

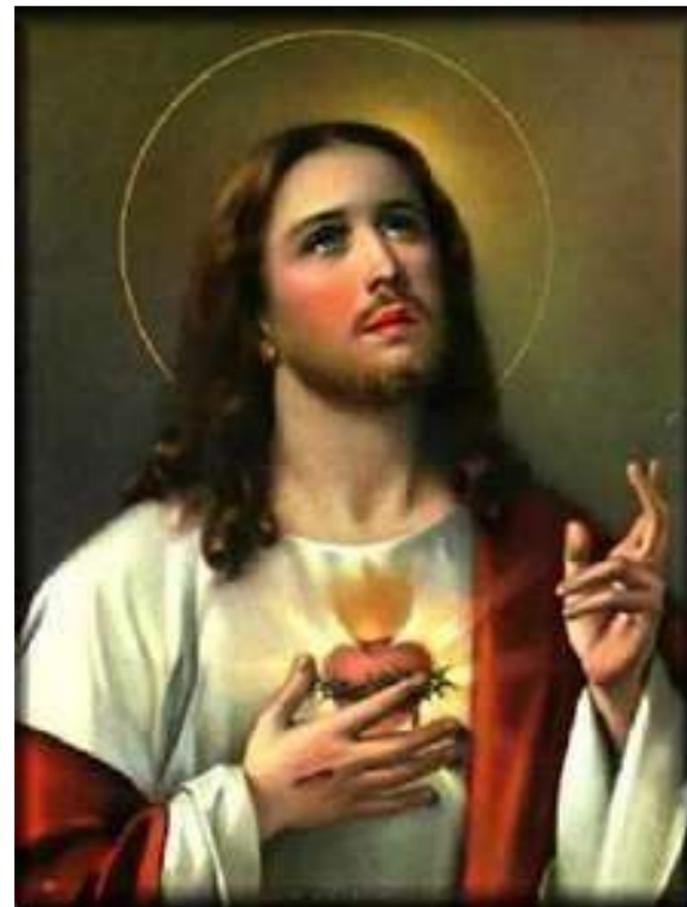
# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017



### 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  
Wed. & 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

(JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> TO JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>)

Tuesday 7:00 pm † George Keeler: Peter Gabriel  
Friday 8:00 am Dale Woods: Michael Woods

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9:00 am † Marge Harper: Sharon & Brian Gregory  
11:00 am

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley  
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## Gospel Quotation:

"Here is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the  
sin of the world!"

# Pastor's Message

## MOTHER MARY AND HOW TO LISTEN TO A HOMILY

In my homily last Sunday, on the occasion of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, I spoke of her as **our mother and our teacher**. When we look to the Scriptures, we see **Mary teaching us many things**. In last Sunday's reading from the Gospel of Luke, upon hearing what the shepherds told her about the birth of Jesus, we are told that **Mary: "treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart."** In this passage, **Mary teaches us to be contemplative**, that is, she teaches us to take time to ponder in our hearts what God is doing for us, and what God is doing in and for the world. When she heard the shepherds tell her about the angels, and how they had announced to them the good news that Jesus is the Messiah, Mary no doubt pondered these words along with what she had been told by the angel Gabriel. Not knowing what the future would hold, she contemplated the unfolding of God's plan for our salvation. As the calendar year begins anew, we should also follow our blessed Mother's example and ponder God's plan of salvation for each one of us as sons and daughters of God. By taking the time to ponder in our hearts what God is doing for us, we prepare ourselves to begin another year of discipleship. Moreover, we not only have the example of Mary as one who ponders, but we also have Mary as our Mother whom we can call upon to help us with our contemplation. By way of illustration, I shared with you something I pondered with the help of Mary. As I followed Mary's example and pondered what God had been doing in my life, I had a realization that changed the way I understood my vocation and my own life's story.

Mary also teaches us how to listen to a homily. Sometimes people complain about my homilies. They say it was too long, or that it was too dense. I'm sympathetic. But I've also had people praise my homilies. Sometimes they say it taught them much, or that it was much appreciated. Knowing that different people prefer different formats of homilies, from Sunday to Sunday, I try to switch it up. One Sunday the homily will be long. But the next I will make it short. One Sunday the homily will be theologically dense. But the next Sunday I will lighten it up by making it more anecdotal. Last Sunday, I started it off somewhat theologically heavy. However, I demonstrated how, **following Mary's example, we can engaged in theological reflection by contemplating the meaning of God's Word** and applying it to our own lives. Just as we need to ponder in our hearts what we hear in the Scriptures, I encourage you to ponder in your hearts what you hear in my homilies.

