

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

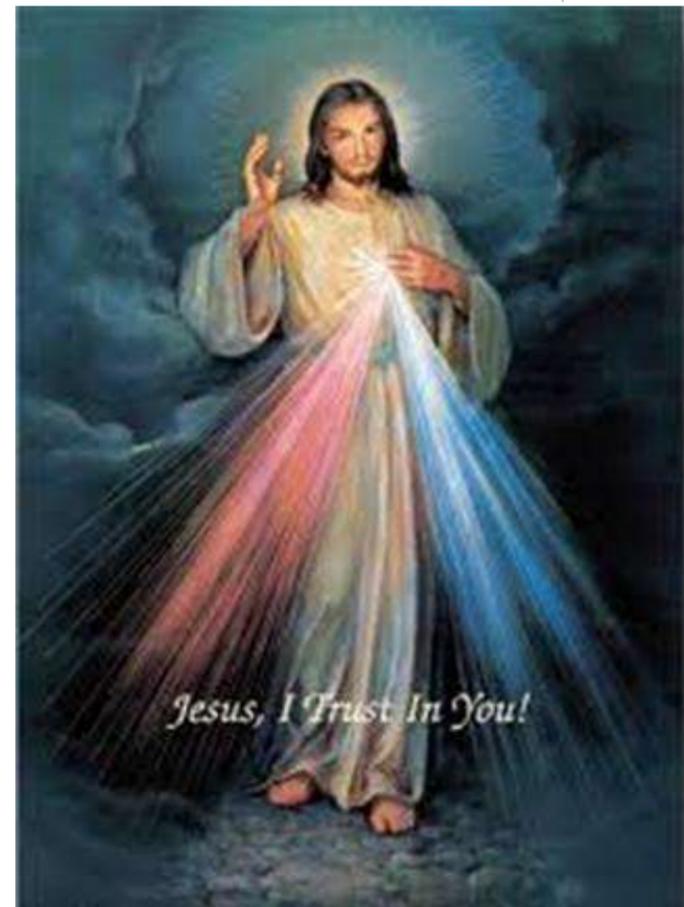
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Easter

(Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 23, 2017



Gospel Quotation:

" Thomas answered him,
'My Lord and my God!' "

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**
Thursday 8:00 am
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 25TH TO APRIL 30TH)

Tuesday 7:00 pm KofC members & their families: KofC 14201
Thursday 8:00 am Ike Rooke: Carol & Larry Kinzie
Friday 8:00 am † Vi Coulson: Nancy Coulson

Third Sunday of Easter

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

PASTORAL STAFF

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Pastor's Message

SACRED HEART AND ST. PETER'S: ONE CATHOLIC CHURCH

When I became your pastor almost two years ago, I committed myself to serving both Sacred Heart Parish Church in Rockwood and St. Peter's Mission Church in Oustic. While respecting the terms of Bishop Crosby's 2012 Decree of Separation, I also committed myself to promoting cooperation between the two faith communities. The more time I spent in each faith community, the more I became aware of their differences, but I also became convinced that working together would be mutually beneficial. At that time, I emphasized the fact that each faith community had the same pastor. It followed that, while each faith community was financially independent, fraternally they formed one parish. As I liked to say, we were one parish with two churches. Liturgically, this was reflected in the way we celebrated the Easter Triduum, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and Good Friday at St. Peter's and the Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart. Pastorally, this was reflected in the way parishioners from both faith communities band together in times of funerals. Socially, this was reflected in the way the Knights from both faith communities hosted the Coulson Cup and the way the members of the CWL from both faith communities hosted the Turkey Supper. Ultimately, my hope was that we would work together to build up the kingdom of God here on Earth.

A year ago, when the Bishop asked me to add Sunday Mass to my responsibilities in order to serve the students at the University of Guelph, I had to make changes to the parish Mass schedule. After consulting with the Bishop, it was decided that the Saturday evening Mass in Rockwood would be cancelled and that the Mass at St. Peter's would take its place in the parish. In the beginning, it was good. After the first Saturday evening Mass at St. Peter's, we held a dinner on the grounds that was well attended by parishioners from both faith communities. Although some St. Peter's parishioners were unable to accommodate the change, the Mass there was well attended throughout the summer. However, something happened in September. By and large, the parishioners from Sacred Heart who started attending the Saturday evening Mass at St. Peter's just stopped coming. Likewise, there was a decline in the number of St. Peter's parishioners attending Mass there. To this day, I don't know what happened. I realize that a large number of parishioners from both faith communities started attending other parishes in the area. But I don't know why. All I know is that the compromises were no longer working for either faith community.

