

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12th, 2017

Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
(Sacred Heart Catholic School) 11:00 am

DAILY: Monday **No Mass**
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday (S.H. School) 9:15 am
Thursday **No Mass**
Friday 8:00 am

Confessions

Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:45pm
Saturday 4:30pm to 4:45pm
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 14TH TO NOVEMBER 19TH)

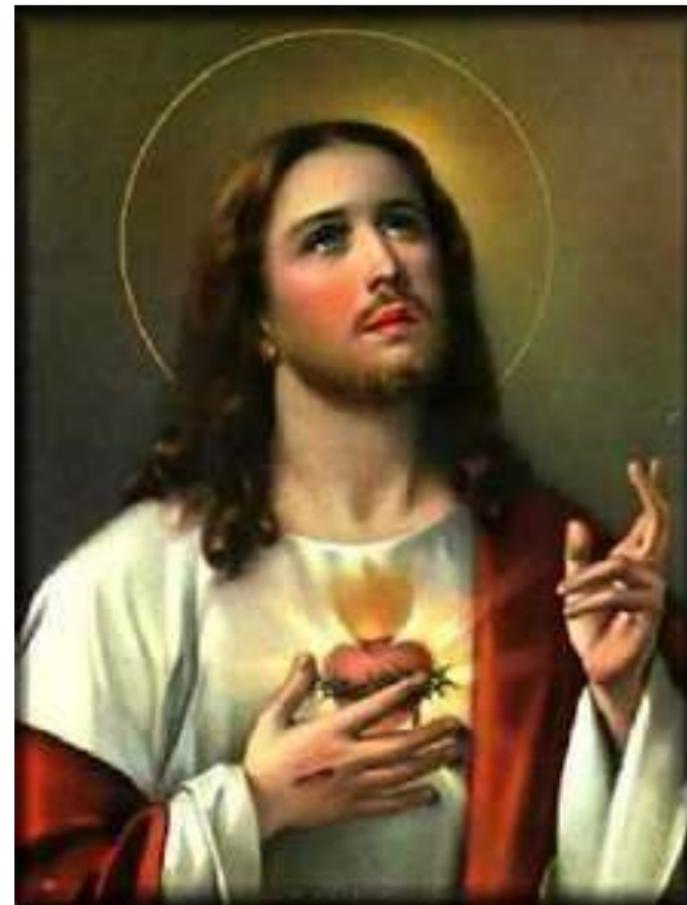
Tuesday 7:00 pm † Alan Spak & deceased family members
Wednesday 9:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart School
Friday 8:00 am † Alan Spak & deceased family members

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00 pm † Anne Truba: Italo & Adriana Ciaschi
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am For the People

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley
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Gospel Quotation:

"The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet."

Pastor's Message

MONTH OF THE LAST THINGS

November is the month of Last Things, namely, death, judgment, Heaven, and Hell. During the month of November we pray for those who have died. Praying for our deceased family members and friends is a work of mercy and an act of love. As Catholics, we know this instinctively. When someone dies, we arrange for a Mass to be said for them. When we go to church we hear the names of the dead announced in the Mass intentions. If you would like to have someone prayed for throughout the month of November, then please write their name in the Book of Remembrance on the stand at the entrance of the church (Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday 9:00am) or at the entrance to the school gym (Sunday 11:00am). We pray for the dead because we believe that our prayers can help them through purgatory on their way to Heaven. At every Mass celebrated in the parish throughout November, those listed in our Book of Remembrance will be remembered in the intercessions. The good news for all of us, saints and sinners alike, is that purgatory is the last step in the process of our sanctification as we journey to Heaven, where we will worship God with the communion of saints, looking forward to the Resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

November is also a good month to think about your funeral arrangements. Ordinarily, the funeral rites include the Vigil at the funeral home, the funeral Mass in the Church, and the Committal at the graveside. If cremation is to take place, it is preferable that the funeral Mass be celebrated with the body. Thus, the Mass will begin with the introductory rites, which means greeting the body at the doors of the church and covering the casket with the white funeral pall as a symbol of baptism, for having died with Christ in baptism we have the promise of being raised with him in the Resurrection. Likewise, the Mass will conclude with the rites of farewell, which means sprinkling the casket with holy water, again a symbol of baptism, and the incensing of the body, honouring it as a temple of the Holy Spirit and symbolizing that our prayers for the deceased are rising to heaven. The beauty of these rites speaks of our hope in the future glory of the resurrection of the dead. If cremation takes place beforehand, the funeral Mass can be celebrated with the ashes present in the church, but without a body, the rites of farewell are not performed. The funeral Mass is offered for the deceased, but it takes place in the usual fashion. When cremation follows the Mass, the Committal of ashes takes place at a later date. Sometimes people who could not attend the funeral Mass are able to attend the Committal. I would also like to mention that Catholics bury the ashes of their dead, or entomb them in a niche or columbarium. We do not scatter ashes. Scattering signifies that life is futile and death is final. It contradicts our hope that life is changed not ended. We also **don't keep ashes in our homes. The burial or entombment of ashes symbolizes our belief that the dead have passed from this life into eternal life.** Holding onto the ashes contradicts our hope that the dead go to Heaven. It also prolongs the grieving process. The funeral home will keep the urn until burial arrangements have been made and will deliver it to the place of Committal.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the St. Peter's Cemetery Board for their good work and, in particular, to thank Fred Hawkins for overseeing the installation of a beautiful new front gate (see photo). Finally, I would like to leave you with these beautiful and hope-filled words from St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians: "We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died." (1 Thessalonians 4.13)

