

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Mar 2 - 8)

Mon	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	4:00 pm	Transition Team Meeting
	5:00 pm	SSVP Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Prep
Thurs	9:00 am	Called Gifted Sent
	11:00 am	Rosary Woodingford Lodge
	11:30 am	Jolly Makers - Bingo & Cards
	2:30 pm	Rosary Tillsonburg Retirement
	7:45 pm	RCIA & Growing in the Spirit
Fri	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am	Adoration
	10:30 am	Confessions
	11:15 am	Benediction
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross - Lead by: C.W.L
Sat	9:30 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Confirmation Prep
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School
	2:55 pm	Family Catechism

Altar Server (March 3 & 5) Michael Hopper

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – Feb 22 & 23, 2020

Sunday Envelope	\$ 5,029.50
Initial Envelope	\$ 45.00
Loose	\$ 216.75
Youth Ministry	\$ 120.00
Building Fund	\$ 600.00
Total	\$ 6,011.25



We welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism:

Crew Carter VanMoerkerke



May his family always be guided by the Lord and know they are supported by our parish family!

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Mar 1 - 8)

Tues	7:00 pm	A special intention for Rick Hunt
Wed	10:30 am	Flossie & Joe Fardella Dulce Mendes
Thurs	3:30 pm	Tillsonburg Retirement Centre
	7:00 pm	Adrian & Nellie Rockx Brent McKay
Fri	10:00 am	Msgr J.H. O'Neil
Sat	9:00 am	Evanoff & DeBoey Family
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Mar 1 - 8)

Saturday (5 pm)

Commentator:	Moma Fardella
1st, 2nd Lector:	Ed DeDecker, Veronica Holly
Gift Bearers:	Ted & Bertha Gignac
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Yvonne DeBrabander, Rosemary Couture, Phil Harrison, Norbert Vanhooren
Greeter:	Linda Bertling

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator:	Mike Bossy
1st, 2nd Lector:	Michael Jaffray, Karin Lansink
Gift Bearers:	Patrick, Patricia & Dan Benoit
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Steve Spanjers, Carol VanMoerkerke, John Oliveira, Judy Schonberger
Greeters:	Michael Jaffray Family

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator:	Ed Roczen
1st, 2nd Lector:	Stephan Pelland, Janet Guralski
Gift Bearer:	Jack & Rachel Parker
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Norma Roczen, Heidi Pasztor, Darlene Papaioannou, Steve Pasztor
Greeter:	Linda DeSutter

PRAY PLEASE FOR:

David Csordas



*The King of the world will raise us up
to live again forever*

~ 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14



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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

BITS AND PIECES:

During Lent we are encouraged to practice the evangelical councils: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. But how do these three disciplines evangelize, how do they spread the Gospel? Let us first consider prayer, a good first step in evangelization, in becoming missionary disciples.

We need to remember what evangelization is. It is at the most basic level spreading the Good News that Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead to show us what our destiny could be. While these ideas might inspire us to spread the Good News, actually encountering Jesus and experiencing his forgiveness ourselves gets us excited to spread the good news. I have been told that I should meet someone, but I do not get excited about knowing them until I meet them myself. Then I might speak about them to someone else. Encountering another is what excites.

Prayer has played a major part in my encounter with God. Prayer is not simply asking God for something. Actually, our prayers of this sort are probably some of the least important ones in our search for God. Prayer is communicating with God, and the communication helps us to learn who God is. Prayer is more learning how to hear God. God knows who we are. For the relationship to grow we need to know God. So how should we pray?

I first encountered Jesus in the Eucharist, I had not been active in my faith, and I was at the mass more to get to know another person but ended up encountering Jesus. That encounter was powerful, but if it had stayed there it would not have meant much. I had to know who I had met. I went to a priest who asked me what I knew about Jesus and I had to admit I did not know much. I read the bible, went to mass more. As I got more familiar with Jesus, I became aware of who I was, and where I was falling short. I saw I needed forgiveness, salvation, and then I really found Jesus, the anointed one who came to save me. Then I could begin to pray prayers of praise, maybe the odd request, but today my prayer is more saying I love you to the God who loves me, and listening to what he is asking of me today.

Fr. Tom



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

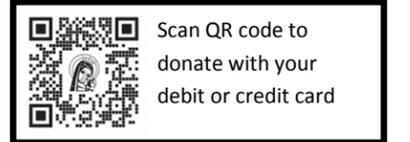
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Teena Mendonca, Business Administrator
Courtney Duckworth, Secretary

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

MARCH 1, 2020

ATTENTION: Bulletin submissions must be received by 4 pm Tuesdays. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 on Thursday March 5th at 7:45 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre. Our topic will be "Vocational Call & the Sacrament of Holy Orders." Everyone is welcome to attend!

