

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017



Gospel Quotation:

"The dead man came out,
his hands and feet bound."

Mass Times

Saturday 6:00 pm St. Peter's Mission
Sunday 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church
11:00 am Sacred Heart School

DAILY: Monday No Mass
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday No Mass
Thurs. No Mass
Friday 8:00 am

Confessions

Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:45pm
Saturday 5:30pm to 5:45pm (St. Peter's)
Sunday 8:30am to 8:45am
and by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

(APRIL 4TH TO APRIL 9TH)

Tuesday 7:00 pm CWL Members & their Families: CWL
Friday 8:00 am James Sherlock: KofC Council #4916

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am for the People

PASTORAL STAFF

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Pastor's Message

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION AND HAVING ALL THE ANSWERS

A week ago a small group of parishioners from both faith communities and I watched Bishop Robert Barron's video *Catholicism: The New Evangelization* together in Coulson Hall. The *Word On Fire* Web site provides this description: "The Catholic Faith is not about myths or legends, symbols or literary devices. It's about an encounter so overwhelming that you want to tell the whole world. It is an encounter with Jesus Christ. Throughout history the call of Christ has sent people to the corners of the earth with a message of great joy, a message that has built civilizations, inspired cultures, and even sent some to prisons and to their graves. We have the same call - that's the New Evangelization." Early in the video, Bishop Barron mentions that some 20th century philosophers believed that, since God is a tyrant who controls people, and I'm free, there must be no God. In our discussion that followed, someone referred to the importance people place on their freedom and the misconception of many that going to church results in a loss of freedom. For example, some adults say that they no longer go to church because their parents forced them to go when they were children. They may think that not going to church makes them free, but it's quite the opposite. They are acting like children who try to manipulate their parents by threatening to hold their breath. When we become adults, we are free to make our own decisions. However, if someone decides that they are not going to do something as adults because their parents made them do it when they were children, then they are not free. They haven't grown up. If they were truly adults, they would understand that they can go to church without compromising their freedom. In fact, going to church would set them free. As it is, they are held captive by their excuses.

I realize that parents with adult children who no longer practice the faith suffer greatly, especially if they have grandchildren who are not being raised in the faith. Nevertheless, parents, I want you to know, you shouldn't second guess yourselves and feel guilty for forcing your children to go to church. You did the right thing. Think about it. If you hadn't forced them to go when they were children, would they now be going as adults? Not likely. Parents have been forcing their children to go to church since the beginning of the Church. This is nothing new. I suspect what is new is that people are compelled to assert their individualism, even if it means undermining their true freedom in Jesus Christ. In our discussion, we also talked about trying to console someone by suggesting that they pray and how they might react as if we are telling them what to do. Likewise, we might invite someone to go to the church and they react as if we are infringing on their freedom. Under these circumstances, it is difficult to share the joy of the Gospel. Even though we are making suggestions and inviting people, they mistakenly think that we are not respecting their freedom. Whatever we say, people are likely to think that we are telling them what to do.

So, what can we do? Pope Francis encourages us to accompany people and wait for them to say something to us. In our discussion, this raised the concern that we may not know how to respond when we are asked questions about the faith. This led to the suggestion that we offer adult catechism in our parish. I think this is a good idea. But I also think that we need not worry about what to say. For one thing, Jesus himself tells us that the Holy Spirit will give us the words to speak. For another thing, you can always acknowledge that you don't have the answer, and then suggest that you ask me, your parish priest, or suggest that they ask me themselves. Either way, rather than having all the answers, it's more important that you freely offer your support for the growth of their true freedom in Jesus Christ.

Fr. Mark Morley

FROM SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic: The Wellington Catholic District School Board is accepting registrations for kindergarten at your local Catholic schools. Kindergarten Eligibility: Children must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2017 to attend Year 1 of Kindergarten.

The following documents are required for registration: child's birth certificate / a parent or child's Baptismal certificate/ child's health card / immunization record /custody papers (if applicable) tax support documentation (i.e. most recent tax bill) Please see the Board website (www.wellingtoncdsb.ca) or contact your school for more information about our quality educational programs. Come join our family!

