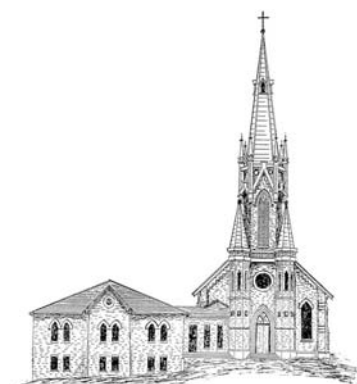


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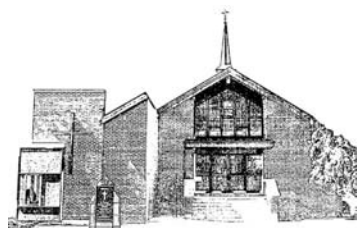
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Saturday 11:30 am



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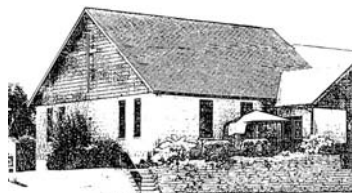
St. Mary of the Rosary, Hepworth
Sunday 9:00 am (Nov-Mar)



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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020



March 2 - 8

- Mon** 9:00 am – Ben Corkery (Int)
Tue 9:00 am – Hazel Blanchard (Int)
 7:00 pm – John & Charlene Goetz +
Wed 9:00 am – Mary Sterkenberg +
Thu 9:00 am – David Brown (Int)
 7:00 pm – John Rowe (Int - 100th Birthday)
Fri 9:00 am – Margaret Chadee (Int)
 10:30 am Errinrung – Special Intention

Saturday – March 7

- 9:30 am Lion's Head – Bob Schwoob +
 11:30 am Tobermory – Mass
 5:00 pm Owen Sound – Terry Bradt (Int)

2nd Sunday of Lent – March 8

- 9:00 am Chatsworth – John S. Black +
 9:00 am Hepworth – Rita Rudolph +
 9:00 am OS – Pro Populo
 11:00 am OS – Vern Redman +
 11:00 am Wiarton – Danutra & Piotr Suwala +
 11:00 am Meaford – Leonard & Bette Hare +
 1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

This week we pray for:

- Mon** Fr. Robert Dunn
Tue Fr. Ron Cote
Wed **Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton**
Thu Fr. Ralph Diodati
Fri Msgr. Paul Boucher
Sat Fr. Michael McHugh

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

What's Happening

March 2 - 8

- Tuesday – Seniors' Cards 1:00 pm
 Thursday – Teaching Thursdays 7:30 pm
 Friday – Divine Mercy Devotion 3:00 pm
 Saturday – Ultreya 9:00 am

From the Pastor's Desk:

Lent is upon us, a holy season of penance and preparation. We need balance in our lives, which is why the Holy Church offers us opportunities for rejoicing and penance. We must be careful that we accept both penance and joy in a balanced way so that our spiritual life may be healthy. It's too easy to focus on one or the other. Some Christians tend to emphasize only penance by preaching exclusively on sin. This is not healthy, as it can lead us to a life of misery and depression. Some Christians focus exclusively on the positives of our faith, joy and reality of holiness in our lives. This, on its own, is also unhealthy, because it can lead us to stagnation in spiritual growth. We need both, an awareness of our own sins which leads to

penance and conversion; and acceptance of joy and holiness which are offered to each baptized follower of Jesus, and leads to hope and peace. The Holy Catholic Church leads us each year through periods of penance, as well as rejoicing. In order to experience one, we must accept the other. Penance without acceptance of holiness and joy can become unbearable. Acceptance of holiness and joy without penance for our sins can leave us hallow and unable to change and grow. In other words, Easter without Lent is shallow, and Lent without Easter is unbearable. A healthy approach to our Christian life is one that accepts both, enters into both, and benefits from both. Lent is a season of penance and preparation. It is a time set aside to focus on our sins, and on acts of penitence. Only once we've embraced this opportune season through works of penance will we be able to experience a renewal of holiness and peace in our lives come Easter time. I guess what I'm saying is "let's take Lent seriously, so that God can take us seriously". The Church recommends three acts of penance appropriate for the season of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Each one of these is important and should be used by those who wish to experience renewal. So, what should I do for Lent, you ask? Make a concrete plan to pray more, to fast at least on Fridays of Lent, and offer alms above and beyond what you are already giving. I'll do the same, and we'll see a holier and happier version of each other come Easter time.

Fr. Wojtek Kuzma

The Amazon Rainforest - Pope Francis exhorts humankind to preserve the Amazon rainforest. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada joins Catholics around the world in drawing hope and inspiration from Pope Francis's exhortation, [Querida Amazonia](#) (Beloved Amazon), issued on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. The exhortation, a territorial response to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor, underlines the need for a radical shift away from economic models that privilege profiteering over the preservation of the Amazon rainforest. Visit <https://www.devp.org> for more information and for ideas to get your family involved in greater care of *Our Common Home*.



