

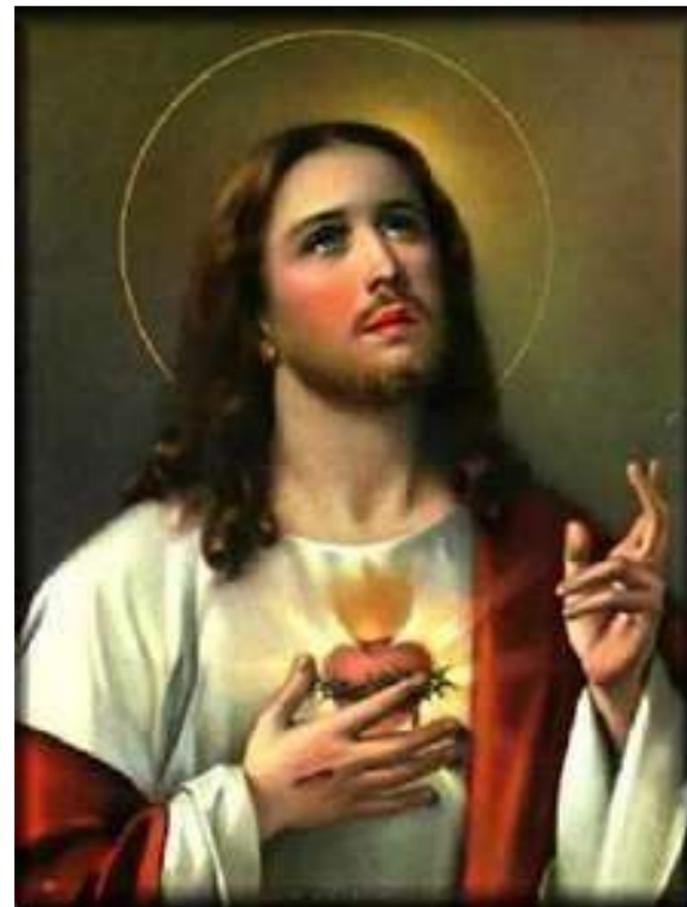
SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 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 31TH TO FEBRUARY 5TH)

Tuesday 7:00 pm † Fran Cranley: Peter Cranley
Friday 8:00 am Intention of Donor

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9:00 am † Helena Chin: Don Chin
11:00 am for the People

PASTORAL STAFF

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Gospel Quotation:

**"Your reward is
great in heaven."**

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. Kyrán 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 led 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

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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 Hosdill at 519-856-2398

BOTTLE DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus bottle drive, in support of the Special Olympics, is ready to receive any kind of liquor, wine and beer bottles and cans that you have saved up over the Christmas and New Years holidays. Please bring them to Coulson hall and leave them inside near the back door. Thank you, your participation is greatly appreciated.

Dave Bell, Grand Knight

FROM THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

RETRouvaille - Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend March 24, 2017, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca

PARENTING TIP 95: Spending quality time together will pay great dividends to all involved, especially our children. Time together allows for positive interaction, the ability to learn about each other and the chance to build strong bonds and memories. A great starting point is a shared family meal, but reading together, playing a board game, or working on a puzzle together are but a few of the many ways we can build connections. The result will be higher self-esteem for children, a greater cohesiveness in the family unit and the desire for more time as a family. Try it, you won't regret it! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE AT ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY: Join us on FRIDAY, February 10, when Mary Hynes, the host of Tapestry, CBC-Radio's program about spirituality and the search for meaning, will reflect on the relationship between religion and the media. Drawing on 14 years with Tapestry, Ms. Hynes will talk about how the religion beat can be the most rewarding - and the most frustrating - subject matter in journalism. The conversations can be profound, provocative, hilarious, heart-breaking. But how do you write headlines for the inexpressible?

Location: Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University

Time: 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45p.m.

Free of Charge | Free Parking | Wheelchair Accessible | Refreshments Served

This Week's Events

January

30 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm

31 Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)

February

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

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

Next Catechism Class Date

February 1 at Coulson Hall - 6:45pm

Did You Know?

- * The magisterium is the teaching authority of the church
- * It is led by Pope Francis and the bishops
- * The pope and the bishop's teachings are called "infallible"
- * This means the teaching is correct and free of error

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. Thomas Vermiglio, M.C.C.J.
- Tues. - Rev. Francisco Cruz
- Wed. - Society of the Catholic Apostolate
- Thurs. - Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
- Fri. - Rev. Jose Moreira
- Sat. - Rev. Octavio Cidadao