

**WEEK AT A GLANCE (Feb 17 - 23)**

<b>Mon</b>	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	OCDS Carmelites
	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Tues</b>	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	8:00 pm	Right to Life Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	5:00 pm	SSVP Friendship Dinner
	7:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
<b>Thurs</b>	11:30 am	Jolly Makers - Bingo & Cards
	7:45 pm	RCIA & Growing in the Spirit
<b>Fri</b>	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am	Adoration
	10:30 am	Confessions
	11:15 am	Benediction
	7:00 pm	Ultreya
<b>Sat</b>	9:30 am	Confessions
<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
	12 noon	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
	2:55 pm	Family Catechism

**Altar Server (February 18 & 20)** Gabriella Vermeeren

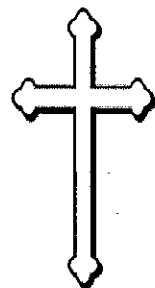
**WEEKLY OFFERTORY – Feb 8 & 9, 2020**

Sunday Envelope	\$ 5,180.00
Loose	\$ 225.10
Initial Envelope	\$ 25.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 197.00
Building Fund	\$ 437.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,064.10</b>

*Thanks!*

**Please Pray for:**

**Doug Oncz, Jonathan Pozsgai**



*God will not allow you to be lost if you persist in your determination not to lose him.*  
- St. Pius of Pietrelcina

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Feb 17 - 23)**

<b>Tues</b>	7:00 pm	A special intention for Deb & Dianne McMillan
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 am	A special intention for Logan Jose Borges Patti Jo Dahman A special intention for the Kingsbury Family
<b>Thurs</b>	3:30 pm	Woodingford Lodge
	7:00 pm	Roger Couckuyt A special intention for Randy
<b>Fri</b>	10:00 am	Nandor Horvath Diane Kisilak Jonathan Pozsgai
<b>Sat</b>	9:00 am	Martin Gubesch Diane Kisilak Marcel Gagnon
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sun</b>	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Feb 22 & 23)**

**Saturday (5 pm)**  
 Commentator: Olga Patterson  
 1st, 2nd Lector: Kathy Myny, Carla Matos  
 Gift Bearers: Rosemary & Siobhan Couture  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Rosemary Couture, Valerie Claessens, Heather Campbell, Yvonne DeBrabander  
 Greeter: Linda Zilic  
 Rosary: Dorothy Lipsit

**Sunday (9 am)**  
 Commentator: Mariola Pleli  
 1st, 2nd Lector: Janine Vink, Andrew Stancek  
 Gift Bearers: Robert & Lucas Verhoeve  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Steve Leonard, Carol VanMoerkerke, Ana Rosa Oliveira, Judy Schonberger  
 Greeter: Colleen DeRouck  
 Rosary: Anne Stancek

**Sunday (11 am)**

Commentator: Janet Gurski  
 1st, 2nd Lector: Rachel Parker, Heather Pelland  
 Gift Bearers: Jayne Family  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Darlene Papaioannou, Helen Borbely, Nora Marie Bruder, Norma Roczen  
 Greeter: Cheryl Rosillo  
 Rosary: Helen Borbely



Let your roots go down into Christ, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.  
Colossians 2:7

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MORE RANDOM THOUGHTS:** The next couple of weeks we will be reading some of the hard sayings from the Sermon on the Mount. With the way that Ordinary time is broken up by Lent and Easter, we will miss out on some of the more encouraging bits that come a little later in the sermon, so I would encourage you to get out your Bible sometime in the next two weeks and read the whole sermon (Matthew ch 5-7). It is one of the most concise summaries about what a Christian life could look like.

One thing in the section this week speaks to our world today. Jesu says speak Truth. He says let your yes be yes and let your no mean no. I have heard politicians say that when speaking to reporters they can lie, but if testifying under oath they have to tell the truth or be charged. A really sad state of affairs when people think that lies are fine, just not when you are under oath. Jesus eliminates the wiggle room. Just speak truth. If you do not want to say the truth, say nothing or change the topic. That is OK. Telling a lie is not OK. We have gotten so used to people not being truthful that we believe little. Some people speak of their opinions as their truths. No there is truth, and there are opinions. We can have differing opinions. The truth is sometimes very difficult to determine. But just because an opinion cannot be proven or debunked does not make it a truth. Science is quite rigorous about this. A scientific theory is not a scientific fact. And if a fact needs to be thrown out a new theory has to be developed to cover new facts, and it remains a theory until all bases are covered. So speak truth, not only under oath, and if you are giving an opinion admit it, do not pretend it is a truth.

