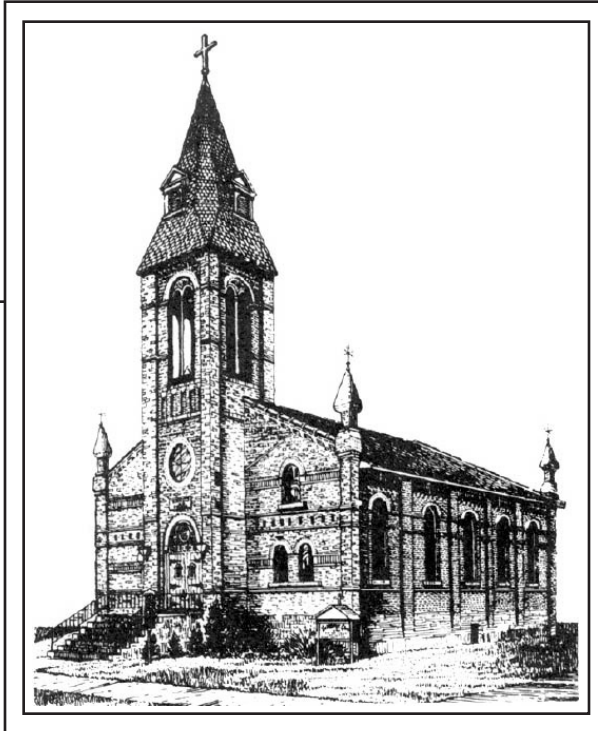


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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET GOD BE GOD, *OR ELSE...*

Biblically, it's important and useful to know that the psalms in Catholic bibles differ in the number ascribed to each psalm from Protestant versions. This is because while both list the same number of psalms, 150, the Protestant bible divides Psalm 9 into two psalms, resulting in Psalm 9 and Psalm 10. It also combines Psalm 146 and 147. So, this is the reason for the different numbering of the Psalms in between. Psalm 33 (above) is Psalm 32 in a Protestant bible.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of the Lord stands for ever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Psalms 33: 8-12

Living in the world as we do, it can appear natural to see it, not as God's creation but of our own dominion and dependent on our own mortal plans. We think we are the captains of this ship 'earth' and can make policies, laws, restrictions and designs all of our own way of thinking, foolishly believing that this earth and our life span on it is all there is. We cannot see God above if our sight is restricted to everything below. Psalm 14:1 says, "Fools says in their hearts, there is no God." It is foolish for God is real, alive, the Creator and Sustainer of all things. To have no fear of this reality which is all-powerful, all-knowing, everywhere present and loving is to claim to be gods ourselves, the planners and designers of this world according to our earthly, selfish, self-centered ideas for power, pride and all manner of folly. Psalm 33 tells us what Proverbs 9:10 declares: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight". We are wise to acknowledge that God is God and we are not God, but, alas, we act like this tragically and historically to the great cost of human life.

Communism is an ugly example of this which in the last century took the lives of over 100 million souls. Yet, in our time, many unwise, foolish people claim that it hadn't previously been implemented properly and that it could be realized now with good and different results. Communism has crept into the modern world subtly and once again over the last few years in Canada, America and in many other countries with the promise of better ways and better days if we but implement its principles which care for individuals and the collective, all the while bringing in a culture of the haves and the have-nots, with control and wealth belonging to the minority of leaders at the top. As I've cited in a previous bulletin article, many people I know left Canada and returned to their home countries where once Communism ruled, because they could see the signs of Communism here in Canada but that Canadians were oblivious to it. It's just old sins with new labels.

We are mocking God and, as St. Paul says: "Do not be deceived. God will not be mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit." (Gal. 6:7-8)

Ven. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen warned, long before the evils of Communism were widely known in the U.S., that "Communism is the final logic of the dehumanization of man. The industrial civilization of the Western world has no intent to destroy man's freedom or to deny his personality. But Communism does. Denying God, it reduces man to a robot". Yet in our time the Western world is presently toying with Communism but under different labels and empty but alluring promises of a better world. Man without a sense of God and the sacred is doomed to repeat the sins and crimes against humanity of the past.

