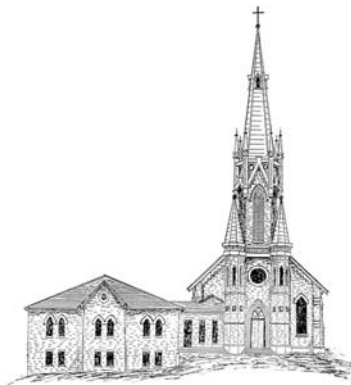


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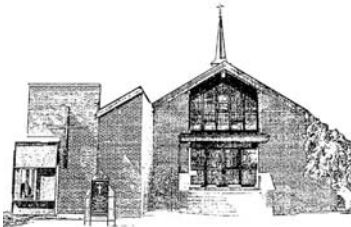
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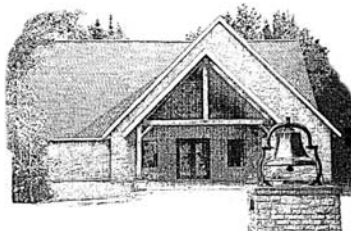
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**St. Mary of the Assumption  
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Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am



**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**  
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**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: Wednesday ..... 7:00 pm

## OFFICE HOURS

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## CONFESSIONS

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



# First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021



Nov. 29 – Dec. 5

**Mon 9:00 am** Souls in Purgatory  
Private Masses: Shawna Watson (Int – Healing)

**Tue 9:00 am** Fr. James McSharry (Int)  
**7:00 pm** Atie Huitema +

**Wed 9:00 am** Cody Wegman +  
Private Mass: Fr. Gregory Merkely (Int)

**Thu 9:00 am** Ida & Christian Gruber +  
**7:00 pm** Nieves Carlos +

**Fri 9:00 am** Fr. Stephen Bruzzese (Int)  
Private Masses: Monica Romanowich +

## Saturday – December 4

9:30 am Lion's Head – Mass

11:30 am Tobermory – Pro Populo

5:00 pm Owen Sound – Bill Maher +

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 5

9:00 am OS – Mark Strong +

11:00 am OS – Kathy Garrett +

9:00 am Chatsworth – Lorena Batterman +

11:00 am Meaford – Gwen Williams +

9:00 am SB – Julius & Catharina van Aalst +

11:00 am Warton – the Parishioners of Warton

1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

## From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

### This week we pray for:

Mon Fr. Tony O'Dell

Tue Fr. Kiwook Kim

Wed Discalced Carmelite Fathers

Thu Fr. Henryk Krajewski

Fri Fr. Krzysztof Szkubera

Sat Fr. Michal Kruszewski

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

## Goodbye from Fr. Gregory Merkley:

"All good things must come to an end." And so it is with my time at St. Mary's of the Assumption and the Missions. I am so grateful to Fr. Wojciech Kuzma for his great kindness towards me in so many ways during my time here, and likewise to Fr. Francis Hubilla for helping me to feel at home. I am also grateful to all the staff for their warm, welcoming attitude and gracious assistance during my near 5 months here. Though in one sense it may have been a short time, I nevertheless feel that these past 5 months were extraordinarily rich in new experiences, personal connections, and life lessons. What a great blessing it has been for me, both spiritually and

humanly, to experience being up north in what so many had described to me as "God's country." Perhaps if it weren't for this assignment, I wouldn't know what a jewel the Grey Bruce region is, and the kind of salt-of-the-earth people who live here. I would not have gotten the treasured experience of travelling between the various missions and getting to serve such unique communities, including our diocese's only indigenous reserve in Cape Croker. What a time of grace!

Additional graces for me included having the chance to temporarily facilitate our parish's RCIA sessions, often preside over our weekly Friday afternoon Divine Mercy holy hour, assist many of our parish's young people in preparing for their 1<sup>st</sup> Communions and Confirmations, and to bless so many people's homes. I also enjoyed the various opportunities I had to meet with many members of different parish groups. Additionally, as if that weren't enough, I also got a close-up look at construction projects, as the new rectory comes along!

Aside from praying and worshipping at Holy Mass and offering Christ's merciful forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, maybe I could say that the greatest joy of all has simply been to get to know many of you in a personal way. Fr. Adrian Lee (a priest of our Diocese) once told me, "One of the greatest consolations of the priesthood is the people we serve." Yes, that was certainly true in so many ways here at St. Mary's of the Assumption and the Missions.

