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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 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

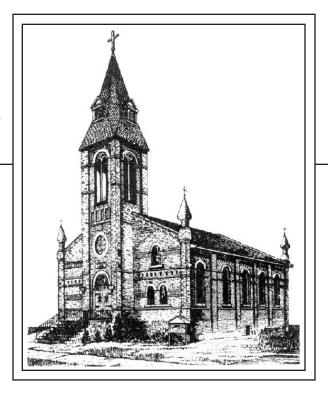
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Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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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:

Michael Quinn Tel: 705-444-0999 ssypcollingwood.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 Tuesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

Catholic Women's League

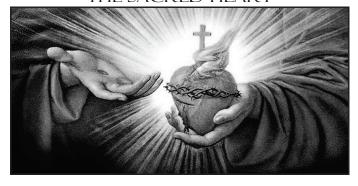
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JUNE – MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART



WHAT IS THE SYMBOL OF THE HEART OF JESUS...

if it is not that sign which encompasses all that is love in and of itself, for GOD IS LOVE. Symbols fill the earth and are meant to represent in a single picture or even style of lettering a plentitude of words that flow from what the symbol says and represents. We see them and immediately recognize a brand, a company, an institution, agenda, cause or even God Himself. The Cross is a universal symbol of the salvation of every sinner that turns to Christ and His redemptive work of saving us. Yet the cross symbol, slightly altered, can remind us of the Red Cross and humanitarian relief as it is universally recognized as real help and aid to those in medical need in time of disaster.

Just recently, our Archbishop, His Grace Francis Leo, wrote a beautiful pastoral letter to the Catholic faithful on the meaning and message of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the last paragraph of the letter, he states:

"In conclusion, dear Faithful of the archdiocesan family, in this month of June, let us be reminded that the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus represents our public witness of love, care, acceptance and redemption; it is the only symbol we need in reaching out and assisting our contemporaries — men, women and children — in better understanding and deeply experiencing the life-giving power of Christ's personal love for them. I wholeheartedly appeal to you all, Catholics throughout our blessed archdiocese: let us prefer Christ to politicization, devotion to guile, grace to odium, truth to ideology. May we endeavour to sincerely reflect the love of Christ in all that we do and with all those whom we encounter.

Note that His Grace states that it is the <u>only symbol we need</u>. Does that mean that there are other symbols vying for that place of the Church's Christ-mandated and Christ-centered outreach to men, women and children? Yes, absolutely. Because in Canada and in other parts of the world, June is all about and only about pride, which happens to be one of the seven deadly sins and a flag. Archbishop Leo is reminding us not what this month is from (as if it were taken over) but what this month is for which dates back to the Middle Ages (1000 – 1400 AD) or, some say, even back to the Patristic Age, (7th Century). It is for all of humankind to see in its rich and stark symbolism, a heart that is on fire, burning in love for us to accept His love, to live in it, to come

back to it. It is a great symbol of Christ Jesus Himself who loves us as the Shepherd who goes out in search for His lost sheep, so anxious and desirous to save them.

It was about three years ago this month, when I was making preparations to move to Collingwood in my new assignment as pastor of St. Mary's, that one Catholic school board within the Archdiocese of Toronto voted in favour of raising the pride flag at their area schools. Then another board voted in the same way, and another, and another until all but one board, the York Catholic School Board, voted to raise the flag at their Education Centers. All of these Boards had received a pleading letter from then Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, which said that we don't need another symbol in Catholic education for what some have identified as "inclusiveness, equity and feeling welcomed" represented by the pride flag. He was asking them not to place the pride flags at Board Centre's and at schools but... the sheep didn't want to listen to the shepherd and the flags were raised, in-school parades were held and the original rainbow symbol of God's promise to relent from punishing man as He did in the great flood were usurped and waved by adults and children, not in praise of God but in the pride of man. Jesus alone is the universal symbol of unconditional love of God, who goes so far as to die on a Roman Cross to ransom humanity from the clutches of sin and death, to show us once and for all time that He Himself is in love with us in a love that goes to death. No parent loves their children more than Jesus does, so great is His love.

I think it was in the last two years that many Catholic and non-Catholic parents decided to keep their children home from school when school pride celebrations began at the beginning of June. Large swaths of students didn't show up to school, kept at home by their parents in defiance of their schools forced celebrations of pride week and month.

I figure I was fairly young when I heard the hymn, *His Banner Over Me Is Love*. It is a song with much repetition but a good song for children to learn, and we did. It made six statements followed by the repeated 'His banner over me is love'. A banner is synonymous with a flag and, as the song says, our banner, our flag over us is Jesus Christ and His great love for us.

The Lord is mine and I am His, His banner over me is love;
He brought me to His banqueting table... His banner....
He lifted me up to heavenly places... His banner over me...
He is the vine and I'm the branches... His banner over me...
Jesus is the rock of my salvation... His banner over me...
There's one way to the peace of the Cross... His banner...

God is love and His banner, his flag, his emblem is His eternal love for us. He accepts us for who we are, where we're from, out of our circumstances, but His abundant love will not leave us there but will spurn us on to follow Him and His beautiful, joy-filled life of living in relationship with Him. The world wants religion without God and love without sacrifice. It's voices that say 'we care' are so often false and misguided. Listen to the heart of The Shepherd – The Sacred Heart. (FrC)



Tues June 4 7:00pm

+Roger Szydziak & Terry O'Hearn Requested by the O'Hearn Family

Wed June 5

8:30am +Bernard Sheehan

Requested by Carole & Terry

Thompson

+Betty Waldie

Requested by Erin Ackland

Thurs June 6

8:30am Intentions of Anna Zarra

Requested by Cora & Adrian

O'Connor

Friday June 7

7:30am Holy Hour

8:30am In Thanksgiving Eva & Family

Unannounced Mass

Sat June 8

3:30 to 4:00pm Confessions 4:30pm +John Scanlon

Requested by Susie & John Unsworth

Sunday June 9

9:00am For the People

11:00am +Paul Robinson

Requested by Gayle & Family

Please Pray for the Sick

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

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Tracy Rivers, Jim Redman

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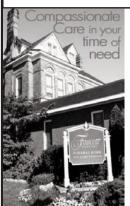


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