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Our candidates for Confirmation and their sponsors will meet on Wednesday March 4th from 6:30-8:30 pm or Saturday March 7th from 10 am-noon. Excitement is building as we draw near to the Sacrament of Confirmation May 31st. Please continue to pray for our candidates, sponsors and their families.

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 your 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. We already have 10 registered!

FRESH START MATERNITY SUPPORTS

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE:

Fill a bottle, Change a Life! The Baby Bottle Drive for Fresh Start Support Services helps to support vulnerable women and children. Come pick up a bottle today at the doors of the church, and fill it with coins, cash, cheques or send an e-transfer to babybottles@fsm.ca over the coming weeks. Bring it back to the church on Sunday April 12th, and know that your giving is making a positive difference for women and children in our community.



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 to the rectory. We are incredibly blessed that each one of you values and supports our youth to attend this event!

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.

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 519-409-1167. (Note the change in Deacon Andre's phone number)

WANTED IMMEDIATELY COOKS FOR THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Commitment is one Wednesday a month, you will work with a wonderful cooking team. If you wish to serve God by preparing dinner for those in need, call Anne 519-550-1642.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul announces that there will be a guest speaker at the March 9, 2020 meeting at 4:00 pm in the basement church gathering space. Denise Bondy, Spiritual Advisor of the Ontario Regional Council of SVDP, will speak on the Vencentian theme "We are Called" all are welcome.

Lenten Day of Prayer with Bishop Fabbro

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.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY:

RESOURCES

There are materials available at the main entrance of the Church to help you journey during the upcoming Lenten season. You will find Living God's Word which provided scripture and reflection for each day of Lent. Also, for our youth, there is an activity book titled Behold the Lamb with scripture and an activity for each day of Lent! Please help yourself to a Lenten resource this weekend.

SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN 2020:

Solidarity Calendar: During this years Lent, children are invited with their families to navigate the Amazon River. They can learn, reflect, pray and act throughout lent in solidarity with the peoples of the Amazon and the Earth. Our common home. We've included a hardcopy of the calendar in the bulletin this week, you can also find the calendar and lots of other resources on the D&P Website devp.org/lentcalendar you can also find it on their Facebook or Instagram.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross continue Friday March 6th at 7 pm with the Catholic Women's League leading prayer.



FRANCISCAN CAPUCHIN COME & SEE EVENT:

March 14, 2020 Young men from the age of 18 to 40 are invited to a "Come and See Event" with the Capuchin Franciscan Friars. We will meet at St. Francis Friary, 9169 West Ridge Line, Blenheim, at 9 am and will end at 4 pm on March 14, 2020. Come and pray and learn about our life as brothers and priests who follow St. Francis of Assisi, St. Padre Pio, Blessed Solanus Casey and many other saints. If you plan to attend please contact Fr. Louis Mousseau by phone at 519-676-7623 or email at friarlouiscap@yahoo.ca.

FFI'S ANNUAL WOMEN'S SEMINAR:

Purposeful Womanhood: Living from a Place of God-Given Purpose Saturday, March 28th - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm St. Tomas Aquinas Secondary School, London Find focus and peace by learning how to discover your God-given purpose in order to transform your life into a journey of love. With practical tools and tips from guest speaker Anne Marie Posella, the day aims to encourage women to build friendships and grow in their own unique roles. Register online - \$40 at www.famfi.ca, at the door \$50. Price includes lunch, refreshments, and two talks. For more info call Karin Lansink at 519-550-0304.

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, a Eucharistic healing procession, confession and holy Mass. There will also be a separate youth event with Christy Dupuis & Rachel Herbeck.

The Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk will be taking a coach bus to and from the event, for more info or to book your spot on the bus and/ or ticket contact Ian Duckworth (Family and Youth Worker) 519 426 0887 ext. 26 or go to <https://catholicfamilyparishesnorfolk.dol.ca/lift-jesus-higher-rally> To sign up online.

BIBLE STUDY:

Monday, March 2nd, from 1:30-3:00pm in the Library (FLPC RM4). Anyone interested is welcome to join the group. Bring a bible. We are beginning a study of the Gospel of Mark. "The Church tells us that access to sacred Scripture ought to be open wide to the Christian faithful." Dei Verbum



CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPT PICK-UP

CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH ANNEX PLEASE PICK UP YOUR RECEIPTS WHEN YOU COME TO MASS THIS WEEKEND!