

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 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
Wednesday to 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

(OCTOBER 25TH TO OCTOBER 30TH)

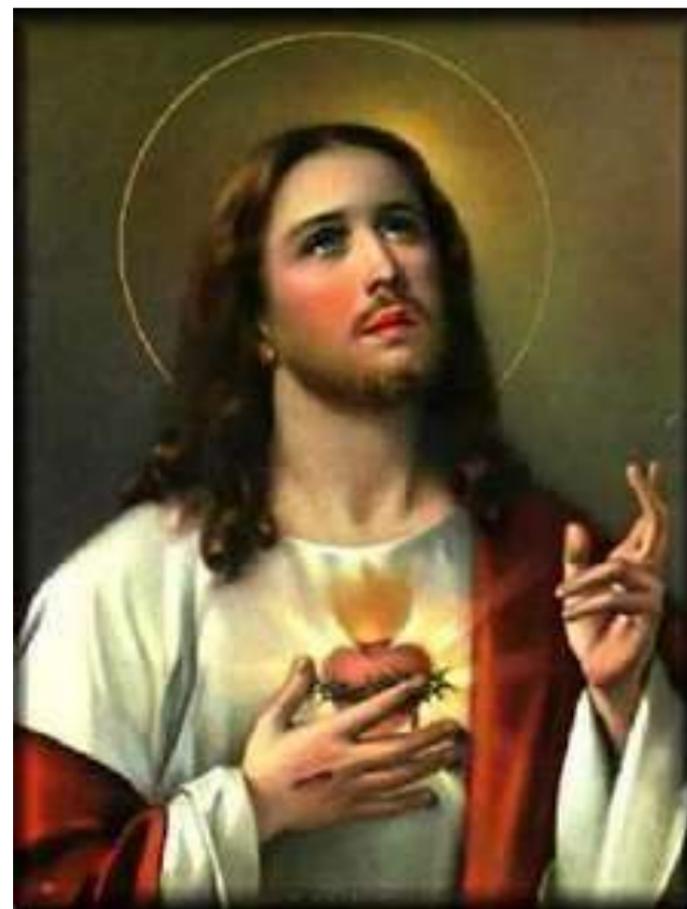
Tuesday 7:00 pm *Special Intention: Michael Woods*
Wednesday 8:00 am *No Mass today*
Thursday 8:00 am *No Mass today*
Friday 8:00 am *Benediction only (No Mass)*

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9:00 am † *John Dunn: Theresa Lockerbie*
11:00 am *For the People*

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley
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Gospel Quotation:

"God, I thank you that
I am not like other people."

Pastor's Message

MOVING FORWARD AND BRINGING PEOPLE BACK

This past June when I met with parishioners from St. Peter's to discuss the implementation of the new parish Mass schedule, we all felt that we would need to meet again. This past Thursday David Dayler, Director of the Diocesan Office of Discipleship and Parish Life, came to facilitate a discussion about how to move forward with the Saturday evening Mass in Oustic. Prior to introducing him, I announced that the meeting was not about changing Mass times back to the way they were before. I explained that Bishop Crosby won't be making any changes until June 2017, which is when priests begin their new assignments and when parish realignments have been taking place. David began his presentation by describing the how challenges we face in our parish are the same in parishes across the Diocese. Most parishes are experiencing a decline in regular attendance. Large numbers of Catholics are no longer attending at all. Under these circumstances, almost all parishes are having to ask themselves, "How do we revitalize our community?" The new Mass time in Oustic has resulted in an overall decline in attendance. Although attendance in Rockwood is increasing, it's mainly due to the new housing and new school. When new housing stops being built, Rockwood will no longer grow. At which point, there will likely be a decline in attendance as Catholics stop practicing. Rockwood is not immune to the decline in attendance occurring throughout the Diocese. Although David comments were addressed to those who attended the meeting at St. Peter's, they apply to both church communities in the parish. However, rather than focusing on the negatives, he challenged us to think of the changes in the parish as an opportunity to think about how to bring people back to the practice of our faith and rebuild a strong sense of community. He challenged parishioners at St. Peter's to fight for their church, not just argue about Mass times, and do things to bring people back.

Here are some of the ideas that were presented during our brainstorming:

- 1) develop a list of former parishioners and contact them to ask them why they are not coming,
- 2) adult catechism,
- 3) the Knight's Holy Family Prayer Program,
- 4) the need to pray,
- 5) automatic giving,
- 6) planned giving,
- 7) the use of social media, especially for the youth,
- 8) there was a very good discussion about the pain caused by the changes and the need to foster healing among ourselves.