**CHANGE IN POLICY:** In the Diocese there has been increasing cases of vandalism in Churches. As a result most churches are locked these days, and we too have had a few minor problems in Tillsonburg. As a result we will be keeping our doors locked when no services are occurring. Access when needed can be arranged through the office. We are sad to do this, but do not wish to have any serious issues.

Fr. Tom

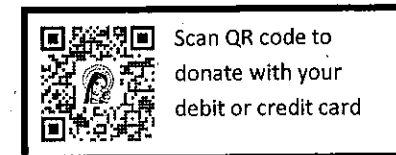
**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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 Andre DeDecker, Deacon  
 Jack Grim, Deacon  
 Brian Hanley, Deacon  
 Colleen Hanley, Pastoral Minister  
 Teena Mendonca, Business Administrator  
 Courtney Duckworth, Secretary

**Office Hours:** Mon, Wed, Fri  
 (9 am - 12 pm, 1 pm - 4 pm)



**Weekend Mass Schedule**  
 Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
 Sunday Masses: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Daily Mass**  
 Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 pm  
 Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 am  
 Saturday: 9:00 am

**Reconciliation**  
 Friday 10:30 - 11:15am Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:15am or by appointment

**Children's "Sunday School"**  
 Oct to May, @ 9 am Mass

**Catholic Schools**  
 St. Joseph School: (519) 660-2783  
 Msgr. O'Neil School: (519) 660-2772  
 St. Mary's High School: (519) 675-4435

**Baptism Preparation**  
 Contact the Office

**Weddings**  
 By appointment, and 6 months notice

**FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

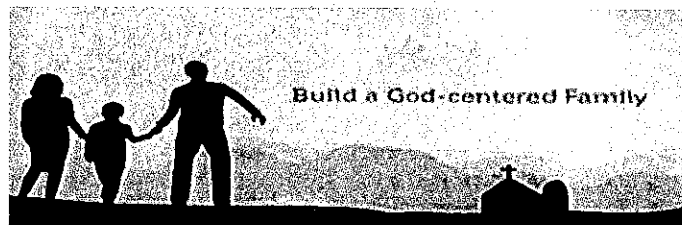


**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our Sunday school program happens during the 9 am Mass Sunday mornings. Sunday School is a program for children who are age 3 (or toilet trained) until they enter grade 2 to help them learn the rituals of mass and hear the Gospel story in child friendly language, through craft and song. Father Tom, at the beginning of Mass, calls the children forward and they process to the Parish Centre with their leader and return to you during the offertory song.

**GROWING IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH**

Growing in the Spirit of Our Catholic Faith will continue Thursday February 20th at 7:45 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre. Our topic will be "Sacrament of Marriage and Preparing for Lent." Everyone is welcome to attend!



**STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2020**

On July 3-5, 2020 our parish will be sending a bus of youth going into high school or already in high school to this amazing Conference! If you have a child in grade eight they are eligible to come to Steubenville this year! Mark you calendars ... our theme is RESTORED! The cost is \$225 which includes the conference, lodging, bussing and food. If you want to know more information about going as a participant or a chaperone please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224). To secure a spot on the bus, drop of the initial payment of \$100 to the rectory in an envelope with your name and phone number on it. Steubenville flyers with all the information are available at the back of the Church. More info will be available in the weeks to come!

**TIME FOR A CWL FUN-DAY:**

Saturday February 29, 1-3  
Meet up at the Station Arts Centre!  
Dress for a possible Mess.

Tickets are \$12.00  
Cash or Cheques made payable to the St. Mary's CWL  
Limited to 30 Fun Seekers so don't wait to get your ticket.

**FUN DAY!**

# Opportunities to get Involved

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are seeking out Missionary Disciples to form a "Road to Emmaus Team". This team will journey with anyone who comes to us inquiring about the Catholic faith or discerning to become Catholic. They could be adults, youth or families who are not ready to begin the formal RCIA process for whatever reason. The Road to Emmaus team will be called upon when there is a need to journey with inquirers. What will you be asked to do? First, respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to this initiative, be a witness to the Gospel, committed to the Church and the journey, share in the community of our parish and serve those who you are called to journey with. We will need some to be catechists (teachers of the faith), some to be mentors (spending time once a month in conversation) and some will be ministers of hospitality (welcoming and sitting with them at Mass). If you would like more information please contact Colleen Hanley as soon as possible. We already have three youth and two adults waiting for sojourners.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Each year we have some high school students who need financial assistance to attend the Steubenville Toronto Conference in Oshawa. As a parish, we try to make sure every youth who has a desire to deepen their relationship with the Lord has an opportunity to do in such a vibrant way through prayer, song, liturgies and adoration. If you can help a young person with a financial contribution this year please speak with Colleen Hanley or drop off your gift tot he rectory. We are incredibly blessed that each one of you values and supports our youth to attend this event!