Ours is the God who has made all things; who, with a mere word, can bring into existence all that is. In the face of our awesome God is the arrogant littleness of man whose plans are 'frustrated' by God, like the old saying, "Man proposes but God disposes" when man acts as God. The God of Jesus Christ who created all things from a void sees the folly of man in his attempts to re-create and re-define all things from his narrow, limited, finite vantage point resulting in godless ideas such that we think we can determine when life begins, we can define abortion, the killing of God-given human innocence, as health care when it murders the unborn child; that we can redefine what a man is, what a woman is, what a marriage and family is. Yet the lines drawn between sin and evil aren't necessarily drawn between believers and unbelievers but are seen even within members of the Church in the body of Christ. How many Catholics and Christians in general have opted for the idea that M.A.I.D. is a human option at all in the face of illness, suffering and for any other of the myriad situations for which it is being touted? In the last year evidence is showing that assisted suicide isn't the calm, peaceful leaving of this world but rather like drowning with an inability to move or resist. Should we be surprised? No. Our Lord said that a bad tree cannot produce good fruit and a good tree cannot produce bad fruit. The fruit of M.A.I.D. is bad in itself as is abortion and the taking of human life from conception to natural old age. In the end, "The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing". These will pass away into nothingness like those who perpetrated them and offered them or forced them on others.

Alas, nations like individual citizens of the earth long for happiness but God promises it to the nations and the leaders who follow God (and they are few today). In our day there seems to be but a remnant of faithful who recognize the greatness but also the tremendous, undying love of God for us that we would be His people in deed and in fact. There is only one faith that leads back to and follows the sovereign God who created all things and will bring them to a conclusion with those who are faithful receiving and basking in the promise of Eternal life with Him and those who sadly, for themselves and for the people they mislead, eternal nothingness. (Fr. Charles)

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tues Oct 1 7:00pm	Intentions of Ron MacRae Requested by Fflo MacRae
Wed Oct 2 8:30am	Intentions of Marilyn Lawrence
Thurs Oct 3 8:30am	+Dorothy Dynes Requested by The Cwl
Friday Oct 4 7:30am 8:30am	Holy Hour +Gene Cudney Requested by Genevieve & Clark Carson
Sat Oct 5 3:30 to 4:00pm 4:30pm	Confession +Armand Dagenais & Joseph Szydiak Requested by the O’Hearn Family
Sunday Oct 6 9:00am	Intentions of Anna & Nick Requested by Barb Gal & Family
11:00am	For the People

Please Pray for the Sick

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, Mary Little.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Margot Brandreth, James Quirk

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The Intentions of St. Mary’s Parishioners
From Sept 29th to Oct 5th 2024



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\$4430.00 (Inc PAG)



Annual Life Chain

Communities throughout Canada will be participating in a silent, peaceful and prayerful witness for life on Sunday afternoon, October 6 from 2:00-3:00. Please join us in Collingwood. We will meet at Harbour view Park, off First and Birch Street at 1:45.

Share your Blessings This Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, but right now families are struggling to put enough food on the table. ShareLife has returned with the Food Security Grants – dedicating \$750,000 to help those in need of a warm meal. Will you share your blessings by contributing to our parish's ShareLife Campaign? We have currently raised \$30,724.00 towards our suggested goal of \$41,000.00. Please give with love at sharelife.org/donate or our parish with a ShareLife envelope.

Second Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Sept 28th & 29th

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission across the Country the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place this weekend. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

The Programs of St Vincent DePaul At St Mary’s

Dear parishioners, this week we celebrate the Feast Day of St Vincent DePaul. It is almost 200 years since he set up the organization to help the poor in Paris and since then our organization has spread around the world with the sole mission of helping to relieve poverty. We have a very active chapter at St Mary’s. Thank you for supporting all of these programs throughout the year with your weekly donations in our Poor Box. Since people are not carrying as much cash around as they used to, please consider these other ways of making your donation. They have the added benefit of enabling us to send you a tax receipt making your dollar donations work harder. 1. Use the green envelopes at the front and back of the church to put in cash or a cheque from time to time. 2. Arrange for a pre-authorized payments direct from your bank 3. Visit our website and make a 1-time or recurring donation from your credit card. <https://ssvpcollingwood.ca/> Thank you!

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