PARISH UPDATES

UPDATED - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Reminder, the church is open continuously from Tuesday evening 7:00 pm mass until Friday morning 8:00 am Mass, for our scheduled hours of Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament, and of course for anyone wishing to spend some time that suits them. We are presently in need to have regular participants for the hours of 11-12 midnight on Tuesday's and 1-3 am on Fridays. Call Jane Hosdil for further information, 519-856-2398 Thanks Jane Hosdil.

UPDATED - PLAYPEN DRIVE: It's time for our Playpen Drive Again! Baby items we receive are taken to Micheal House in Guelph. Drawing on Christian Values Micheal House Pregnancy Center provides shelter and support, during pregnancy, childbirth, and \or early parenthood to women in need and will seek to help them make healthy decisions for their own lives, and their children's in our community. They offer a caring home and provide for emotional, physical, and spiritual needs for crisis pregnancy and early parenting. Please be as generous as you can. Playpen For Life Drive will run from Sat. Mar. 12th- Sun. Apr. 2nd. This gesture of giving could be a part of our Lenten Journey. God Bless Your Generosity. *Mary Spiteri*

40 DAYS VIGIL: A heartfelt thank-you to all who participated in our 40 days vigil at Guelph General Hospital. Thank you for coming out of your comfort zone for 1 hour to show you care for the unborn. God may be the only one who knows you changed someone's mind. The vigil is still going on till the 9th of April. If you feel you would like to be there for these little ones please feel free to do so . IF NOT YOU THEN WHO? God Bless You. *Mary Spiteri*

LENTEN PERIOD (UPDATE): THINGS TO

- * Stations of the Cross - Fridays:
 - 7:00pm Sacred Heart Church
 - **7:30pm St. Peter's Mission**
- * Penance Liturgy Thursday, April 6th at 7:15pm at Sacred Heart Church and confessions with Fr. John Redmond.
- * PREVIEW - HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:
 - Mass of the Lord's Supper, Thursday April 13th at 7:00pm followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10:00pm (St. Peter's Mission)
 - **Good Friday, April 14th at 3:00pm** (St. Peter's Mission)
 - Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15th at 8:00pm (Sacred Heart Church)
 - Easter Sunday Masses:
 - 8:30am (Sacred Heart Church)
 - 10:00am (St. Peter's Mission)
 - 11:30am (Sacred Heart School)

FROM THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON 2017 YOUTH RALLY: Registration is now OPEN! Youth in grades 7 to 12 are invited to participate in the Youth Rally taking place at C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf, Rockwood on Saturday June 3rd, 2017. The day will focus on our theme "All are Welcome". The day will consist of a keynote address, workshops, Celebration of the Eucharist, fellowship and fun! Registration is \$20.00 per person. Please visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com/youthrally/> for more details. Registration will close May 1st, 2017.

This Week's Events

April

- 3 *Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm*
- 4 *Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)*
- 5 *Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)*
- 6 *Penance Liturgy (7:15pm) at Sacred Heart Church with Fr. Redmond*
- 7 *Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)*
- Stations of the Cross (7:00PM)*

Next Catechism Class Date
May 3 at Coulson Hall - 6:45pm

Did You Know?

- * the Easter season lasts for 50 days
- * during this time we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the Ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost
- * the Ascension is celebrated on the 40th after Jesus rose from the dead
- * fifty days after Easter we celebrate Pentecost
- * Mary and the apostles spent the time between the Ascension and Pentecost in prayer
- * white is the colour of Easter

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Please be generous with your food bank donations as part of our Lenten Almsgiving.

EWCS is always in need of non-perishable food items and toiletries for those in need.

Please deposit items in the hamper just inside Coulson hall, for delivery to the food bank. Thank you.

Charles Vince

Prayer Calendar for Priests

Every day, in our diocese we are invited to pray for a priest serving in our parishes

- Mon. - **Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.**
- Tues. - Rev. David Reitzel
- Wed. - Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)
- Thurs. - Rev. Mark Gatto
- Fri. - Rev. Fernando Pinto, C.S.Sp.
- Sat. - Rev. Emmanuel Ogboli