

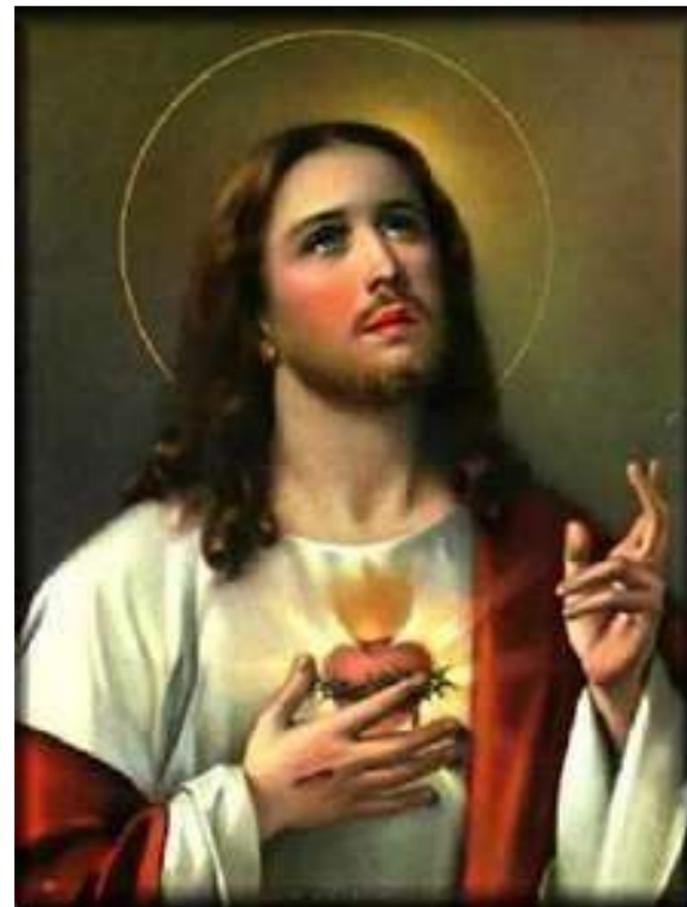
# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017



### Gospel Quotation:

**"Consider the lilies  
of the field. "**

### 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  
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

(FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> TO MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>)

Tuesday 7:00 pm Intention of Donor: KofC 14201  
Ash Wed. 9:15 am Sacred Heart School  
7:00 pm St. Peter's Mission  
Friday 8:00 am Ivadell Goad: Dan & Chris Schmalz

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 9:00 am Intention of Donor  
11:00 am for the People

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley

# Pastor's Message

SACRED SIGNS: ASH WEDNESDAY

Romano Guardini's book "The Spirit of the Liturgy" was published during the First World War and was a major influence on the theologians who undertook the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. He also wrote a little book called "Sacred Signs" intended to inspire people to participate at Mass by way of a deeper appreciation for liturgical actions, that is, not just the words that we say but the things that we do. In the Introduction he wrote: "We need to be shown how, or by some means incited, to see and feel and make the sacred signs ourselves. It strikes me that the right and fruitful method is to start off in the simplest way with the elements out of which the higher liturgical forms have been constructed. Whatever in human nature responds to these elementary signs should be fanned into life. These signs are real symbols; consequently, by making them a fresh and vital experience of their own people would get at the spirit which informs them, and arrive at the genuine symbol from the conventional sign." The book is actually a series of mediations on the meaning of everything at Mass from the doors of the church to the candles on the altar. Here is his mediation on the meaning of the ashes that are smeared onto our foreheads on Ash Wednesday.



"On the edge of the woods grows a larkspur. Its glorious blue blossom rising on its bending stalk from among the dark green curiously-shaped leaves fills the air with color. A passerby picks the flower, loses interest in it and throws it into the fire, and in a short moment all that is left of that splendid show is a thin streak of grey ash. What fire does in an instant, time is always doing to everything that lives. The delicate fern, the stout mullein, the rooted oak, butterflies, darting swallows, nimble squirrels, heavy oxen, all of them, equally, sooner or later, by accident, disease, hunger, cold,--all these clear-cut forms, all this flourishing life, turns to a little ash, a handful of dry dust, which every breeze scatters this way and that. All this brilliant color, all this sensitive, breathing life, falls into pale, feeble, dead earth, and less than earth, into ashes. It is the same with ourselves. We look into an opened grave and shiver: a few bones, a handful of ash-grey dust. **'Remember man that dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return.'** Ashes signify man's overthrow by time. Our own swift passage, ours and not someone else's, ours, mine. When at the beginning of Lent the priest takes the burnt residue of the green branches of the last Palm Sunday and inscribes with it on my forehead the sign of the cross, it is to remind me of my death. Everything turns to ashes, everything whatever. This house I live in, these clothes I am wearing, my household stuff, my money, my fields, meadows, woods, the dog that follows me, my horse in his stall, this hand I am writing with, these eyes that read what I write, all the rest of my body, people I have loved, people I have hated, or been afraid of, whatever was great in my eyes upon earth, whatever small and contemptible, all without exception will fall back into dust."