David himself suggested an Advent Lessons and Carols service as a way to invite people back into the church building without having to persuade them to come to Mass. There was some discussion about sacraments. On the one hand, I explained that parents will be able to choose whether their children make their First Communion at St. Peter's Church, Sacred Heart Church or Sacred Heart School in May, and that it looks like most of the children attending the school will make their First Communion at the school. On the other hand, all Confirmations will take place at St. Peter's when Bishop Crosby comes in June.

David emphasized that we are called to discipleship, that we are obligated to spread the Word of God, but that this requires going out to meet people. He also cautioned us not to focus on the money but rather to focus on the heart of the community and the money will take care of itself. The focus should be inviting people to come back, telling them we miss them, and making them feel that this is their home. I'm grateful for David's visit to St. Peter's and I'm hopeful that we will do something to bring people back. We also need to invite people to become Catholics. Once again, we have no RCIA candidates. If you have any suggestions, please share them with me by phone, e-mail or making an appointment. I'm also hopeful that parishioners from both church communities will continue to work together to help each other grow in discipleship of Jesus Christ as we walk together along the road to Jerusalem. What will you do?

Fr. Mark Morley

Support Haiti - special collection will be on November 13, 2016

PARISH UPDATES

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION (NEW UPDATE): The following hours are in need of an adorer: Wednesdays 12-1 am, starting October 26, Thursdays, 4-5 pm, starting December 1. Are you being called to spend an hour with our Lord at one of these or any other hour during Adoration time? For further information, call Jane Hosdil at 856-2398.

CLOTHES DONATIONS: Have you gone through your clothes closet lately? Clothes in good condition, all sizes, can be donated to the needy, place them in the middle closet in the side entrance lobby of the church and they will be taken to Dr. Simone's monthly. Jane Hosdil

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION: Parents who would like their children to receive their First Communion this coming Easter Season must register for the celebration of the sacrament, whether your child is attending a Catholic school, public school or home school. To this end, there was a parents' meeting at Sacred Heart Church last Tuesday. If you missed the meeting, please contact me either by phone or e-mail. I can send you the registration forms. However, you will still need to make an appointment to meet with me at the parish office in order to receive the parent resources. Finally, if your child is in Grade 2 and not yet baptized, please contact me so that we can arrange for his or her baptism before Lent. Thank you. Fr. Mark Morley

SUNDAY MASS AT THE NEW SCHOOL: There were a number of expenses required in order to move the Sunday 11:00am Mass to Sacred Heart Catholic School. The most costly items were the altar and ambo. I would like to express my gratitude for the following donations totaling \$12,454.00 that made this "investment" in the future of our parish possible: Bamco Custom Woodworking - \$4,200, Ex Corde Foundation - \$4,000, In Memory of Fran Cranley - \$2,000, the Knights of Columbus - \$1,754, and Anonymous donor - \$500.00. Fr. Mark Morley

PRIESTS' SEMINAR: The annual Priests' Seminar is this week. As a result, there will be no Masses on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday at Sacred Heart Church. There will, however, be Mass at 7:00pm on Tuesday (Confessions at 6:30pm) and Benediction at 8:00am Friday. Please pray for our bishops and priests as we come together to study and pray in priestly fraternity. Fr. Mark Morley

MAINTENANCE UPDATE: Special "Thank You" goes to Pamela Murphy, Rose Corrigan and Janet Bell for all their hard work during this Summer. They kept the church garden in excellent condition. They worked together and produced great results. Alfred Grech

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MEMORIAL MASS AT MARYMOUNT CEMETERY: Most Reverend Matthew Ustrzycki, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Hamilton, will celebrate a Memorial Mass at Marymount Cemetery, Guelph, on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 11:00. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call (519) 836-8814, (800) 661-5985, or visit www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca.

This Week's Events
October
24 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm
25 Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)
26 Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)
28 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)
Next Catechism Class Date
November 2 at Coulson Hall - 6:45pm

Did You Know?
* the Beatitudes are the teachings of Jesus that describe the way to live as the disciples
* there are 8 Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10)
* Jesus gave the Beatitudes to his followers at the Sermon on the Mount
* Jesus' message from the Beatitudes was "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." (Matthew 5:12)

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
Bishop Crosby is coming to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for our young people in Grade 7 at St. Peter's Church on Saturday, June 3rd at 6:00pm. There will be a meeting for Confirmation candidates and their parents on Tuesday, November 8th at 6:00pm in Sacred Heart Church. Registrations forms and other information will be made available. If your child missed Confirmation last year, please also plan to attend this meeting. Fr. Mark Morley

Prayer Calendar for Priests
Every day, in our diocese we are invited to pray for a priest serving in our parishes
Mon. - Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
Tues. - Rev. Neil Haight, O.M.I.
Wed. - Deceased Priests of the Hamilton Diocese
Thurs. - Rev. Bradley Markus
Fri. - Rev. David Wynen
Sat. - Rev. Martin Vallely