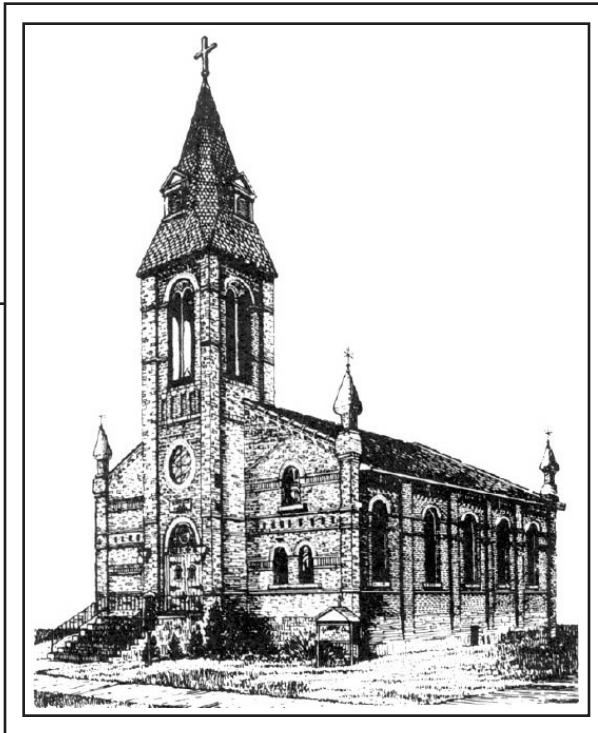


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MARRIAGES: Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment 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.

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GRATITUDE



In the days following the summer holidays of my youth in elementary school, we would return to the classroom with discussion or assignments for us to share what we did during our two months of summer. Our family rarely went on away-from-home holidays with the exception of an old *Flxible* bus my father converted into a camper which accommodated all nine of us. It was usually parked in a seasonal trailer park near Hastings, Ontario and we would go there as a family on weekends during the summer months. We did venture out with the bus on a few occasions for short trips closer to home or the one time when we drove down east through New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We even went on the Cabot Trail, which made my mother rather nervous with the winding ascending and descending picturesque road and the lumbering bus which was given a bit of a work out.

Outside of the bus camper experience, many if not most of our summers were spent at home, looking for things to do, trouble to get into or playing with the many neighbourhood friends on our street. We didn't have a pool, of course, except for a 6-foot-wide wading pool (which often did the trick) and it was a rare thing to know someone who did have a pool. Cooling off was a matter of running through a sprinkler, eating popsicles and drinking Kool Aid which was just loaded with sugar. Us Forget boys all had brush cuts and we'd spend the day wearing nothing but a pair of shorts and a big smile. My mom would tell us that we were "as brown as a berry" as we'd come in after a day in the sun and have a bath before going to bed, noticing that some of the brown came off in the form of dirt, but most of it stayed on.

Once school was out and the lazy days of summer commenced, we weren't permitted to stay in the house of watch TV but were to get outside to get some fresh air and make our own fun... and we did. We built forts, played games, and ran the roads most of the day, never too far away from home without being within earshot of my mother's voice. And at night, we were told we could be out until the street lights came on – then head it home. We stayed up later too and went to our beds when tired, laying on top of the sheets in heat and humidity of summer nights, listening to the crickets and putting cold, wet facecloths over our heads in the hopes of falling asleep. And sleep, after a busy day at play, we did – like we had no consciences.

The food of summer was great from burgers and hotdogs to potato salad and watermelon. Life was simple but it was fun, that is, until the advertisements on the radio began to announce the coming Canadian National Exhibition which always heralded, but sadly to us, the end of summer, along with Back-to-School specials in advertisements. Yuck. As with all things we perceive as good or very good, it quickly can come to an end as fast as it started.

This summer of 2024 has been one of the best I've had in many years and I only regret that I hadn't ventured out to the various good things Collingwood has to offer in the previous three summers I've been here. I had never been down to the water at Millennium Park, though drove there a couple of times in the past. When I went there for the first time to actually go swimming, I found the water clean and warm and afterward I'd sit and let the gentle, warm summer breeze dry me off before diving into the water again. Each time I would come out of the water, I either sat on a bench or laid down on the concrete platform, closed my eyes and felt the gentle, warm breath of a perfect day. I did this several times in one week and, as in former days, I got as 'brown as a berry'. It was simply beautiful and took me back to the summers of the past with sun, water, air and peace.

