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SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

RECONCILIATION

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon

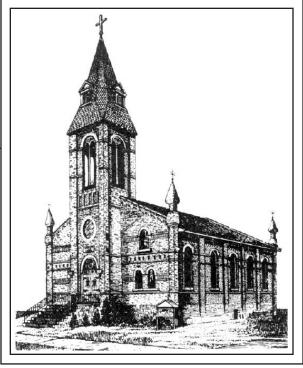
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE PARISH

BAPTISMS: Please call the Parish Office.



Every Friday: HOLY HOUR

7:30 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul President:

Adrian O'Connor Tel: 705-444-0999 https://ssvpcollingwood.ca

HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK, SHUT-INS: Holy

Communion is brought regularly to sick and shut-ins. Please notify the rectory.

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.

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.

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.

Catholic Women's League

President: Jean Stewart 705-445-2151

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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The power and the meaning of Psalm 23

A priest and biblical scholar I knew, a Fr. Dominic Borg, was once asked by a former parishioner of mine that if they were to read the Bible, where should they begin? Father said, "With the psalms". Father Borg described how the psalms touch every human experience from lament to longing, penance to praise and every other human life emotion and trial. They serve to remind us that what we know in this life journey has been felt by centuries of people of faith and those seeking God.

Perhaps one of the best known of the 150 psalms is the 23rd Psalm, the psalm of David – The Lord is My Shepherd. This psalm, often heard sung at funerals and throughout the liturgical calendar shows us lush grass, still clean waters, peaceful rest and unsurpassed calm, even though there is the fourth verse which speaks of 'though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death', a reminder of the darkness and often dark times in this world through suffering, pain, loneliness and all of the maladies that can affect the human spirit, even here is found the reassuring presence of God, 'for you are with me, your rod and staff, these comfort me'.

The Lord is my Shepherd

THAT'S RELATIONSHIP!

I shall not want

THAT'S SUPPLY!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures

THAT'S REST!

He leadeth me beside still waters

THAT'S REFRESHMENT!

He restoreth my soul

THAT'S HEALING!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

THAT'S GUIDANCE!

For His name's sake

THAT'S PURPOSE!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

THAT'S TESTING!

I will fear no evil

THAT'S PROTECTION!

For Thou art with me

THAT'S FAITHFULNESS!

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me

THAT'S DISCIPLINE!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

THAT'S HOPE!

Thou anointest my head with oil My cup runneth over

THAT'S ABUNDANCE!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my

THAT'S BLESSING!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord

THAT'S SECURITY!

Forever.

THAT'S ETERNITY!

Years ago I came across this version of Psalm 23 that broke down, in each verse, that which the Lord gives to us in every circumstance of our lives and even while we experience testing He provides us with protection. Even though we know He is present and with us it is a reminder of His faithfulness to us always.

I remember watching Rabbi Kushner years ago in a television interview following the tragic September 11th terrorist attacks in

the U.S. where he was asked how he would explain the reality of a loving, caring God who allows evil to take place? The good rabbi responded by stating that Jews, Christians and many others in the world somehow have come to believe that if we are good, life should then be fair to us. And yet, life is not fair. Bad things happen to good



people, which is the title of his well-known book, <u>Why Bad Things Happen to Good People</u>. He continued in saying that believing that life should be fair because we are good is like saying that a bull shouldn't charge me as I run across his field because I'm a vegetarian. It doesn't make sense to the bull and it shouldn't make sense to us.

The only thing that makes crisis or problems far worse is being



alone in them. "For Thou art with me" is a supreme reminder that we are never alone, for God walks with us and dwells in us through the power of His Holy Spirit, as we learned from last Sunday's great Feast of Pentecost. Our God and Saviour longs to be close to us, no matter the situation of our life. That constant, abiding presence far exceeds Jesus just being another piece of the furniture in

a room or in our lives. He wants us to invite Him, to love Him, to lean on Him as One of solid strength and prevailing presence always. He wants us to love Him back and give Him, not only our troubles but also our thanksgiving and our praise, for He is God!

JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

This month I invite you to resist the ways of the woke who sell the idea that people who have all-manner of attractions only feel welcome, accepted and loved if they see the high-jacked symbol of a cheapened version of God's magnificent rainbow in the sky. This ancient yet present sign of God's covenantal love for us, promised and delivered on that promise, that fallen man who had gravely sinned and transgressed God's covenant, after His punishment of the Great Flood, would not destroy us thus. The beloved, time-honoured image of Christ with His heart on fire in love for us is the world's greatest and unmatched sign of welcome, acceptance and love that follows our return, repentance and loving Him back forever. (Fr. Charles)



Tuesday June 6th

8:30am +Margaret Hogue

Requested by Barb & Mike Daoust

Wednesday June 7th

7:00pm

+Jim Groves

Requested by the Family

Intentions of Emma & Lorenzo Domingo

Thursday June 8th

8:30am

+Marian Szydziak

Requested by the O'Hearn Family

Friday June 9th

7:30pm 8:30am Holy Hour

+Jim Groves

Requested by the Massa Family

+Bob Sanelli

Requested by the St. Mary's CWL

Saturday June 10th

3:30pm

Confessions

4:30pm

+Bob Cogill
Requested by Harry & Betty Cogill

Sunday June 11th

9:00am

+Mary & Gus Mattachioni

Requested by John Mattachioni

11:00am For the People

Please Pray for the Sick

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Ken Buchan, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Gwen Collard, Mark Zalter, Francesco Hoedl & Family, Hilary Joseph

Pray for those who have died recently

Our Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Antonio Amaral From June 4th to July 1st,



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Most Holy Trinity June 4, 2023



Show your love for others by giving on ShareLife Sunday

Today's Gospel talks about God's love for us that he gave us his only Son for us to be saved through his life and sacrifice.

We are called to live by this love and faithfulness. Your generous contributions speak of love for others and allow ShareLife agencies take care of those in most need.

Today is also the third ShareLife Sunday of the year. If you have not yet donated, you may give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for your generosity and for living the Gospel by giving to ShareLife!

We have raised \$19,048.50 toward our goal of \$43,000.00

BAZAAR UPDATE

The CWL are delighted with the results of their recent bazaar. Special thanks to our parishioners for their donations and support. Thank you to our members who brought in delicious baking, worked tirelessly for three days, setting up, selling & take down. Also, a special thank you to Riverside Nurseries and to Sal Greco for bringing in Cobbs Bakery and finding teenagers from the high school who were willing to help with the heavy lifting.

Winner of the 50/50 draw - Joelle Millar - \$400.00 & runner up Jon Rzadki - necklace.

If we have missed anyone - our apologies, we are grateful to all.

Thanks Jean Stewart

SPECIAL COLLECTION: MARYGROVE CAMP JUNE 10-11 2023

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Marygrove Girls Camp run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Each year, over 1,000 young girls with financial or domestic hardship enjoy a subsidized joyful camping experience.

Marygrove Camp is a camp situated on Georgian Bay in Ontario; open to eligible girls ages 5-13. Marygrove provides a weeklong camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure.

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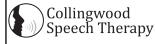
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