This year Ash Wednesday is March 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a Mass at Sacred Heart School in Rockwood at 9:15am and a Mass at St. Peter's Mission in Oustic at 7:00pm. In the new translation of the Roman Missal, the priest has the option of saying, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or saying, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Either way, the liturgical action is the same, namely, the making of the sign of the cross on the forehead with blessed ashes. This Ash Wednesday I invite you to see and feel and make this sacred sign your own by reflecting on the symbolic meaning of the liturgical action, regardless of the words I use. May this solemn day mark the beginning of a fresh and vital experience for you as you consciously participate in the liturgical actions of the Mass throughout the Season of Lent in preparation for our celebration of Christ's Resurrection at Easter.

*Fr. Mark Morley*

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PARISH UPDATES

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Have you decided a lent activity yet? Consider the following: There are several Adoration hours requiring new participants (vacant due to moves) , Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday 11:00 -12:00 am, Friday 1:00 - 3:00 am , some may be challenging commitments, but spiritual rewards guaranteed! For further information call Jane Hosdil 519-856-2398

40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL: Our parish has adopted Saturday March 18th for our 40 days for Life Vigil starting at 7am-7pm, it will take place at Guelph General Hospital. You are invited to spend one hour in a time slot of your choice to stand in solidarity with people from 40 countries around the world .Stand up and be counted as one who will have the audacity to speak up for the unborn who have no one but you. We do this in a silent prayerful vigil. Unlike what we may think it makes a difference.

Forty (40) days has seen the lives of 12,000 babies saved from abortion, not to mention the doctors and abortion providers whose hearts were changed and they have become the best advocates for life. We can look the other way no longer. We all need to be a part of this endeavour to stop this outrage.

A schedule will be in the sacristy during the week and in Coulson Hall and the School on Sundays.

I am not asking you to do this, Jesus is begging you. Let us fill the hours on this schedule over and over, as we can have a few signatures on the same hour.

Mary Spiteri

**THE JEWELLER'S SHOP:** On Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm the University Catholic Community Student Club, in conjunction with the Newman Centre Guelph, presents a dramatic reading of *The Jeweller's Shop: A Meditation on the Sacrament of Matrimony*, a three-act play written by Saint John Paul that reflects upon our expectations about romantic love and marriage. Cost: Free will offering for charity. Location: Massey Hall, University of Guelph. Doors open at 6:45pm. For more information: [ucc@newmancentreguelph.ca](mailto:ucc@newmancentreguelph.ca)

FROM THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

RETROUVAILLE - DO YOU FEEL ALONE? - Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 24, 2017, please call 905-664-5212 or email: [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

This Week's Events

February

- 27 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm
- 28 Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)

March

- 1 Ash Wednesday  
Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)
- 3 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library  
(11:30am to 1:30pm)

Next Catechism Class Date

March 9 at Coulson Hall - 6:45pm

Did You Know?

- Lent is our journey to Easter
- Lent lasts for 40 days
- the term Lent comes from a Middle English word that means "springtime"
- purple is the colour of Lent
- Lent is a time of fasting and penance

SHROVE TUESDAY

On Tuesday, February 28, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Shrove Tuesday pancake (and sausage) dinner in Coulson Hall. The dinners will be served from 5:00-6:30 P.M. As usual, a goodwill donation is appreciated.

Mass will follow at 7:00 P.M."

Dave 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. Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
- Tues. - Rev. Rev. Francis Hubilla
- Wed. - Ash Wednesday
- Thurs. - Rev. Peter Meyer
- Fri. - Rev. James Petrie
- Sat. - Rev. Joe Selvanayagam