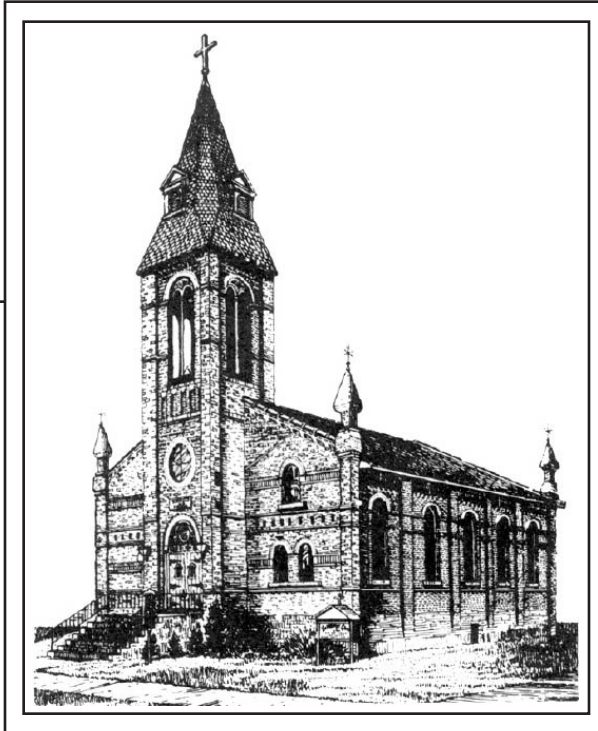


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If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

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.

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

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**SHOW RESPECT.
GENUFLECT.**

In 2009, when I had first arrived at my last parish assignment, I was concerned about where the Tabernacle had been placed. The large church had a seating capacity of over 800 with large, wide aisles and an expanse of a sanctuary. Yet the Tabernacle was placed to the left side of the sanctuary, just one-step above the main floor of the church while the presiding priest would sit in the sanctuary, about seven-steps above the main floor, directly below a large, bronze statue of the Resurrection that weighed $\frac{3}{4}$ of a ton which was perched on an unsupported 'baldacino'. (I used to think that if I ever heard so much as a creak from above me, I would be out of that chair and hurdle the altar so fast....) But what I quickly observed with the Tabernacle placement, which was right next to an exit door from the church to the parish hall, was that almost no one genuflected. Even when Mass was over and there was a breakfast in the hall, some people would walk right by and not so much as even notice the Tabernacle bearing the Real Presence of Jesus on the earth, in our midst, right in front of us. So, I hung a simple sign that bore the words above: Show Respect. Genuflect to remind everyone that we should always show reverence and the greatest respect to Jesus in the Tabernacle, whether we are arriving or leaving or simply passing by.

In time, after working on a restoration of respect and attention to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, I sought and received permission to move the Tabernacle to its rightful place in the center of the sanctuary, rightfully occupying the place the priest used to sit. When I did so, I heard nothing but positive remarks from parishioners about the Tabernacle now being at the center of the sanctuary and in the place of prominence where it could be visibly seen from every angle and from every aisle of approach. This change brought about a visible change in the way parishioners responded to the Real Presence.

Genuflection is made by, from a standing position, dropping the right knee to the floor while the left knee is held at a 45-degree angle, accompanied by a slight bow of the head toward the Tabernacle. The sign of the cross need not be made but this simple gesture by itself demonstrates due reverence and recognition that Jesus is here in the Tabernacle as we are arriving or leaving our pew. Sometimes due to habit, people will make a half-attempt at a genuflection which looks more like they almost tripped, which is kind of funny. Yet a genuflection is simply the right knee to the floor and rising again before entering your pew or when leaving your pew, except for Communion. As well, sometimes communicants will receive the Body of Christ and then step aside and genuflect to the Tabernacle. While this shows great respect for the Tabernacle, (which is empty at the time of Communion, by the way), it is not necessary because you have now just received what the Tabernacle contained – Jesus Himself! As well, a rule for altar servers and lectors is that you don't genuflect when you are carrying something, eg. Cross, book.

