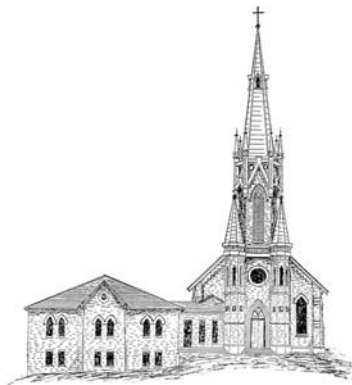


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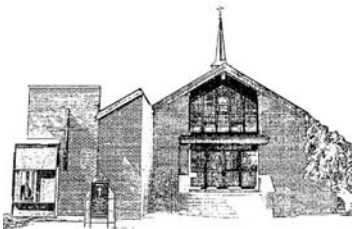
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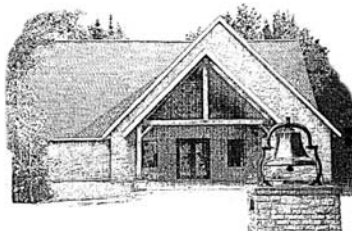
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Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am



**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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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

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Sunday 1:00 pm

# 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2021



October 25 - 31

**Mon 9:00 am** Jerry Eckert +

Private Masses: Emile Nadeau +;  
Holy Souls Intentions and Relief

**Tue 9:00 am** Mike Maine +

Private Mass: Thanksgiving

**7:00 pm** Marilyn Schmidt +

**Wed 9:00 am** Tammy Willis & Family (Int)

Private Mass: Fr. James McSharry (Int)

**12:30 pm SB** – Patricia Duralia +

**Thu 9:00 am** Freda McFadden +

Private Mass: Deanna McKenna (Int)

**7:00 pm** Mary Ann Kirkconnell (Int)

**Fri 9:00 am** Allan & Margie Ruth (Int)

Private Masses: Monica Romanowich;  
Blessed Mother's Intentions

## Saturday – October 30

9:30 am Lion's Head – Pro Populo

11:30 am Tobermory – Mass

5:00 pm Owen Sound – Rose MacDonald +

## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 31

9:00 am OS – Larry Romanowich (Int)

11:00 am OS – Bette Eckert +

9:00 am Chatsworth – Frank Beirnes +

11:00 am Meaford – Elvira Perez (Int)

9:00 am SB – Alan Karl +

11:00 am Wiarton – Earl & Marian Hoffman +

1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

## From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

### This week we pray for:

Mon Fr. Joseph Abiola Akanbi

Tue Fr. Charles Jordan

Wed Consecrated Men & Women

Thu Fr. Lourdy Dorismond

Fri Fr. Archange Kebe

Sat Fr. Jarek Pachocki

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

### *From the Pastor's Desk:*

Recently I received an email from a parishioner who has experienced harsh criticism from family and friends regarding the Catholic Church. I responded by providing some assistance for navigating such encounters. In case this is of help to others, I include my reflection below.

Regarding how to respond to criticism of the Church. This is not an easy one. Those who volunteer their criticism are usually quite proud and unable to see their own sinfulness, which is why they come across

so strongly and judgmentally. They usually speak much about the faults of others, and never mention their own.

In my response I usually try to follow a few rules:

1. I try not to take the responsibility for others, but only for myself. When given a chance to respond I will say: "I can't speak for others, but I can tell you why I'm staying with the Church, if you would like to know". This shifts the conversation away from judgment of others and towards sharing myself with others. They can choose to agree or disagree, and that is their choice. We all have to make decisions for ourselves. The main point here is to offer my own experience without feeling like I have to convince others. They will decide for themselves.

2. In responding I will usually make a point that those who made or make bad decisions in the church are doing so by going against the Church's teachings and not by following the teachings. Again I will speak of how following the teachings of the Church helps me to feel better, to live better, and to be better.

3. In responding to the humanist ideas of what is morality and how one should live, I will simply say that we all follow certain morality. Mine is based on the teachings from the Bible, and secular society makes their own morality as they go. Regarding exclusion of some people, it must be recognized that every moral system by its existence excludes certain behaviors. It does not, or should not, exclude people; But it does disagree with certain ways of living. The Catholic Church is not different. In the act of criticizing the Church many people are passing judgement on those who choose to live according to the Church's teaching. I would venture to say that they are more harsh in their criticism than the Catholic Church's approach. We are called to love the sinner and hate the sin. The secular approach usually leads to hating the one they perceive as sinners according to their secular morality.

4. At the end of the day, it is very important not to get into any arguments with people who are angry. Remember that when Jesus was interrogated by the self-righteous of his day, he remained silent. There is time for sharing and responding, but there is also time for silence. If I see that the person who is criticizing is angry and not open to hearing my perspective, I usually end the conversation by saying something like: "Feel free to live your life, and let me live mine. Be at peace, no one is being forced to practice the Catholic faith, and no one should be forced or shamed to cease following it. Live and let live".

I've also heard the phrase used: "One does not leave Jesus because of Judas".

I hope these thoughts help. Blessings, *Fr. Kuzma*

## \* In the Parish \*

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Blessing homes - this year the priests of our parish would like to offer the gift of blessing our parishioners' homes. There is no cost for this, and the blessings are countless. Not only will you receive a special blessing for your home and those who live there, but it will also be an opportunity to get to know each other better. Each visit will be about 30 minutes, and can include the blessing of the home and a friendly conversation. This may be an opportunity to ask the priest questions that you may have. We do not want this to become a dinner event, but simply a short 30 minute visit. If you are interested please call Margery at the office and book your blessing.

## \* In the Diocese \*

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, call Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton: call 905-528-7988 ext. 2222 or email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

COVID Vaccines - The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

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