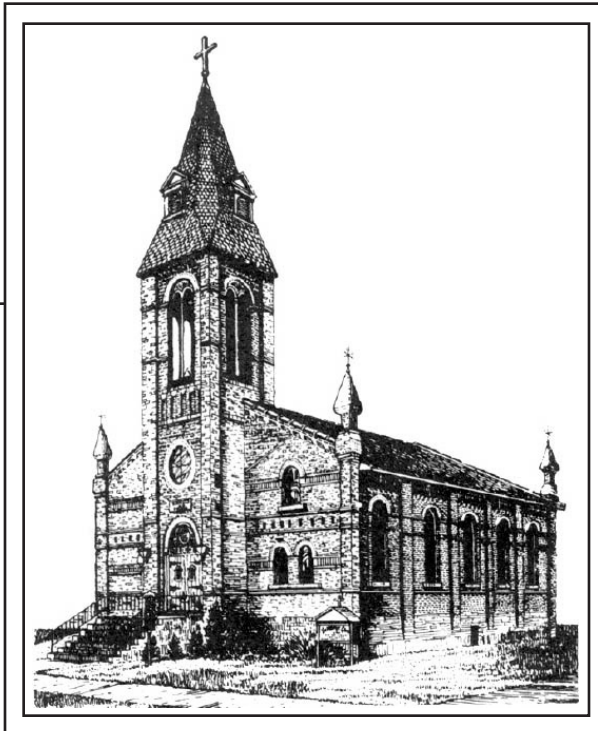


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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

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Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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MARRIAGES: Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment with the priest.

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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

BULLETIN NOTICES must be received at the parish office by Wednesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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THROUGH MY MOST GRIEVOUS FAULT

It was just over a decade when the introduction of the New Roman Missal, with its many changes in some of the wording of the sacred liturgy, restored the previously known *Confiteor*, or “I Confess” the words “Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault...” accompanied with the thrice movement of beating our closed hand over our heart. The priest himself also does this when using the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I when he says, “though we are sinners”. Admittedly, it seemed strange to do this but now it feels so tied to the words themselves, confessing that we have sinned for no other reason other than by our own choosing and admission. I have long sensed as a priest confessor for three decades that Catholics in general have either lost a sense of sin or are not prepared to make a good and thorough confession of all their sins. We can’t confess sin but then place the blame on someone else since we are actually convicting ourselves of that sin in the sacrament of Reconciliation. We admit, but also remind ourselves in the Confiteor, that our sin is our own fault. Growing up and fighting with my brother Mark over something (often nothing) I would sometimes remind either of my parents what Mark had done in defense of myself. Sometimes I was right and I had been provoked but often enough it was both of us. My mother would say, “When you die and go to heaven (prophetic? Hope so.) God isn’t going to ask you what Mark did but what you did. That is our goal in saying the Confiteor, admitting our own guilt and fault and beating our breast in the physical and symbolic gesture of reminding our heart of its often-false desires and intentions.



I recall someone, at the time of the release of the new *Roman Missal*, saying that it doesn’t seem fair that everyone should have to beat their breast and state “through my fault” as there were holy religious Sisters, monks and priests in monasteries and convents all over the world who live a life of prayer and certainly wouldn’t fall under the category of “grievous fault”. Yet the closer we come to Christ the more aware we are of our sin since we don’t compare ourselves to others but to Christ himself. It is through Jesus that we see ourselves. And grievous? Yes, “since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”. (Romans 3:23) That’s *all*, not some, not the majority, but all. Standing in the presence of Jesus my sin is grievous and it grieves the heart of God. Yet our sin is not meant to define us any more than our faults or our sexuality would. We have been redeemed, saved by Christ from our sin making us repentant sinners. As we heard in the First Reading last Sunday from the Book of Wisdom, verse 23: “...you overlook people’s sins, so that they may repent”. What a loving God who hates sin but is willing to overlook it in us, though not fully, that we would come to hate our sin and with God’s help, change the course of our lives to faithfully follow and trust in him.

At the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, the *Exsultet* is sung and one of the phrases of this proclamation is found in the

words “*O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!*” How could we hold that the disobedience and sin of Adam and Eve could somehow be happy – a happy fault, let alone earn us anything from God? It can only be seen as happy since it brought us the great and beautiful redemption from the Redeemer himself, Christ Jesus our Lord! Only in Christ can even our wretched sin bring us into closer union with him as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we confess our sins to God through the priest, brings us into an even deeper union with the Lord as he sends us on our way, forgiven and free.