In January I met with Bishop Crosby. We discussed the need for a new church in Rockwood and the need for a Mass on Sunday in Oustic. At that time, he approved a feasibility study for a new church for Rockwood on the hill at the entrance to Camp Brebeuf. He also said he would provide a Mass on Sunday for St. Peter's. Last week we learned that St. Peter's will be transferred to St. John Brebeuf Parish in Erin on June 28th, 2017. Although we will no longer be one parish with two churches, we will continue be members of one Catholic Church. I'm confident that working together will continue to be mutually beneficial for both faith communities. We will continue to welcome each other into our churches. We will continue to come together for the Coulson Cup and the Turkey Supper. We will continue to volunteer together for Adoration, a ministry we already share with parishes in Fergus, Guelph and Acton. After so many years of close collaboration, there is sadness in parting. Yet, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us be hopeful that God will bring about new life through these changes. For example, perhaps parishioners from Erin will now join us in our Adoration ministry. During this Easter Season, let us pray that our two faith communities will continue to work together as one Catholic Church building up the kingdom of God here on Earth.

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

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR: There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour on Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00pm in Sacred Heart Church. Fr. Mark Morley

TRANSFER OF ST. PETER'S MISSION: This past Monday, Bishop Crosby announced that St. Peter's Mission in Oustic will be transferred to St. John Brebeuf Parish in Erin on June 28th with Fr. Don Sanvido as the new pastor. I spoke with the Bishop before the Chrism Mass and he assured me that Fr. Don plans to celebrate Mass at St. Peter's on Sunday, rather than the current Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. Fr. Don is a native of Guelph. He is coming from St. Mark's Parish in Kitchener. I know him well from my time as a pastor in Kitchener. Our parishes bordered each other. I look forward to working with him again. I'm sure he will serve St. Peter's very well. More information will be published as it becomes available. Fr. Mark Morley

CHAPLAIN TO CAMP BREBEUF: On Monday, Bishop Crosby announced that I have been assigned as Chaplain to Camp Brebeuf. From the time I arrived in the parish I have enjoyed collaborating with the staff on occasion. I look forward working with them and serving the youth of our Diocese. This was something I envisioned possibly happening down the road if and when a new church were to be built on the hill that would serve both the parish and the youth at the camp. In God's providence, it happened sooner than I expected. Please pray for me as I begin this new ministry in addition to being pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and Chaplain to the University of Guelph. Fr. Mark Morley

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 Hosdill for further information at 519-856-2398. Thank you.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TO OTTAWA: The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a bus to Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday May 11 for the annual March for Life. Join over 25,000 people who have the courage to stand up in front of our Canadian Government and protest the annual loss of over 200,000 unborn Canadian children. Tickets are \$ 20 on a first come, first serve basis. For more information and/or to reserve your seat. Call, David Bell: at 519-856-0716 OR Charles Vince: at 519-856-4219.

YOUTH RALLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: The Youth Rally for those in Grade 7 to Grade 12 is Saturday, June 3rd at Camp Brebeuf. Please drop off completed registration forms at the parish office mailbox or Sacred Heart School by Thursday, April 27th. If you need registration forms, please contact Fr. Mark by e-mail: pastor@sacredheartrockwood.ca

This Week's Events

April

- 24 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm
- 25 Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)
- 26 Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)
- 27 Mass at Sacred Heart (8:00am)
- 28 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)

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

Did You Know?

- Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion are called the sacraments of Initiation
- These three sacraments make us a part of the community of Christ
- Water is the main symbol of Baptism
- Without water there is no life.
- Water is the sign of cleansing, renewal and rebirth
- The candle is lit from the Easter candle
- It is the sign that Jesus brings light to the baptized person

EASTER/LENTEN FOODRIVE

EWCS would like to thank all parish-ioners who gave so generously to the food bank. Over 400 pounds of food and toiletries were donated and helped to fill our shelves. Thank you.

Prayer Calendar for Priests

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

- Mon. - Rev. Msgr. Edward House
- Tues. - Rev. William Trusz
- Wed. - Students
- Thurs. - Rev. Luc Samba
- Fri. - Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
- Sat. - Rev. David Wilhelm