Of course, often due to age or disability, people are not able to make a genuflection of the right knee to the floor as they once could. Pope Francis himself is not able to genuflect as he once could and uses a profound bow through all liturgies. The Church clearly instructs that the genuflection in these cases may be replaced by a 'profound bow' which is the head and the torso bent forward at the waist (and not simply the head) toward the Tabernacle. Sometimes people are not able to genuflect but give it a half-effort of bending the knee slightly, though this is not a genuflection and should be replaced with the profound bow. Either way, what is key is that we are using a universal sign of respect for Jesus who is truly present in the Tabernacle. Children need to and should be taught how to genuflect properly and told why we make this common gesture when in the presence of the Tabernacle in the church.



Genuflection



Profound Bow

Genuflecting (or a profound bow) is showing respect to the fact that Jesus, who is God and present in this church, is worthy of my love and respect and reverence, shown in the right knee touching the floor. It is a sign of humility before the greatness and presence of God here in this church right before me. It also hearkens to Philippians 2:10-11 that "every knee shall bow in heaven, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father".

There is only one time when the Tabernacle is empty and we would not genuflect and that is on Good Friday when there is no Mass and we can see that the Tabernacle is empty because the door is open and there is no lit sanctuary lamp, the reminder that Christ is present in the Tabernacle. In the Good Friday liturgy and up until the Easter Vigil, the Tabernacle remains empty and coming into the church under these conditions requires that we make a profound bow to the altar (not the Tabernacle) which is a symbol of Christ in the Church and which is why the priest kisses the altar when Mass begins and when Mass ends.

Showing respect in the way we arrive and approach the Blessed Sacrament also is a necessary and powerful witness to others that this is not just another building or worship space but is truly the place where God dwells, visibly and physically in the holy house of the churches spread all around the world. We recognize Jesus' Real Presence, by action and awe! (FrC)

JANUARY 28, 2024



Tuesday Jan 30th

7:00pm

+Jean & John Gall

Requested by the Cudney Family

Wednesday Jan 31st

8:30am

+Michael Barcellos

Requested by the Family

Unannounced Mass

Thursday Feb 1st

8:30am

+Paula Anne McHugh

Requested by Brian Mattice

Friday Feb 2nd

7:30am

Holy Hour

8:30am

Intentions of Helen & Roy Adams

Requested by Christy & Family

Health Intentions Bart Grudzien

Requested by Mom

First Saturday Mass

Saturday Feb 3rd

8:30am

3:30pm

Confessions

4:30pm

+Paul Gerynowicz

Requested by the Cudney Family

Sunday Feb 4th

9:00am

For the People

11:00am

Intentions of the Guerrero Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Mary Little, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Kaz Watroba, Stan Faria

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Shrove Tuesday supper in the Father Ellard Hall on Tuesday February 13th, 2024. The supper will be served between

5:00pm and 7:00pm.

In order for this to work, we will have sign-up sheets at either entrance to church starting this weekend. We will just need a name and the number of people, so we can prepare the proper amount of food. This will be a free will offering. We look forward to seeing you at this very popular event.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes have been moved to the office, you can either pick them up here or call and I will put them out for you when you come to mass.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS FOR OUR ORDINANDI OF 2024

The CWL will be collecting prayers for the Ordinandi of 2024 in the Father Ellard Hall after all of the Masses the weekend of Feb 3rd and 4th.

The spiritual bouquet contains the collective commitment of spiritual prayers and devotions by members. They are **NOT** paid offerings.

Some people will offer each mass they attend for the next year. Some people will offer a daily prayer for them.

Any and all combinations of prayer and devotions are accepted. Our Priests need your Prayers. If you cannot sign up in person, please go to collcwl.ca and submit your prayers there. Thank you.

TAX RECEIPTS

The 2023 tax receipts this year are being produced through the Archdiocese. The file was submitted on January 18th. You should start to see the receipts in your mailboxes on or before Friday February 2nd.

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Fr. Charles will be offering the Blessing of the Throats after all the masses on Saturday February 3rd and 4th for anyone who would like the Blessing.

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