Having drunk deeply of the fresh air of the north, I now return to the 'big city' of Hamilton at St. Margaret Mary parish. It is located in east Hamilton, on the mountain. Please pray for me and all those affected by my ministry there. I know that it is God's plan that I will serve God's people in this new vineyard. Nevertheless, though I enter a new vineyard, my mission from Christ remains the same: to bring Jesus Christ's love and the truth of His Gospel to all I meet.

I therefore humbly ask you to please keep me in your prayers. As I have so frequently requested during our parish's Monday to Friday 9 PM livestream rosaries, "let us continue to pray for one another."

*Fr. Gregory Merkley*

## Christmas Schedule 2021

### Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Lion's Head \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 am Tobermory \_\_\_\_\_ 11:30 am

Warton \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 pm Meaford \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 pm

Owen Sound \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 pm

### Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Owen Sound \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00, 11:00 am

Sauble Beach \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am Chatsworth \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am

Owen Sound \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 am Cape Croker \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 am

**Holy Family, Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

Owen Sound \_\_\_\_ 9:00, 11:00 am Chatsworth \_\_\_\_ 9:00 am  
 Sauble Beach \_\_\_\_ 9:00 am Meaford \_\_\_\_ 11:00 am  
 Wiarton \_\_\_\_ 11:00 am Cape Croker \_\_\_\_ 1:00 pm

**New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Lion's Head \_\_\_\_ 9:30 am Tobermory \_\_\_\_ 11:30 am  
 Wiarton \_\_\_\_ 5:00 pm Meaford \_\_\_\_ 5:00 pm  
 Owen Sound \_\_\_\_ 5:00 pm

**New Year's Day – Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Owen Sound \_\_\_\_ 9:00, 11:00 am Chatsworth \_\_\_\_ 9:00 am  
 Sauble Beach \_\_\_\_ 9:00 am Cape Croker \_\_\_\_ 11:00 am

**Epiphany Sunday, January 2**

Owen Sound \_\_\_\_ 9:00, 11:00 am Tobermory \_\_\_\_ 11:30 am  
 Sauble Beach \_\_\_\_ 9:00 am Chatsworth \_\_\_\_ 9:00 am  
 Wiarton \_\_\_\_ 11:00 am Meaford \_\_\_\_ 11:00 am  
 Cape Croker \_\_\_\_ 1:00 pm

Advent Retreat with God's Word - St. Mary's and the Missions Parish is presenting a special retreat for the Season of Advent, live from St. Mary of the Assumption Church in



Owen Sound. This online retreat will bring to your homes an experience of God's Holy Word through sacred music, Bible reading, and reflection by Fr. Kuzma. Four sessions will be streamed live on the four Wednesdays of Advent: Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22 starting at 7pm. Please join us live or watch it later by going to the home page of our parish website and clicking on the "YouTube channel link" button. Happy Advent!

**\* In the Parish \***

St. Mary's Giving Tree – As with last year, the Salvation Army, with whom we cooperate on this project, has asked that we contribute money which will allow them to purchase gift cards for families who have registered for help. You will find envelopes on the Giving tree in the foyer. Please take an envelope, putting either cash or cheque inside (cheques should be written out to St. Mary's Church). Return the envelopes, placing them in the collection basket, no later than **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will then send one payment, with the collected amount, to the Salvation Army. We are most grateful for your continued generosity!



Christmas Card to Each Other - Catholic Charities is re-introducing the Christmas Card to Each Other. We will follow the same procedure as in past years. Envelopes for the Christmas card to each other

are in the pews and at the entrance of the church. Please take one if you wish to have your name in the Christmas card, the deadline is **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your continuous support and for following your generous hearts. Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and Healthy New Year!

Alpha is returning to St. Mary's Church and it will take place in the Parish Centre, running for 10 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. The program begins January 4<sup>th</sup> and continues till March 15<sup>th</sup>. For further information, contact Allan Gordanier at 519-378-8307.



**\* In the Diocese \***

First Sunday of Advent - "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988), or [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who are in need of our prayers: for – Fr. James McSharry, Phillip McCracken, Cor Van Schie, Clarice Stewart, Doug Woolway, Kim Chegahno, Gordon Dion, Connie Bell, 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 weekend of November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Owen Sound	\$ 15,066
Sauble Beach	865
Meaford	580
Warton	466
Chatsworth	524
Hepworth	173
Tobermory	166
Lion's Head	301
	<b>\$ 18,144</b>

*God bless you for your generosity.*

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 A rosary was found at St. Mary's Church this past week, a very special one. If you have lost your rosary, please contact the office. 519-376-0778.  
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Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Ps 85.7

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