**ADOPT A CATECHUMEN / CANDIDATE**

Our Parish is blessed with four adults and three youth who gather regularly with their sponsor and catechism team to learn about the Catholic faith. They are our Catechumen and Candidates. They are becoming full members of our faith at the Easter Vigil which is fast approaching. We are asking for your prayerful support by adopting in prayer one of these seven amazing people. There are special slips of yellow paper in the basket at the back of the Church this weekend for you to sign up. Please fill one out and drop it into the offertory basket if you wish to participate. You will be mailed the information around the beginning of Lent. Your prayers for an individual are a vital part of the RCIA for adults and children and a great way to show support to these wonderful people. Thank you for your many prayers!

# Lenten Day of Prayer

at St. Mary's Parish, Tillsonburg

Bishop Fabbro has invited each of us to enter into a Year of Prayer which began on Pentecost Sunday this past June. Saturday March 21st we have invited Bishop Fabbro to lead us in a Day of Prayer. We will explore the Lenten scriptures and the Bishop's invitation to deepen our confidence as missionary disciples. All are welcome!

9 AM	Mass
10 AM	Opening Presentation
12:15 PM	Lunch (free will offering)
1 PM	Second Presentation
3 PM	Blessing & Dismissal

There is no cost for this Lenten Day of Prayer except for the free will offering for your lunch that will be provided. However you will need to register by March 7th by contacting Courtney at St. Mary's Parish (519-842-3224). Late registrations will not be accepted and the day is structured for prayer and exploring the scriptures.

**VERITAS LECTURE**

The Veritas lecture series returns at King's University College, London, on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 pm with "Jean Vanier: Uncovering the Legacy" by Dr. Pamela Cushing. Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche International, began his legacy by choosing to share community with two individuals. At the time of his death, L'Arche had grown to support 154 residential communities in 38 countries on five continents. Vanier's legacy continues to emerge through the work of scholars and the community he inspired. Cushing will invite us to appreciate that legacy and consider the ongoing work of the Jean Vanier Research Centre at King's. Parking and admission are free, goodwill donations are welcome. Facilities are wheelchair accessible. For more information please visit [www.kings.uwo.ca/campus-ministry/veritas-series](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/campus-ministry/veritas-series).



**LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY**

This year's Lift Jesus Higher Rally will take place on Saturday, Mar. 7 from 9 am – 5 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre North Building, 255 Front Street West. It will be a grace-filled day of celebrating God's love together with Cardinal Collins, Ralph Martin, and Fr. James Mallon, featuring uplifting music, Eucharistic healing procession, confession and holy Mass. There will also be a separate youth event with Christy Dupuis & Rachel Herbeck. For information or tickets please visit [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca) or call 647-243-9441 or 905-270-2510.

**COME AND SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND**

St. Peter's Seminary is holding a discernment retreat Feb. 28 – March 1 and invites men 17 years old and older who are considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, spiritual helps for discernment, and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. Contact Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations, at [vocations@dol.ca](mailto:vocations@dol.ca) for more information; to register visit [www.dolpriest.ca/registration](http://www.dolpriest.ca/registration).

**BIBLE STUDY:**

Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-3:00pm in the office meeting room. Anyone interested is welcome to join the group. Bring a bible. We are continuing the study of the Gospels at "Women at the tomb".



"Studying the Bible helps us to grow in faith and deepens our relationship with God."  
- Dei Verbum

**CURSILLO NEWS:**

There will be an Ultreya on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> in the Fr. Langan Parish Centre Library starting at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in making a Cursillo weekend is welcome to attend.

**RIGHT TO LIFE TILLSONBURG:**

Thank you to those who have renewed your membership for 2020. Copies of the February Interim are available in the Annex of the Church.

**ST. MARY'S PRAYER CHAIN:**

Interested in praying for others? It's time to do our annual update of the St. Mary's Prayer Chain. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please phone Deacon Andre & Bonnie De Decker 519-913-3533.

