

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



November 20, 2016

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

(NOVEMBER 22ND TO NOVEMBER 27TH)

Tuesday 7:00 pm *Special intention: De Winter Family*
Friday 8:00 am † *Steven Spiteri: Mary & George Spiteri*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 9:00 am † *Carmello Azzopardi: Mary & George Spiteri*
11:00 am *For the People*

Gospel Quotation:

"The Lord will reign
for ever."

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley
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Bishop Crosby's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* draws to a close, I am struck by what a gift it was to have experienced this period of special reflection on the inexhaustible mercy of God. In calling the Church into this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has shown himself to be greatly attuned to a profound need of the Church and the world. How deeply the People of God long to encounter God's mercy anew! And how desperately our world needs an outpouring of God's mercy for all!

Of particular significance during this Jubilee Year were the various Holy Doors, thresholds through which the faithful were called to pass, symbolic of their desire to enter into the heart of God – the source of all mercy and compassion. The Holy Doors were a special gift of this Jubilee Year, and they give us a way to reflect on this year of God's great mercy.

As part of my duties as President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, I was in Rome on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica and inaugurated the Jubilee Year of Mercy. I was deeply moved to witness Pope Francis pass through the Holy Door, followed by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. As I passed through the Holy Door moments later with brother bishops from around the world, the intentions of our Diocese passed through with me, as I prayed that the Year of Mercy would be for all of us a special time of encounter with the tenderness and compassion of God.

In addition to St. Peter's and the other Papal Basilicas, Pope Francis called for Holy Doors at every Cathedral and other designated churches around the world. When I returned to the Diocese, I had the privilege of blessing and opening our own Holy Door in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. I was astonished by the number of the faithful who joined in this celebration, standing shoulder to shoulder in McNally Hall, then passing through the Holy Door in waves until the entire church was full. It was a tremendous experience of God's mercy for all. Many busloads of Parishioners from across the Diocese made pilgrimages throughout the year to pass through the Holy Door, and many more visited the Sacred Heart Parishes designated as pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year. What a testament to the deep desire for mercy that exists among the People of God!

In his letter outlining the jubilee indulgence associated with passing through a Holy Door, Pope Francis took the extraordinary step of naming the threshold of each jail cell a Holy Door of Mercy. Pause for a moment to consider what this must have signified to prisoners - those confined not only by their physical surroundings but also by the circumstances that brought them to prison. God's mercy is truly endless, available to each and every one of us, without exception, condition, or limit. As Pope Francis often expresses, God never tires of forgiving; it is we who tire of asking for God's mercy. What a beautiful testament this is to the liberating force of divine mercy!

God's merciful compassion extends also in a special way to the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the vulnerable and those on the margins. In Hamilton's downtown core, a special ministry of mercy was realized this year, when St. Patrick Parish and neighbouring St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School partnered to open the *De Mazenod Door*. This outreach effort, named for St. Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, extends compassion and welcome to the needy through meals, conversation, and friendship – it is a door through which the corporal works of mercy flow! "*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*" (Matthew 25:35) The *De Mazenod Door* itself was declared a Holy Door of Mercy for the balance of the Jubilee Year, and I pray that God's graces will continue to bless all of those who seek his mercy there.

I was also very impressed to see students in the Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board who created their own doors of mercy – old wooden doors, taken and painted with various themes, scripture verses and other expressions of God's mercy. These doors were featured in our Year of Mercy youth rally, the school board's Bishop's Dinner, and various other events – constant reminders that God's mercy is open to all who seek it.

The Church provides us with so many rich and beautiful symbols through which the mystery of God can be encountered, but this image of the door endures. Our world is too often filled with doors that are closed. But we know by faith that no door is closed so tightly that Christ cannot open it. "*Knock, and the door will be opened for you.*" (Matthew 7:7)

At Pentecost, fear led the disciples to lock the door to the upper room. Nevertheless, Christ entered and stood among them, offering the gift of his peace – his first gift to the Church. As the apostles were sent forth to evangelize the world, let us also go out bringing God's mercy to all! Let us continually enter more fully into the mystery of Christ, *who is himself the door of the Father's mercy* - the way we all must travel to enter into the saving mystery of God.

