

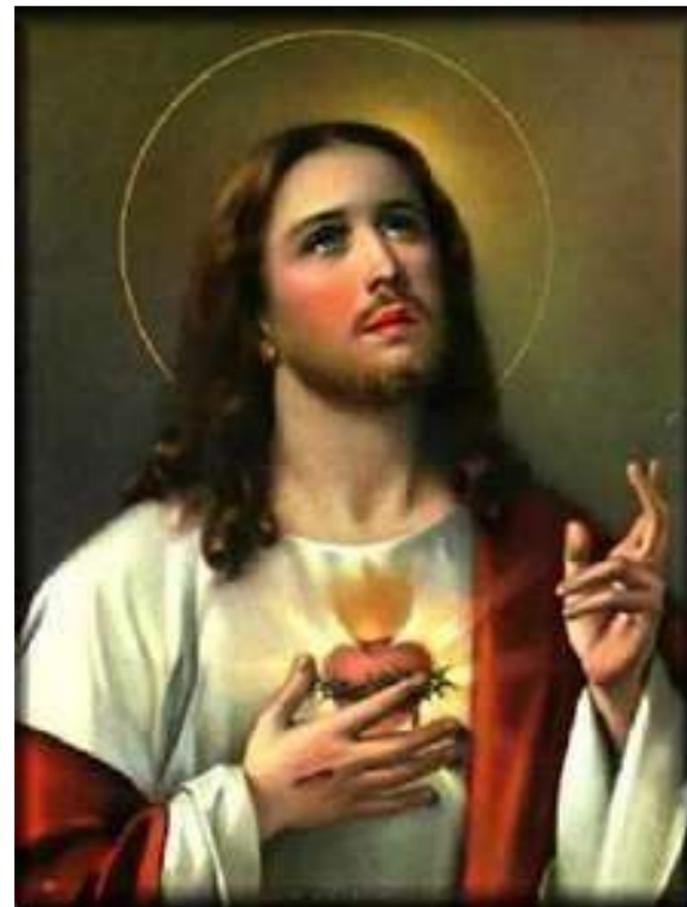
# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 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 24<sup>TH</sup> TO JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>)

Tuesday 7:00 pm Intention of Donor  
Friday 8:00 am Intention of Donor

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9:00 am † John N. Gregory: Ron & Theresa Truba  
11:00 am for the People

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley  
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## Gospel Quotation:

**"Follow me, and I  
will make you fishers  
of people."**

# Pastor's Message

## GOD SALVAGED MY VOCATION

With Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations for our Diocese, visiting our parish this weekend while I give a retreat to university students, I thought I would share some of my reflections on my meandering path to priesthood. My parents were devoted to attending Mass every Sunday. We were parishioners at St. Margaret Mary's parish, located in Hamilton's East Mountain. However, I would also walk to my grade school by myself in the early mornings to attend weekday Mass. Basically, I was an earnest and pious child. But it never occurred to me that I might become a priest.

When I applied to the seminary, I was struck by a number of things concerning my understanding of diocesan priesthood. Looking back on my childhood and my youth I realized what a positive influence parish priests like Fr. Kyran Kennedy and Fr. Philip Sherlock had been. I was also struck by the fact that I had never been very far from parish life. When I was a Jesuit it was my preference to attend Sunday Mass at the local parish or prison rather than the Jesuit community. To say that the future of the Church lies with the laity is also to say that the future of the priesthood lies with secular priests. In a manner of speaking, there can be no lay ministry without the priesthood and there would be no need for priests without the laity. For me, the call to priesthood is bound up with my love for Christ, my love for the Church, my dedication to worship and my commitment to the sacramental life of the Church. I also now appreciate, in contrast to my experience of being a member of an active religious order, the importance of the diocese as a particular place to serve God and the people of God. When I joined the Jesuits, I left the Diocese of Hamilton. Now I'm back. And, despite my self-image as someone who must live in community, I find myself thriving while living alone as a parish priest. I now understand that a significant factor in my decision to join a religious order was the fear of loneliness. However, living alone has taught me that the Church is my home and that the parish is my community.