The Confiteor each Sunday reminds us of our common need to go to confession and make a good confession at least once a year as it serves to review those sins we need to bring to the sacrament, naming them with the expectation of the great forgiveness only Jesus can give through the priest as we actually hear the words of absolution followed by words of commission from the priest, to “Go in peace, your sins are forgiven.”

The world in which we live doesn’t seem to be getting any better... but we should be striving to do so. Seeing ourselves as God sees us is not only important in the spiritual life but essential as we then realistically view ourselves as sinners working on the repentance part in order that we may more earnestly seek to be like Christ.

While I’ve often written and preached about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, I don’t get the sense that Catholics, especially post-pandemic, have been stirred into availing themselves more of God’s forgiveness in the sacrament of confession, and that’s not a good thing at all.

Many of the saints of the Church, including Padre Pio, have referred to a time when the mercy of God will appear to every soul in the world simultaneously and reveal to each of us our sins according to the way God sees them. It has been called *The Warning* or the *Illumination of Conscience* in that God’s great mercy will give to all of us something we don’t deserve but so desperately need – a last chance to repent of our sins, confess them and follow Jesus. And while it seems many will be converted and come to believe through this warning, so many will not at all, choosing instead to live out their lives as they had previously been doing. It is said that so many people will search for and flock to any priest they can go to confession to and that the lineups will be so long that priests won’t have time even to eat, they will be so swamped. I would say then, don’t wait until the warning but do it now and live in a state of grace now. Avail yourself of one of the suitable Examination of Conscience sheets at the back of the church that is appropriate to your age and, in prayer, review the sins listed which are based on the Ten Commandments. Using an Examination of Conscience will greatly help you to identify by name sins you may have forgotten about or never confessed before. Making a good confession, grievous though our sins may be, will bring us God’s peace.

I think often of my Grade One teacher, Sister Mary Jacquelin who taught our class that:

*When God forgives your sins,
he takes your sins
and he throws them into the Sea of Forgetfulness
and puts up a sign that reads, ‘No Fishing’.*

(Fr. Charles)

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tuesday Nov 8
8:30am +Andrew Lichman
Requested by Rebecca Wedge & Family

Wednesday Nov 9
7:00pm +Departed Members of the Knights of Columbus

Thursday Nov 10
8:30am +Michele Della-Gatta
Requested by Phyllis Della-Gatta

Friday Nov 11
7:30am Holy Hour
8:30am +Paul Gerynowicz
Requested by the Cudney Family

Saturday Nov 12
3:30 to 4:00pm Confessions
4:30pm +Fanny Jaramillo
Requested by Jacqueline & Terry Wong

Sunday Nov 13
9:00am For the People

11:00am +Bernie Richer
Requested by the Knights of Columbus
3rd Degree. Fr. Lally Council

Our Sanctuary Lamp Burns
In Memory of Michele Della-Gatta
From Nov 6 to Nov 12, 22



Please Pray for the Sick

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Ken Buchan, Jean Ferguson, Rose Flanagan, Al Mattacott, Fred Coulson

Pray for those who have died recently

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SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2022/2023 Sunday Missals are now available for purchase. They are \$7.00 and can be purchased at the parish office, or in the small gift shop at the back of the church

FINAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COLLECTION OF THE YEAR THIS WEEKEND

CWL NEWS



The CWL Christmas Bazaar will be held on Nov 12 & 13. The 50/50 draw begins this weekend Oct 29 & the winning ticket will be drawn Nov 13. Proceeds will go to Inuit's, Indigenous & My Friends House. Help us to help them.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Christmas pyjama drive: the St. Vincent de Paul is having a Christmas pyjama drive from November 12 until December 18. Pyjamas can be dropped off in the church hall in the boxes and bags under the tree. The greatest need is sizes 8 to adult for both boys and girls. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SENIOR WISH



This Christmas Senior Wish are resuming their *Bags of Love* campaign for seniors who reside in long-term care and in the community who would otherwise not receive gifts. St. Mary's will be putting a drop-off box in between the hall and the church for the month of November to support Senior Wish. A list of items will be on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help a senior.

WE REMEMBER ALL SOULS MASSES



If you would like to remember your "loved ones" in the Masses through the month of November please pick-up an offering envelope at either entrance to the church, fill it out and put it in the box provided.

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