Sometimes someone will say that they didn't get anything out of my homily. I suspect that this can happen, not because there wasn't anything to get from my homily, but rather because they tried to get everything. In other words, they went about listening to it the wrong way. A homily is a unique form of communication. Only a priest or deacon can give a homily at Mass. Not because clergy are trained and educated, but rather because we are **ordained by God to preach the Gospel**. A homily isn't a lecture. You shouldn't be listening to it trying to gain information. Nor should you expect to get everything said as if it was a motivational speech. When you ponder what you hear in your heart, you will receive something that the Holy Spirit determined you needed to hear, you personally, which may be different from what someone else needed to hear. If you find yourself having difficulty getting the whole thing, let go of your expectations and listen for the one thing that you need to hear. In our everyday mode of listening to others speak, we are trained to take grab at the words and take something away. However, listening to a homily requires a contemplative mode of thinking that opens our ears and our hearts to be receptive to the Holy Spirit. Call upon Mother Mary to help you. Some people like to close their eyes. This can help put you in a contemplative mode, but try not to fall asleep. I encourage you to consider the opening of the Mass a preparation to contemplate the homily. In fact, you can start preparing to hear the homily on the way to Mass by turning off the radio. A little bit of silence before Mass goes a long way. Try entering into a contemplative mode by **pondering the opening hymn in your heart. Ponder the words of the priest's greeting. Ponder the words of the Penitential Act. Ponder the words of readings, the Word of God.** If it helps, read them before going to Mass. Finally, ponder the words of the homily. Following Mary, treasure all these words and pondered them in your hearts. The Holy Spirit will not disappoint you.

*Fr. Mark Morley*

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PARISH UPDATES

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UPDATE: We are nearing the end of the year. How about a New Year's resolution to spend some time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; any time from Tuesdays 7:30 pm to Fridays 8:00am. If you feel ready to commit to a regular hour, the following is available, Tuesdays 11-12 pm, or you can double up at any other hour of your choice.

Call Jane Hosdil at 519-856-2398 to arrange for sign up, or any further questions. Thank you, and Happy New Year. Jane Hosdil

BOTTLE DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus will be having a bottle drive early next year for The Special Olympics. If you can leave any empties you get from the Christmas season in Coulson Hall, it will help us get a jump on this worthwhile fund raiser. Dave Bell KofC

FROM THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF CREATION: Close to five million litres of water are taken from Wellington County daily for a water bottling plant. This extraction of large amounts of water adversely affects the ecological balance of nature over a large area while depriving those who rely on wells of their right to water. Close to seventy-five percent of plastic bottles end up in land fill sites, thus contributing to contamination of the soil for thousands of years. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, urges all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton to refrain from using bottled water in church facilities. As stewards of Creation may we be leaders in the responsible use of our sacred mandate.

CATHOLIC MEET-UP @ SPRING GRILL HOUSE KOREAN BBQ Sunday, January 22nd at 6:00 pm A way for Catholic Young Adults (19-39) to meet and connect! This month we are meeting up for a unique dining experience: Korean BBQ! Meat & veggies with a fiery grill built right into your table. Spring Grill House (1441 Upper James St, Hamilton); Reservations under 'Justin.' Check out the menu here: http://springgrillhouse.com/ Come out, meet some amazing people, share the Faith and chill with great food and conversation! For more information see 'Hamilton Catholic Young Adults on Facebook' or e-mail jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com.

SPECIAL EVENT AT ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY: Join us on TUESDAY, January 24, as St. Jerome's University welcomes two volumes of the Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible. From childhood, Donald Jackson - official calligrapher to Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II - dreamed of creating a handwritten, illuminated Bible. An international team of calligraphers and artists created the original 1,165-page manuscript with its 160 major illuminations that reflect biblical themes of hospitality, conversion of life, and justice for God's people.

Time: 4:30p.m. | Ecumenical Service in honour of Christian Unity Week Location: Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St.. Jerome's University Free of Charge | Free Parking | Wheelchair Accessible | Refreshments Served

This Week's Events

January

- 16 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm
17 Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)
18 Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)
20 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)

Next Catechism Class Date

February 1 at Coulson Hall - 6:45pm

Did You Know?

- Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
• It celebrates the end of the Christmas season
• We celebrate Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River
• The story of Jesus' baptism can be found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke
• Jesus' baptism is the beginning of his ministry

THE 2017 DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY IS IN FULL PLANNING STAGE NOW!

Scheduled to take place at Camp Brebeuf on June 3rd, the event is co-sponsored by the Youth Office for the Diocese of Hamilton and the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). Registration information will be sent to the Parishes in the coming weeks. Registration is limited to 500 young people, so don't get caught, register early!

Prayer Calendar for Priests

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

- Mon. - Rev. Junghyuk Choi
Tues. - Rev. Allen Varlaki
Wed. - Benedictines
Thurs. - Rev. James Malone
Fri. - Rev. Stephen Csiszar
Sat. - Rev. Jerome Mascarenhas, O.C.D.