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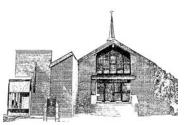
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St. Mary of the Assumption Owen Sound Saturday 5:00 pm

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



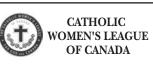
**St. Vincent, Meaford** Sunday 11:00 am



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



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



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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Owen Sound:	Monday-Friday	9:00 am
	Tuesday, Thursday	7:00 pm
Sauble Beach: (Apr-Oct)	1st, 3rd, 5th Wed. of the month	7:00 pm
Hepworth: (Nov-Mar)	1st, 3rd, 5th Wed. of the month	7:00 pm
Meaford:	2nd, 4th Wed. of the month	7:00 pm

#### **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.



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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

# Fourth Sunday of Lent March 31, 2019



### **April 1 – 7**

Mon 9:00 am - Fred Zadrozny +

Tue 9:00 am - Patricia Luca +

7:00 pm - John & Barb Fox +

Wed 9:00 am – Mike Romanowich (Int)

7:00 pm Sauble Beach - Roger Mueller +

Thu 9:00 am – Amelia Willis (Int)

7:00 pm - Wladyslava Chmielewska +

Fri 9:00 am – Iris Reddy +

10:30 am Errinrung - Joyce Saint Cartier +

#### Saturday - April 6

9:30 am Lion's Head - Norah Gefucia (Int)

11:30 am Tobermory - Mass

5:00 pm Owen Sound - Colleen Warmington (Int)

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – April 7

9:00 am Chatsworth- Rita Rudolph +

9:00 am Sauble Beach - Julius & Catharina van Aalst +

9:00 am Owen Sound – Mark Strong +

11:00 am Owen Sound - Carol Hillyer +

11:00 am Wiarton - Smokey Elliott & Kilian Gantschnig +

11:00 am Meaford - Marie Jones +

1:00 pm Cape Croker - Pro Populo

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

Mon Fr. Philip Reilly Tue Fr. David Walter

Wed Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans)

Thu Fr. George Stortz
Fri Msgr. Earl Talbot
Sat Fr. Robert Stainsby

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

\* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

# What's Happening April 1-7

Tuesday – Alpha6:00 prWednesday – Prayers & Squares9:30 arWednesday – Choir7:00 prWednesday – CWL General Mtg.7:00 prThursday – Prayer Ministry5:00 prFriday – Divine Mercy Devotion3:00 prSaturday – 2nd Reconciliation Mtg.9:00 ar	Tuesday – Senior Cards	1:00 pm
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# From the Pastor's Desk:

Getting more out of Mass - Often people say that they don't enjoy going to Mass because they don't get much out of it. If we are honest we can all probably admit that there were times when we did not want to be at Mass. To fix the problem of not getting much from Mass people either skip Mass all together or try to make it more entertaining by introducing secular realities, such as lively music, holding hands, jokes and stories that entertain, etc. But there is a reason why Mass does not always resonate with us, and once we

understand what that is, we will find a better way of addressing the issue, better than secular innovations to Mass

The reason why we find Mass difficult is because Mass belongs to a different reality than the reality that we belong to. You see, Mass is a heavenly reality, and we live in a secular or worldly reality for now. To understand Mass we have to look at the origins of it, and when we do, we will see that Mass is not a human invention, but a gift from Heaven. When John the Evangelist saw a vision of heaven, as we read about it in the book of Revelation, what exactly did he see? He sees a "Heavenly Liturgy" the Lamb of God surrounded by a countless number of saints and angels, all of them worshiping the Lamb in the words so well known to us from Mass: "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God of Hosts. Hosanna in the Highest". When we offer Holy Mass we are not creating a separate worship of God here on earth, but rather joining in the worship that is offered to God in Heaven. The Holy Mass is not an early reality, but it is a Heavenly reality. This is why it is difficult for us to understand it at times, because while still here on earth we are not holy yet.

Mass is meant to change us, to sanctify us, and as it does we will begin to enjoy it and understand it better. St. John of the Cross has a wonderful analogy when he is trying to explain what must happen to a sinner in preparation for holiness/union with God. A log of wood, says the saint, when placed in the fire begins to spew sparks as it hisses. Dark smoke comes from the wood which is placed in the fire, as the moisture that is inside the wood is dried by the heat of the fire. This is because moisture cannot coexist with fire, the two are mutually exclusive. Before the log of wood can become one with fire and glow in union with the flame of the fire, all the moisture from the wood has to be purified, dried up. The same is true with us. We are like that log of wood, and our sins and attractions to sin are like moisture in the wood. God is like fire. If we want to be in union with God, which is what holiness is, union with God, we must allow that which is from God purify within us all that cannot coexist with God, our sins, our weaknesses, our attraction to sin. The process of purification is an uncomfortable one, but when we persevere in the discomfort that the process of being in God's presence provides, we will eventually experience oneness with God.

