

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 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

(NOVEMBER 1ST TO NOVEMBER 6TH)

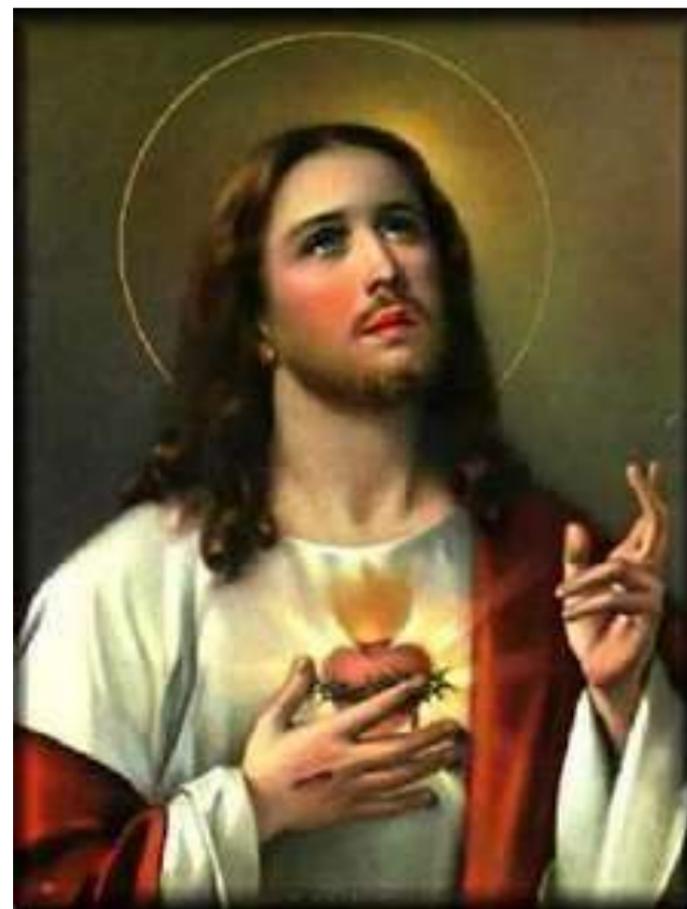
Tuesday 7:00 pm CWL Members & Family: CWL
Wednesday 8:00 am † For the Faithful Departed
Thursday 8:00 am No Mass today
Friday 8:00 am Intention of Donor

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9:00 am Leo Ierullo & Family: Peter Gabriel
11:00 am For the People

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley
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Gospel Quotation:

Zacchaeus "climbed a
sycamore tree to see Jesus"

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?

Re-print of October 23, 2016

Fr. Mark Morley

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

PARISH UPDATES

NEW- EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thank you to the parishioners who recently committed to spend one of the available hours with our Lord. We continue to invite anyone to come any time during Adoration hours (7:30 pm Tuesday to 8:00 am Friday) and stay for the time you have available. If you are able to commit to a regular hour, the following are available:

Thursday 8:00-9:00 pm, & starting December, Thursday 5:00-6:00 pm. For information, call Jane Hosdil 856-2398

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

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday December 11th, 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic School (5146 Wellington Rd. 27) in Rockwood starting at 10:30 am. Specific details will follow in the upcoming weeks.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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.

HEALING MASS FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD – Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief, is planned at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for Sunday, November 27, 2016 at 4 pm. Any one who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth, or who have had a still birth are invited to this Mass celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby. God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #92: Most parents want their children to be happy and spend a great deal of their energies trying to ensure this is the case for their children. A new study released by the World Leisure Journal suggests that it may be much simpler than we believe. A variety of leisure activities, including hiking, board games and visiting local tourist attractions, can be combined with time spent at home undertaking activities as a family. Being together produces feelings of satisfaction and happiness. Simple undertakings can be the best way to bond as a family and feel connected to each other. Combine activity with attending weekly Mass and praying together each day and your children will benefit in numerous ways!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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

Did You Know?
* All Saints Day is November 1st
* it is the day we honour people who lived holy lives on earth
* All Souls Day is November 2nd
* it is the day that we remember all those people who have passed away

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

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

Prayer Calendar for Priests
Every day, in our diocese we are invited to pray for a priest serving in our parishes
Mon. - Rev. Wojciech Kuzma
Tues. - Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan
Wed. - Deceased Consecrated Brothers & Sisters
Thurs. - Very Rev. Adam Voisin
Fri. - Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
Sat. - Rev. Edward Mahony