Re-print from November 5, 2017

Fr. Mark Morley

PARISH UPDATES

PERPETUAL ADORATION: Reminding everyone to drop into Adoration anytime from Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00am, or consider joining for a regular hour. We are still looking for a courageous person, to join a rotation of 2 parishioners for Fridays 1:00-3:00 AM . Grace received is doubled for Adoration during these hours! For information call Jane Hosdil, 519-827-1929

FAMILY CHOIR: If you are interested in joining and/or supporting a new youth group in the parish, or if you and/or your children are interested in joining the 11:00am Sunday Mass Family Choir, please contact me at: pastor@sacredheartrockwood.ca . Thank you,
Fr. Mark

"THE FIRST CHRISTMAS": *The Annual Children's Christmas Pageant* will be held on Sunday, December 17th, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic School (5146 Wellington Rd. 27) at 10:30a.m. All interested children will be given parts in the pageant and they will be able to sing their hearts out to famous Christmas Carols. Sign up for the pageant will begin next weekend. Rehearsals will be held in Coulson Hall at 6:30 pm on the following dates: Wed. Nov. 22, Thurs. Nov. 30, Fri. Dec. 8 and Wed. Dec. 13. The dress rehearsal will be on Sat. Dec. 16 @ 1:00 pm. Please ensure that children will be able to attend rehearsal. For more information contact: Loretta Vince 519 856 9409 or Maria Grech 519-856-2036.

CHRISTMAS CAKES: Campaign Life will be doing their Christmas Fundraiser again this year. Christmas Cakes will be sold after all weekend Masses starting November 18-19 and closing on November 25-26. The Cakes also make a nice gift!
Mary Spiteri

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14201: The Knights of Columbus will have Religious Christmas cards available after Masses the weekends of November 18/19 and 25/26 (till sold out). Cost is \$8.00/10 pack.

David Bell G. K.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

THE SUMMIT: Mass and Adoration for Young Adults featuring contemporary music by The Divine Praises, Wednesday, November 15th, 7:00pm in the Catacombs of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph. An Outreach Ministry of the Newman Centre Guelph: newmancentreguelph.ca

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:
TO WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL IN ASIA: In the reflections for Pope Francis' prayer intentions this month we are reminded that Jesus was born and lived his life in Asia. Asia is a continent with a variety of religions living together. The Christian faith is booming in South Asia and India however there are still areas of the continent where the faith is a minority. We pray that the Christians living there can bear witness to the Gospel, promote a peaceful dialogue with those of other religions, and share a mutual understanding and respect for each other.

This Week's Events

November

- 13 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm
- 14 Tuesday MASS (7:00 pm)
- 15 Mass at the School (9:15am)
Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)
- 17 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library
(11:30am to 1:30pm)
- 22 Christmas Pageant rehearsal
(6:30pm Coulson Hall)

Did You Know?

- * There are seven sacraments
- * Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
- * Sacraments of Healing: Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick
- * Sacraments at the Service of Communion: Matrimony, Holy Orders

GINGERBREAD HOUSE RAFFLE

Once again, Yvonne Chin has graciously donated a gingerbread house to be raffled off, with proceeds going to the "9am Mass Music Ministry".

- * Tickets: Can be purchased after each mass, during hospitality.
1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00
- * Draw: Dec. 10, after 9:00 Mass, in Coulson Hall.

Also: special Christmas angel decorations, created by Rose Corrigan, will be sold.

Yvonne Chin

Prayer Calendar for Priests

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

- Mon. - Rev. Fernando Pinto, C.S.Sp.
- Tues. - Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
- Wed. - Deceased Priests of the Hamilton Diocese
- Thurs. - Rev. Michael King
- Fri. - Rev. Paul Hrynczyszyn
- Sat. - Rev. Robert Kiffman