Fr. Wojtek Kuzma

## A Seminarian's Thoughts:

I had finally made the decision to apply for seminary. But still there was a lingering doubt in my mind: should I apply now or wait? I was thinking about the school debt I was still paying off—maybe I should just wait till that's all settled? I spoke to Fr. Kuzma about it that January, and he encouraged me not to delay. The devil will always place obstacles in the way of pursuing a vocation to serve the Lord, and that was exactly what he was doing. If we wait till the perfect time, that perfect time may never arrive. I remember Fr. Kuzma warning us at the discernment groups, half-jokingly: "As soon as you decide to enter seminary, you're going to meet the perfect girl, I promise you. Don't fall for the trap!"

So, that spring of 2013 I sent my application in to the diocese and to St. Augustine's seminary in Toronto. In June I travelled to Toronto twice—first for an extensive

psychological examination and second for several hours of interviews with the priests and staff of the seminary. Seminary application process has changed dramatically from fifty years ago when your pastor would simply write you a letter of reference, you'd meet with the bishop, and off you went to seminary (usually straight out of high school). Nowadays the seminaries want to be sure you're a normally functioning man before you make such a big decision. For the next few weeks, I awaited a reply to my application. On July 12, 2013, a Friday, I received a letter from the seminary—I had been accepted! Praise Jesus! I was a happy man filled with joy, ready to begin this next step in only six weeks' time.

Matt

# \*In the Parish \*

**Stations of the Cross** – resume this Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Come and pray with us.

**2nd Reconciliation Meeting -** For children in grade two who are planning to receive their First Communion in May, there is a meeting at St. Mary's in Owen Sound on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**St Thomas Aquinas CWL** has a selection of handmade Rosaries and Chaplets for sale as a fundraiser. They make



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of men's jeans/casual pants or a pair of men's shoes/running shoes you are no longer using?

During the month of March St. Mary's CWL will be collecting these items which can be placed in the tote marked SAFE 'N SOUND, located in the foyer of St. Mary's church. Thank you! For further information contact Janice at

Help Needed for Safe 'N Sound - Do you have a pair



The Program Is Simple - Donate one can of food or \$1 per day during the 40 days of Lent. Drop off your cans at any time at St Mary's Church Owen Sound. Cheques should be made out to: Owen Sound K of C Council 2092 Charitable Trust They may be dropped off in the collection baskets, left in the church office or given directly to James Hachey. A tax receipt will be issued for all cash/cheque donations. Food products will be distributed by St Mary's & Missions Catholic Charities. All money raised will be distributed by the Knights of Columbus to OSHaRE or Safe 'N Sound. (Please indicate your preference on you cash or cheque donation).

## \* In the Diocese \*

Bus to March for Life in Ottawa - The March is being



held on **Thursday**, **May 9th** and is a one day event. The tickets will again be \$60 with the balance of the cost for

each seat covered by donors and supporters of this very important event. Book your seat early so we can plan for the number of buses to be ordered. Call Val at Sacred Heart Parish office at 519-881- 0692. If you feel the day is too long for you but would like to support this project, you can make a donation to the cause at the parish office. Last year's event was a huge success and we hope this year's March will be even bigger!



Share Lent On the Fifth
Sunday of Lent,
a collection takes
place in all of the

parishes across Canada to support the work of **Development and Peace**. In fact, Share Lent is our main fundraising activity. It enables us to reach thousands of Canadians every year. The Share Lent Campaign continues to be a unique expression of the identity of Development and Peace as the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Please be generous.

Cursillo Weekend - A three-day Cursillo weekend is a short review of Christianity; the Cursillo weekend attempts to create an environment where you can encounter Christ in a personal way. If you are over 18 years of age, and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider a Cursillo weekend: Women's is Thurs May 2 - May 5. For more information speak with a "Cursillista" in our parish, or Google: <a href="www.cursillohamilton.org">www.cursillohamilton.org</a> or contact: Marg Weber 519-747-5937, <a href="marg.weber@sympatico.ca">marg.weber@sympatico.ca</a>

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members



who are in need of our prayers: for Joan Hepburn, Paul Bagget, Doug Woolway, Coleen Warmington, baby Sutton and baby Kellen, Rosaleen Engel, Marilyn Schinbein, Becki Knisley, Joanne

LaFlamme Talbot, June Peet, Mike Adams, Sharon Cantlon, Tom McDonnell, Maureen McTeague, Vern Finlayson, Fred Fries, Josh Cahoon, and Sean McTeague, -

We pray to the Lord. We are rebuilding our prayer list. If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please call the office. Each year, at this time, we will begin our list anew.

Donations for March 30 - 31, 2019			
Owen Sound	\$ 5,041		
Wiarton	700		
Meaford	605		
Chatsworth	589		
Hepworth	434		
Lion's Head	316		
Sauble Beach	234		
Tobermory	<u>131</u>		
	\$ 8,050		

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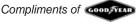
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