquire a more sober lifestyle, since "austerity alone makes the Christian life strong and authentic." [4]

In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.

*In the Parish\**

Parish Gift Shop – We recently received some new items in the gift shop. We have crucifixes, Rosaries, prayer books, bibles, and Sacramental gifts. Please drop by during

office hours (Tuesday – Friday 9 am -5 pm, we are closed for lunch) and have a look.



We have “He is Risen” car magnets available for \$5. They can also be placed on your fridge or other metal objects. They measure 16 cm x 16 cm. If you are at a Mission Church and would like to purchase one, please call the parish office.

**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 **7:00 pm**. Please come and join us.



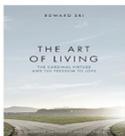
**Food for Families – 40 Cans for Lent** – Throughout Lent, the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual ‘40 Cans for Lent Project’ in support of local food banks in Meaford, Chatsworth, St. Mary’s, Warton, and Cape Croker. All donated food items will be shared with the above.



Those who wish to donate a cash sum instead can be offered a charitable receipt by the KofC’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 each Church.

Cheques can be dropped in the collection or at the Parish Office. E-transfer is also available to Kevin Quinn (KofC Financial Secretary) at [kevinquinn@wightman.ca](mailto:kevinquinn@wightman.ca).

**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 in the Parish giftshop. A great read for anyone wanting to take the next step in growing towards God.



**Reminder** - Please make certain that you have turned your cell phones off or put them on silent before you enter the Church. We have had an increase in phones going off during Mass, which is disruptive to others.



*★ In the Diocese ★*

The Saugeen Bach Chorale presents St. John’s Passion by J.S. Bach. Friday, April 3 at 8 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Formosa. Tickets are \$45.00/Adults; \$20 Students (12-18yrs); Children under 12 Free. To experience Bach’s St. John’s Passion on Good Friday is an unforgettable encounter of the suffering of Christ. For more information, call 519-369-8137. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.symphonyinthebarn.com](http://www.symphonyinthebarn.com).

**Parenting Tip** - Parenting is a profound vocation, one that requires great stamina and loads of love. Fortunately, God has provided parents with both! Character is at the forefront of all parenting because our kids are watching more than listening! The task of parents, once they bring life into this world, is to center themselves on guiding their child(ren) to maturity. It is a job that requires ongoing learning, teaching and always witnessing to our faith. No one has a greater influence on a child than their parents. Embrace your vocation with dedication and perseverance. Ask God for guidance and support and be confident that your children, by observing you, will learn to be wonderful, faith filled adults whose lives will be find joy and success! (Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** – Save the date - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th,



50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 31, 2026** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com), or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**Vocations** – “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God’s plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact 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 at [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

**For the Sick**, our fellow parishioners, family members and friends who need our prayers: Colleen Wright, Robert Pointon, Dawn Phippen, Juras Chester, Melissa Shular, Anne MacDonald, Boguslaw Zielinski, Helen Hunter, Bill Schinbein, Bruno R, Brad F, Joanne & Noel Price, Edith Fries, Mary Lou Watson, Durelle, Frances, Jo Germann, Regina Makuch, Julie Donnelle, Kennedy Curtis, Sue Paquette, Allan Graff, Les Highfield, James Gamble, and Matt Bell. **We pray to the Lord.**



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