** In the Parish **

Teaching Thursdays – an opportunity to come together as a parish family and explore the depth of our Catholic teachings with our priests. These gatherings will follow our Thursday evening Mass from 7:30 to 8:30. Please come for Mass and stay for the presentation.

St. Vincent's Music Ministry - Brian Kellett has resigned his position as music director for St. Vincent church, and we are truly grateful to have benefited for so many years from his music knowledge and his professional guitar playing. Now, we are looking for a replacement for Brian, someone who could lead us and accompany us in the contemporary hymn selections that we are used to participating in to enhance our Masses here at St. Vincent's. If that person is you, or, if you know someone who would

enjoy leading and accompanying our choir, please let Cory or Don know at the parish office, by phone or email. Thank you.

St Thomas Aquinas CWL is having our second annual 'St Patrick's Day Luncheon' on Sunday March 15th after the 11:00 am mass. Tickets are \$10.00 each and includes, Irish Stew, Roll, Dessert and Refreshments! We have a limited amount of seating, so get your tickets in advance! **Tickets go on sale this Sunday March 1st** and Sunday March 8th or call Ruth @ 519-534-2925 to reserve your seat. Thank you for supporting this fundraising event. Proceeds will help those in need in our Community.



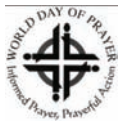
During the **40 days** of Lent, the **IGranottier Council, Knights of Columbus** challenge all to sacrifice and help others by donating **One Can** or non-perishable food or **\$1** per day to our local food kitchens and food banks. This program is inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert. Donating is a great way to serve others in our community who are in need. One doesn't need to donate all "40 cans", 1 can helps someone. Cash Donations and Cans of Food may be dropped off at our Lenten "Kick Off" **Chili Supper** on **Saturday Feb 29th** at **6.30 p.m.** in **The Columbus Centre, 770 6th St East, Owen Sound** or anytime during Lent at **St Mary's Church, Owen Sound**. Canned goods will be distributed to local Food Banks and Pantries through: **St. Mary's Catholic Charities**. Cash Donations will go to **OSHaRE** and **Safe 'n Sound**, with a portion going to the **Wiaraton, Chatsworth and Meaford** area Food Banks (please indicate your choice). **Tickets (\$10 adults, \$5 Children) for the "Chili Supper" are still available after Masses this weekend at St Mary's Owen Sound or by phoning Jim at 519-371-9878, or emailing: jim2@hurontel.on.ca**

Alpha 2 is coming!! Beginning **April 14th** and every Tuesday through to June 23rd, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm, with a delicious hot meal provided. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question designed to create conversation. There is no pressure, no follow-up and no charge. It's just an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. Please reserve ahead: Application forms can be found in the church foyer, fill them out and drop them off at the church office, or drop them through the letter slot at the office door. You can also call the office or email smm@bmts.com to register.



*** In the Community ***

World Day of Prayer 2020 Zimbabwe **"Rise Take Your Mat and Walk"** Friday, **March 6th, at 2:00 pm – in Owen Sound:** Georgian Shores United Church, 997 4th Ave. East. Members of St. Mary's Choir asked to join, with other choir members from the churches in Owen Sound.



Familiar hymns will be sung!

For Thornbury parishioners: the Thornbury, Beaver Valley event is being held at First Baptist Church. Betty Osborne and Brenda Rogers are representing St. Vincent at this service, please join us.

In Meaford: Christ Church Anglican **1:30 pm.**

In Wiaraton: at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The time in all locations (except Meaford) is **2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.**

*** In the Diocese ***

Lenten Reflection - All Are Invited to Learn, Experience and Share! **Sacred Heart Walkerton Parish** Social Justice Committee invites you to - A Lenten evening of Prayer, Mass and Social Action Reflection **with Monsignor Ted Slaman**, on Wednesday, **March 11th**. Rosary and prayers begin at 6:30 with Mass at 7:00. Presentation, Reflections & Social Action Experiences following Mass. Guest Celebrant and Facilitator Monsignor Ted Slaman will continue with Input and Social Action projects of his experiences following the mass, including this years themes of - **"50 years of Development and Peace, and Earth our Common Home"**. Discussion & reflection for the evening will conclude with coffee social.

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members



who are in need of our prayers: for John Hogan, Patricia, Fr. Tom McReavy, John Lewis, Roberta Faria, Maddy Schwoob, Don Heenan, Horst Schuetz, Eileen Fortney, Doreen Raco, Helen Meyer, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Scott Fitzpatrick, Steven Scott, Shelley Curley, Patricia McMillan, Karl Fortney, Shannon Daultrey, Marjorie Forcier, Arthur Diaz, Sherri Maine, 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. *If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please call the office. Each year – beginning in September - we will begin our prayer list anew.*

Donations from February 22 / 23, 2020

Owen Sound	5,133
Meaford	960
Wiaraton	728
Chatsworth	504
Hepworth	499
Lion's Head	294
Sauble Beach	228
Tobermory	220
	\$ 8,566

Weekly cost to run the parish \$11,734
God bless you for your generosity.

All 2019 tax receipts were mailed on Monday Feb 24th. If you are expecting one, but have not received it, please wait until after March 6th to contact the office.

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