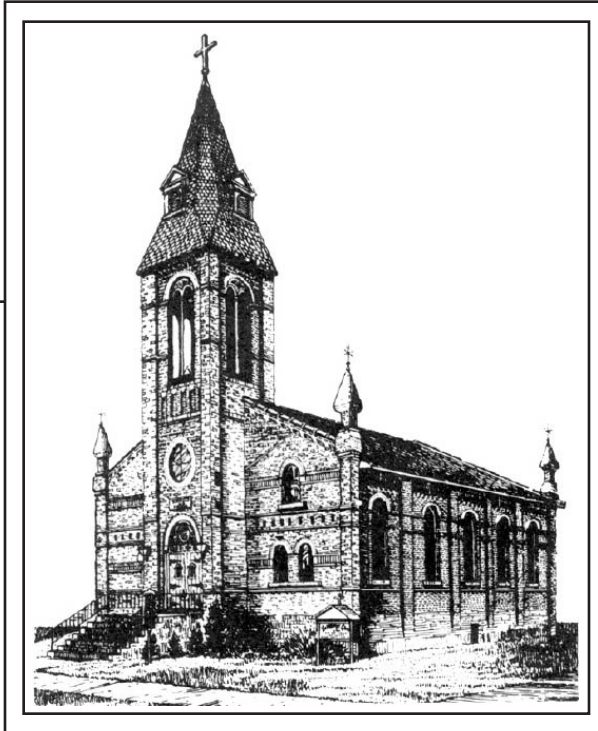


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If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

**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.

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**CATHOLICS AND THE MASONS**



*The Masonic Symbol*



*Pope Leo XIII*

Recently, someone asked me about the Catholic Church's stance on the Masons. Many of our towns and cities have a Masonic Temple and without giving it much thought the Masons might easily be considered a service group like the Lion's Club, the Rotary Club or the Knights of Columbus. It needs to be said clearly that the Masons are not just another service club nor are they in harmony in any way, shape or form with Catholicism. In fact, Catholics are forbidden to belong to the Masons. First of all, those in the lower echelons of Freemasonry wouldn't be privy to the knowledge and firsthand experience the Church at large and in history has had with the Masons. One of the interesting and rather telling things about the Masons is that any man cannot just join them, rather, you must be invited by the Masons themselves. I'm sure that for many Masons they wouldn't have the foggiest sense that Masonry is incompatible with the Catholic Church and they likely would see no signs of this truth in their Lodges.

On November 26, 1983 the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (S.C.D.F.) published a declaration on Masonic associations. From the Vatican's website (Vatican.va) you can read about the clear stance of the Church as regards the Masons.

Since the Church began to declare her mind concerning Freemasonry, her negative judgment has been inspired by many reasons, both practical and doctrinal. She judged Freemasonry not merely responsible for subversive activity in her regard, but from the earliest pontifical documents on the subject and in particular in the Encyclical *Humanum Genus* by Leo XIII (20 April 1884), the Magisterium of the Church has denounced in Freemasonry philosophical ideas and moral conceptions opposed to Catholic doctrine. For Leo XIII, they essentially led back to a rationalistic naturalism, the inspiration of its plans and activities against the Church. In his Letter to the Italian people *Custodi* (8 December 1892),

he wrote: "Let us remember that **Christianity and Freemasonry are essentially irreconcilable**, so that enrolment in one means separation from the other".

One of the recurring problems mentioned in all Church documents regarding the Masons and the Catholic Church is 'naturalism'. Naturalism is 180 degrees in opposition to the teaching of Christ and the Church because it holds that there is nothing real beyond nature itself leaving man to be a prisoner of his environment and heredity.

For the purposes of this article, the words of the document influenced by then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, (Pope Benedict XVI) and promulgated by Pope St. John Paul II himself in 1983 sums up clearly and leaves no room for any other interpretations that Catholics cannot be Masons.

**Declaration on Masonic Associations (*Quaesitum est*)**

"It has been asked whether there has been any change in the Church's decision in regard to Masonic associations since the new Code of Canon Law does not mention them expressly, unlike the previous code.

This sacred congregation is in a position to reply that this circumstance is due to an editorial criterion which was followed also in the case of other associations likewise unmentioned inasmuch as they are contained in wider categories.

Therefore, the Church's negative judgment in regard to Masonic associations remains unchanged since their principles have always been considered irreconcilable with the doctrine of the Church and, therefore, membership in them remains forbidden. The faithful, who enroll in Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion.

It is not within the competence of local ecclesiastical authorities to give a judgment on the nature of Masonic associations which would imply a derogation from what has been decided above, and this in line with the declaration of this sacred congregation issued Feb. 17, 1981.

In an audience granted to the undersigned cardinal prefect, the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II approved and ordered the publication of this declaration which had been decided in an ordinary meeting of this sacred congregation.

Someone who was not aware of these facts would, of course, not be guilty of mortal sin. However, once a Catholic is aware of the Church's position, he is obliged to follow it. From that point forward, to disregard the judgment of the Church would be, as the Congregation declares, seriously wrong." (*FrC*)

**MASS**  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tuesday Jan 17  
8:30am Intentions of Dolores Cabral  
Requested by Marilyn Lawrence

Wednesday Jan 18  
7:00pm +Franek Tokarz  
Requested by Ann & Larry Voisin

Thursday Jan 19  
8:30am +Jane Wright  
Requested by Ken Wright

Friday Jan 20  
7:30am Holy Hour  
8:30am +Nadia Ann Clements  
Requested by Marilyn Wihby

Saturday Jan 21  
4:30pm +Monica Tsoi-A-Sue  
Requested by Hilary Als

Sunday Jan 22  
9:00am Intentions of Ann Van Boxmeer  
Requested by the St. Mary's CWL

11:00am For the People

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*Pray for those who have died recently*

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The Knights of Columbus Council 5793 here at St. Mary's are planning to host a Shrove Tuesday supper in the Father Ellard Hall on Tuesday February 21, 2023. It has been since 2019 that we have been able to host this well received supper and with wanting to reunite our Parishioners in a social setting the Knights are offering this supper to all St. Mary's Parishioners at **no charge**. In order for this to work, we will have a signup sheet at each of the weekend masses beginning three weeks before Shrove Tuesday. We will need your commitment in order to prepare the proper amount of food and helpers for the evening. You will hear more about this as we get closer but, in the meantime, mark your calendars and save the date for this long-awaited event.

**CWL**



The CWL will begin their membership drive this weekend Jan 14/15 after all the Masses. The cost of the membership is \$34.00. The drive will continue to the following weekend Jan 21/22. Be sure to visit with us and take advantage of this convenient way to join or renew. All parishioners are invited to muffins and coffee after the 9 and 11 am Masses on Jan 21/22. Stay and chat with us, we look forward to seeing you. Thank You.

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When you use your 2023 Offertory Envelopes, could you please put your name and address on the front for the first couple of times. Thank You

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