When I applied to the seminary I had the support of family and friends. I even had the support of some friends who weren't Catholic. Moreover, I realized that my call had been to the diocesan priesthood all along, and I thank God that my vocation is still alive despite all that I've done to run from it. To be fair, however, I now understand that self-knowledge has come from my misguided attempts to pursue my vocation to priesthood. It was through dating relationships that I discovered celibacy. It was pursuing studies in engineering that led me to philosophy which in turn led me to theology. In my search for community, I discovered my affinity for solitude. In my attempt at religious life, I discovered my appreciation for secular priesthood. It's been a long winding, uphill path, but the Holy Spirit has not let me down. I've been blessed by people and opportunities every step of the way. I was fortunate to have had good spiritual directors. I taught at a high school without an education degree and I became a faculty member at a university even though I didn't have a Ph.D. Although I enjoy teaching and writing tremendously, I had to give them up in order to enter the seminary. As a pastor of one parish with two churches and the chaplain to a university, there are opportunities for teaching, but not so much for writing. On my day off, I'm too tired to write. I try to read, but often I fall asleep in my chair. Over the past two years Bishop Crosby gave me the opportunity to build a student centre. He recently appointed me to the diocesan building committee. Now it's beginning to look like I may be building a church. To my great surprise, the diocesan priesthood has lead me back to engineering. As I come full-circle in my pursuit of priesthood, I thank God for salvaging my vocation. And I encourage you to support young men in our parish who maybe considering a vocation to the priesthood, even if the path of their lives may seem to be off track at the moment. If they have the call, Christ will pursue them wherever their lives take them. Pray for them. And please pray for me.

*Fr. Mark Morley*

PARISH UPDATES

REMINDER, the church is open for Eucharistic Adoration from Tuesday after 7:00 pm Mass to Friday 8:00am Mass. If you haven't tried, plan to come in anytime and receive the benefit of grace at spending quality time with our Lord. There are also a few hours available for anyone ready to commit to a regular time:

Tuesday 7:30-9:00, and Tuesday 11:00-12:00 pm. For further information call Jane Hosdil at 519-856-2398

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.

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

ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD'S MERCY! 33 Days to Merciful Love is a group retreat preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. This 6 week DVD program by Fr. Michael Gaitley will take place Saturdays at 10 am at St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, 56 Duke St. W. Kitchener, in the Lower Hall, beginning Saturday March 4th. The retreat book can be ordered on the St. Mary's website or by paying at the parish office. To order on the website go to: <http://stmarysrcchurch.ca/> Click the "give online" button in the upper right hand corner and follow the instructions. When confirming the payment, please write in the comments box that this is to order the 33 Days to Merciful Love retreat book. The cost of the book is \$25. Order Deadline is February 3rd. Those wishing to go deeper and order the full participant packet with the book and "Retreat Companion" will need to order individually from the USA at <http://www.shopmercy.org/33-Days-to-Merciful-Love-Participant-Pack-with-Book/MLPSWB/itd/27240002/132/508/AHA> Orders from the USA will take longer. If you have any questions, contact Vicky at [vmdvorak@gmail.com](mailto:vmdvorak@gmail.com)

**This Week's Events**  
*January*  
23 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm  
24 Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)  
25 Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)  
27 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)  
*Next Catechism Class Date*  
February 1 at Coulson Hall - 6:45pm

**Did You Know?**

- There are 34 weeks of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar
- The readings tell the story of Jesus' life
- The liturgical colour is green, a sign of hope
- The liturgical symbol is the Chi Rho
- The symbol is made up of the first two letters of the Greek word for "Messiah"
- Chi looks like the letter "X" and the letter Rho looks like the letter "P"

**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. Roshan D'Souza, O.C.D.  
Tues. - Rev. Lawrence Parent, O.F.M.  
Wed. - Order of Preachers (Dominicans)  
Thurs. - Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski  
Fri. - Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.  
Sat. - Rev. Shane Degblor, M.C.C.J.