Gratitude did and should well up from inside of me whenever I have the presence of mind to remember the goodness of the Lord to me in the simple, everyday things like a good night's sleep, or the blessing of a friendship, the power of a summer thunder storm or the quiet, palpable presence of God. To be grateful is to recognize that these and so many other things don't come from within myself, conjured up in a nice feeling I'd like to have, but rather come to me in blessing from Christ who never leaves me, does not come and go in my life as I am tempted to do with Him, but a recognition, which is itself a gift, of being aware that I am so greatly loved, sinner that I am, and cared for by the God of Jesus Christ who never forgets me and whose love surrounds me, whether I notice it or not. But to notice is grace and to be thankful is the right response before such profound Goodness. I have not earned this; it isn't from any merits of my own but is pure gift from Christ Himself through the Holy Spirit. St. Bernard of Clairvaux said that "ingratitude is the soul's enemy; it empties it of merit, scatters its virtues, and deprives it of graces". And Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote that "In ordinary life we hardly realise that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich. It is very easy to overestimate the important of our own achievements in comparison with what we owe others." And I would add, and how much more do I owe to God, the Source of all this blessing and the cause of my gratitude? An old French proverb says that "gratitude is the heart's memory".

We are all the recipients of much – in fact everything – that God has given and is giving to us which shines a light on the love with which He gives it. That love is not simply an attribute of God but reveals something far greater: that God IS love.

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Archbishop Leo encourages you to help your neighbour



"We see and feel the pain of those struggling to feed their families, and it moves us deeply," says Archbishop Francis Leo. "Proverbs 22:9 reminds us, 'The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.' Our faith calls and challenges us to be the beating heart and outstretched hands of Christ himself, extending his love and compassion to those in need. Together, we will continue to bring hope and dignity to our community, to those who suffer thus making a concrete difference in the lives of our neighbours." Please share your blessings by making a contribution at sharelife.org/donate or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.

CWL Membership Drive

St. Mary's CWL will be holding their membership drive for **new** members this weekend Sept. 14/15. CWL members will be in the Fr. Ellard hall and at the back of the church after all the weekend Masses ready to answer any questions and to help with registration.

Stations of the Cross



All parishioners are invited to attend The Stations of the Cross in a beautiful outdoor setting in Singhampton on September 28th from 11 am to 1 pm. Address is 429498 Concession 8B, Singhampton. Please bring a lawn chair, bug spray and your lunch. If the weather is bad, we will do the stations in St. Mary's church with lunch to follow in the parish hall. Please sign up on the forms provided at both entrances of the church so that we know how many prayer booklets to bring. For further information, contact Carol at 647 241 4699

Canada Needs our Lady Public Square Rosary Crusade



Dear Parishioners,
My name is Cara O'Hearn. I am a regular parishioner of St Mary's and a member of the CWL. This year I have chosen to become a rosary rally captain for the Canada needs our Lady Campaign. I will be leading a public square rosary to which you are all invited. The event will take place October 12, 2024 at 12pm (which is close to the date and time the miracle of the sun was witnessed by 70,000 people in 1917) The location is Harbourview Park in Collingwood On and meeting place will be near the McDonald's on First street where there is a parking lot right behind the restaurant. There will be a sign up sheet for those interested. Bring your rosary! In addition, there will be a special rosary making activity for children and families after our prayers.

Tues Sept 17 7:00pm	+Gene Cudney Requested by Knights of Columbus
Wed Sept 18 8:30am	+Henryka Szewczyk Requested by Helen Szuta & Family
Thurs Sept 19 8:30am	+Henryka Szewczyk Requested by Mary Cudney & Family
Friday Sept 20 7:30am	Holy Hour
8:30am	+Mato Krajnovic Requested by wife Katherine & Family
Sat Sept 21 3:30 to 4:00pm	Confession
4:30pm	+Gene Cudney Requested by the CWL
Sunday Sept 22 9:00am	For the People
11:00am	+John Sanfilippo Requested by the Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Margot Brandreth, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Kaz Watroba, Albert Sant, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Patrick McKee, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Joseph Crupi, Vera Petrovic, Ashley Zavitz, Alex Poirier & Family, Tammy MacDonald, Anita Taglione, Denis Fennessy

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Fr. Bernard J. Cryer

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