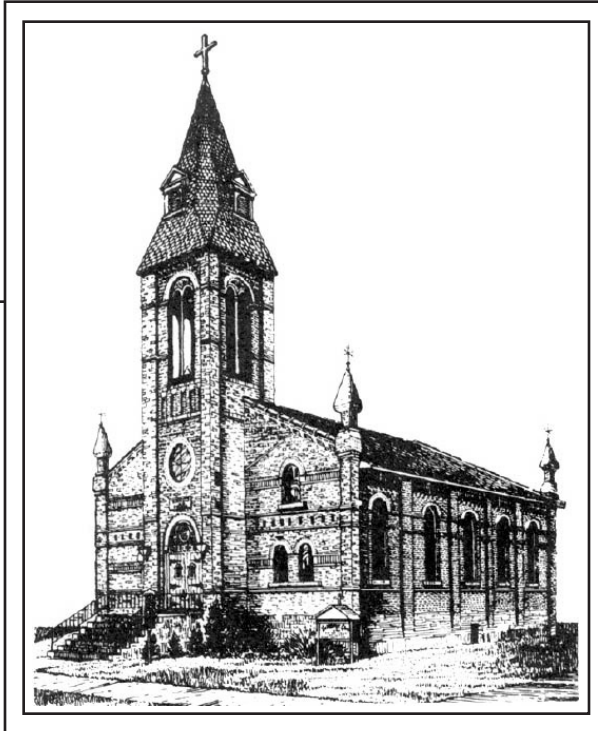


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If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

It is human to get into a habit that leads us to do things when, if we thought about, we might otherwise not do, especially when we consider how it affects others. I've thought about writing something about this and so.... here we go.

Growing up, going to Mass could be a bit of an ordeal getting 9 people bathed, dressed and in the car and at Mass on time. My father used to say that if we were late for Mass we should leave Mass early "because we wouldn't want to be late twice".

TRY TO BE ON TIME FOR MASS



It takes a while for us to 'shake the dust of the world off our feet', which is to say, to find a place to park, enter the church, find a pew and get a moment of silence to gather your thoughts and greet the Lord in

His Holy Home. When we arrive late we are looking for a place to sit, perhaps even while the Entrance Hymn has begun or even after, during the Gloria, Opening Prayer by the priest or, God-forbid, during the readings. St. Paul so wisely wrote two millennia ago: "*So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ*". (Rom. 10:17) We've all experienced trying to listen to something on TV or at a stadium or concert or at the movie theater only to be distracted by surrounding noise, movement or talk, even if it's whispered. When people arrive late for Mass there is movement and the sound of feet on the stairs leading to the balcony which is a distraction and the sound carries throughout our rather small church edifice.

If I am always late for Mass it is highly probable that I am leaving the house at the same time (too late) each Sunday.

A GOOD RULE OF THUMB

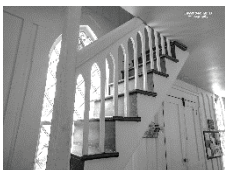


If you are late arriving at Mass and the hymn has already begun, quickly find a seat or allow one of the ushers to help you to do so. The entrance hymn allows for those who are still arriving to discretely find an empty space. You might think someone who doesn't want to move over is

being inconsiderate, but consider that they may have already been there for the last 20-minutes or more. For those already in a pew, think about moving over to let someone in the pew, particularly several people.

If you are late arriving at the church, it is better to walk around and enter the church through the main front doors as entering through the hall and the north side door by Our Lady is also a distraction to worshippers who are listening to the Word of God. The readings and the Gospel should be treated as sacrosanct in that either we treat the assembly's ability to hear the Word of God as holy or we don't.

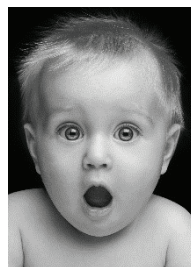
SITTING IN THE BALCONY



I would ask that the balcony be used only when the church is already full though people should avoid taking to the stairs while the readings are being proclaimed. Many arrive just as the Entrance Hymn is beginning but take to the stairs right away

without first checking to see if there are seats among the main floor pews. Ushers have as their purpose to assist people to their seats but this should never be done during the First or Second readings or the Gospel. Again, "faith comes by hearing" and this opportunity for the assembly to grow in faith through the proclamation of the Word of God can be thwarted by movement, sound and disruption.

WASHROOM BREAKS



It goes without saying that "when you gotta go, you gotta go. I remember in my first parish assignment at Blessed Trinity parish in Willowdale how a red-haired girl at the 9:00 Sunday morning Mass would wait until after the First Reading had begun to exit her pew, make a glorious genuflection and then take off to the washroom for a kids equivalent of a

coffee break, only to return to the church and her pew somewhere during the Second Reading. She did this without fail and with accurate predictability every Sunday. It was kind of cute at first but then clearly a distraction each week and must have been for those seated around her family.

St. Mary's has a single washroom for all genders beyond that north door by the statue of Our Lady, which leads out of the church and toward the parish hall. The washroom is located off that vestibule. So, exiting and entering through this door is a distraction, even if unintended, whether an emergency or a child's coffee-break, to those attentive to God's Word or during the Eucharistic Prayer. If you have to go, it is best, when possible, to leave at a time when there isn't absolute silence in the church or the priest is not saying the very words of consecration over the bread or wine when they become the Body and Blood of Christ. You might want to hang on for a moment if it's a bit urgent or wait until a time when everyone is standing again to make your exit.

And, when you are returning to the church the same applies. It's best to wait until everyone is not kneeling but standing for your return to your pew.

By all means, this does not apply when someone is not feeling well and needs to either go to the washroom or leave the church altogether. It is in fact prudent and wise to do so.

TURN OFF or DON'T BRING YOUR PHONE

Phones are so handy and we are connected at the hip with them, it would seem. Yet they are an invader to silence and worship, though most often people simply forget to turn them off or leave their notifications on. Please consider leaving your phone in your car when coming to the Lord's House so that all may be attentive to what 'He' has to say.

St. Mary's church is just shy of 140 years old and was constructed at a time when people came to Mass in horse and carriage. There would have been no washroom originally and there was simply the rectory and the church next door. The parish hall wasn't constructed until the 1980's and the additions were a compromise with what existed. There will always be challenges but we can rise to them using common sense and courtesy for one another and for Christ. (Fr. C.)

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tues April 30 7:00pm	+ Souls in Purgatory Requested by the O’Hearn Family
Wed May 1 8:30am	+Gloria Pastuch Requested by a Friend
	Unannounced Mass
Thurs May 2 8:30am	+Wanda Ellis
Friday May 3 7:30am	Holy Hour
8:30am	+Josef Jaekl Requested by Rosalie Jaekl
	Unannounced Mass
Sat May 4 3:30 to 4:00pm	Confessions
4:30pm	+Rosemarie Scattergood Requested by the Cudney Family
Sunday May 5 9:00am	For the People
11:00am	Intentions of Guerrero, Quilao, Felipe & Andaya Families

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Mary Little, Kaz Watroba, Albert Sant, Tracy Rivers, Rose Flanagan, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Patrick McKee, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Joseph Crupi.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
For the Intentions of Hilary Joseph
From April 28th to May 4th, 24



Regular Collection \$4307.38 (Inc PAG)



The Knights of Columbus Council 5793 here at St. Mary’s will be holding a membership drive after all the masses on the weekend of May 4th and 5th, 2024.

5th Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024
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Thank you for living the Gospel!
Parish Goal 2024 \$41,000.00
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On the Weekend of May 4th & 5th

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