# Lent and Easter 2020

## OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

### Shrove Tuesday (Tuesday, February 25)

Pancake Supper from 5—6:30 pm

St Mary's Parish Hall

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus and CWL

Followed by Mass at 7 pm

### Ash Wednesday (Wednesday, February 26)

9 am -Liturgy at St. Joseph School

10:15 am -Mass at Msgr. O'Neil School

1:30 pm -for all parishioners

7:00 pm -for all parishioners

### Stations of the Cross (Fridays at 7 pm)

February 28 -Celebrate the Word

March 6 -Catholic Women's League

March 13 -St Vincent de Paul

March 20 -Knights of Columbus

March 27 -Discalced Carmelite Community

April 3 -Youth Ministry

### Rite of Election

Sunday March 1st at 3 pm

St. Peters Cathedral in London

All are welcome to witness the Rite of Election with our catechumens.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday April 1 "All Day Confessions"

Mass at 9 am

Confession Times:

9:30 am—12 pm, 1:30 pm—4 pm, 7 pm—8:30 pm

### Lenten Services (Wednesdays at 12 noon)

February 26 at Bethel Temple

March 4 at St. Salvation Army

March 11 at Avondale United

March 18 at North Broadway Baptist

March 25 at St Mary's Roman Catholic

April 1 at St Paul's United

### Evening of Taize Prayer

Monday March 30th at 7 pm in the Church

A meditative music written by the community of Taize of France with some readings and prayer. Led by Janet Loo, campus minister at Christ the King parish in London.

### Lenten Day of Prayer with Bishop Fabbro

Saturday March 21 from 9 am—3 pm

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## HOLY WEEK and the EASTER SEASON

### Palm Sunday

Saturday April 4 at 5 pm

Sunday April 5 at 9 am & 11 am

### Mass of Chrism

Mon, April 6 at 7 pm -St Peter's Cathedral, London

### Holy Week

#### Holy Thursday

April 9 at 7 pm - Incense

Adoration Chapel from 8 pm until 10 pm in the Parish Centre

#### Good Friday

April 10 at 10 am - Children's Service (no communion)

April 10 at 3 pm - Solemn Service with communion

#### Holy Saturday

April 11 at 9 am - Easter Vigil Rehearsal

April 11 at 11 am - Blessing of Easter Foods

#### Easter Vigil

April 11 at 8 pm - Sacraments of Initiation

- Incense

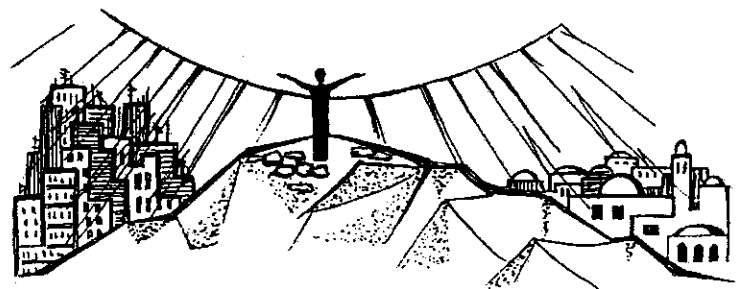
#### Easter Sunday

April 12 at 9 am

April 12 at 11 am

### Confirmation (Pentecost Sunday)

Sunday May 31 at 2 pm

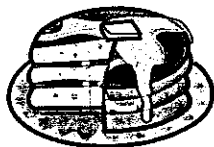


**St. Mary's Church  
is hosting  
SHROVE TUESDAY  
FAMILY PANCAKE SUPPER**

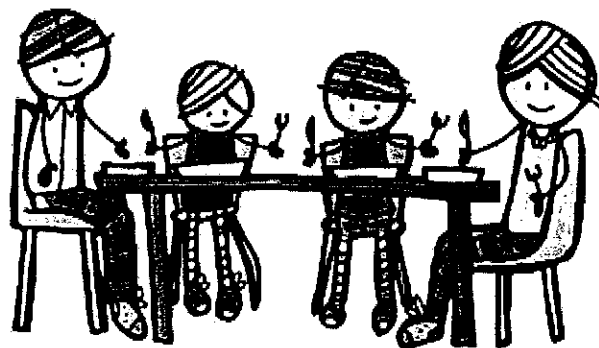
**Tuesday February 25th  
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**

**Downstairs in the Parish Hall  
of St. Mary's Church**

**\$5 per adult  
\$2 for Children 5-10 yrs old  
Free for Children under 5 yrs old**



**Pancakes,  
sausages  
and all the  
fixings!**



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