At the close of this extraordinary year, we turn to Mary, the Mother of Mercy. Through her intercession may we be led to ever closer union with her Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's gift of mercy to the world.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,
+Douglas, OMI
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI

Have you signed up for the Gingerbread workshops?

PARISH UPDATES

PLAYPEN DRIVE: It's time for our Playpen Drive Again! The Baby items we receive are taken to Michael House in Guelph. Drawing on Christian values Michael House pregnancy center provides shelter and support, during pregnancy, child birth, 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. "Baby item may be dropped off in the playpen located in Coulson Hall". Duration : Nov.12 to Dec.4th. Mary Spiteri

JESSE TREE: The CWL will be placing a Jesse tree in the church on Nov 27th. This is the 3rd annual Christmas Jesse tree. Your gifts will be helping a family of 5 to 7 people plus 5 local people who are in need through East Wellington Community Services. Please take an angel from the tree and then place your unwrapped gift under the tree with the angel attached. Thank you. CWL, Rockwood and Oustic

CHRISTMAS CAKES: On behalf of Campaign Life Christmas Cakes will again be for sale as a fundraiser for the pro-life cause. Your purchase of a Christmas cake would be appreciated. They will be available in Coulson Hall, at Sacred Heart School ,and at St. Peter's. The cost of the cakes is\$15.00. Thank you. Mary Spiteri

"THE FIRST CHRISTMAS": The Annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 11TH, 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Rockwood at 10:30 am. All Interested Children are asked to attend the First Rehearsal on Wednesday November 23 @ 6:30 p.m. at Coulson Hall. It will give us an opportunity to meet all the kids and for everyone to get to know each other. Song sheets and the rehearsal schedule will also be handed out, as well as measurements for costumes will be taken. Thank you in advance for your participation and support. For further information please contact Loretta Vince 519-856-9409 or Maria Grech 519-856-2036.

There is still time.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP AND MORE

Join in the fun of making a gingerbread house. To reserve your spot and create your gingerbread house that you will take home please sign-up. Sign-up sheets are in Coulson Hall. Bring your apron and \$18 for the workshop. For more info. please contact Yvonne Chin at 519-856-9688.



Where? Coulson Hall

When? Dec. 17, (11am to Noon) or (1pm to 2pm)

RAFFLE: Yvonne is also making a beautiful Mansion Gingerbread house as a raffle. Tickets will be available after mass starting on Sunday November 27th . The draw will be held on December 11th after mass. Ticket prices are one for \$2.00 or three for \$5.00. Proceeds of the raffle will be designated to the Building Fund.

Yvonne Chin

This Week's Events

November

21 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm

22 Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)

23 Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)

25 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)

Next Catechism Class Date

December 7 at Coulson Hall - 6:45pm

Did You Know?

- * in the Old Testament we learn about people being anointed with holy oil
* today before the Easter Triduum the bishop blesses three holy oils at a special Mass called the "Chrism Mass"
* the oil of catechumens is used during the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and before the celebration of Baptism
* the oil of the sick is used in Anointing of the Sick
* sacred chrism is used in Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders

SACRED HEART -YARD CLEAN UP

The Knights of Columbus are planning a yard clean up on November 26, 2016 at 10:00am (in case of inclement weather, Sunday 27, at 1:00pm). If you wish to participate, parishioners and children are asked to be at the church by 10:00am. Bring your rakes and gloves. There will be hot chocolate and cookies for all on completion. David Bell Grand Knight

Prayer Calendar for Priests

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

- Mon. - Rev. Paul Boucher
Tues. - Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wed. - Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)
Thurs. - Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
Fri. - Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
Sat. - Rev. Roshan D'Souza, O.C.D.