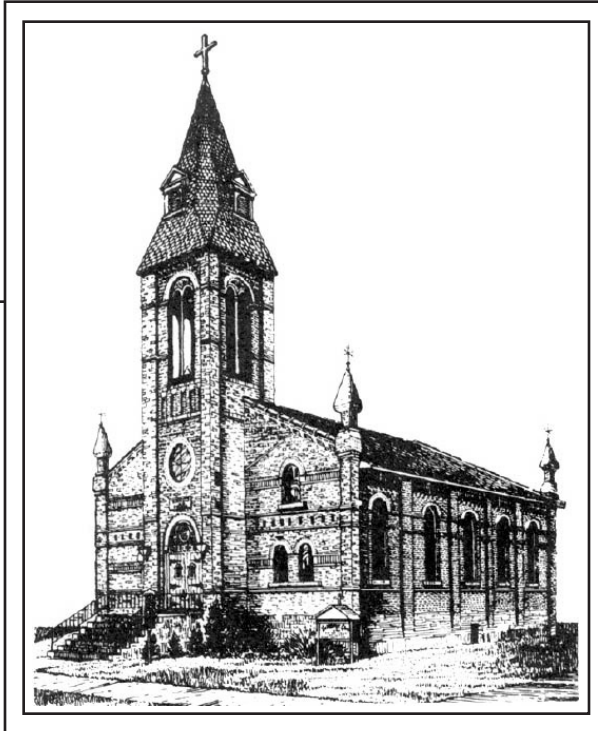


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Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

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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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October: Month of the Holy Rosary

One of the most important aspects of praying the Rosary is found in the meditations on the mysteries themselves. As we do so, the *Hail Mary's* and *Glory-Be's* and the *Our Fathers* fade into the background as we contemplate the meaning of each of the five mysteries in the set of four mystery themes.

In these five Sorrowful Mysteries we see the five different ways in which human suffering is experienced. These mysteries are brutal in that they realize the great suffering that Christ endured out of love for us. That suffering was first mental, then physical then humiliation mixed with pain, culminating in Jesus being forced Himself to carry the instrument of torture to the place He would be crucified. Ultimately, and shockingly, God would be put to death by the very people He had come to save.

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Agony In the Garden – *Mental Anguish*

In all of the mysteries of sorrow Jesus experiences the first one in prayer before His heavenly Father. "Father, 'If' you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." (Luke 42:22) For the God-man to suffer the human experience of abandonment and the enormity of what He was about to undergo, Jesus accepted it precisely because it was His Father's will. Yet we all have the daily opportunity to do the same when we pray the 'Our Father' and say those words, "Thy will be done". Our yes, like that of Jesus, deepens our reliance and relationship with the unfolding will of God. All the while, His apostles Peter, James and John slept. Worried men don't sleep but they obviously had no sense of what Jesus was going through and what was soon to come. This great stress Jesus was undergoing was relieved somewhat when an angel appeared to Him and gave Him strength, which reminds us that the will of God sends us but also keeps us. There is much mental illness on the earth and it is a malady of the mind that plagues so many leaving them to feel unfree, even though they may look well. Jesus knows of this plight and atones for it in His mental, emotional agony in the Garden. He even sweat drops of blood, so great was His anguish, for as Fulton Sheen said, "They are the first red beads in the Rosary of Redemption".

Scourging at the Pillar *Physical Suffering*

This second mystery brings us to the horrific torture of Our Lord wherein He is tied to a post so that He cannot move, and is scourged. "Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged." This 'flogging', as was depicted in the film, *The Passion of the Christ*, reveals this scene in all its human brutality, hatred and anger. For sport, the Roman soldiers wear themselves out, taking turns at their incessant whipping of Jesus with various objects that would tear at skin and flesh and leave deep wounds. Redemption comes to us in the shedding of blood not only on the Cross but now, here in this scourging of Jesus. We, too, in our human pain can turn it into a redemptive act, 'offering them up' for the good of other souls.

The Crowning with Thorns *Humble in Humiliation*

Immediately after Jesus' scourging, comes the cruel words in the midst of His pain and suffering that bite at Him in mockery. "And

the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they dressed Him in a purple robe. They kept on coming up to Him, saying "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking Him on the face." (John 19:2-3) The One who is so humiliated takes it in such a humble way. We can imagine ourselves in such a situation and returning words of "you all will get yours", but He is silent and takes it, atoning for our lack of humility within ourselves and in our relationship with the goodness and greatness of God. What an incredible example, and one well worth our contemplation and thanksgiving, that Jesus, the sovereign God of all creation should allow small man that he is to take hold of His body and mock, scoff-at and bring low the Sacred Heart of Jesus! This is why the Sacred Heart is all that we need as the lasting symbol of unfathomable love, sacrifice, atonement, inclusion and invitation and not the false flags of the modern, short-sighted world that somehow believes that we need new symbols for these.

Jesus Takes Up His (my) Cross

It wouldn't be enough that Jesus would be crucified on a cross but that part of His humiliation and pain would be for Him to have to actually carry that instrument of His death on His own shoulders to the place where He and two others would be mounted on crosses and would slowly, painfully, agonizingly die.

He, the carpenter from Galilee, who had been taught the trade from St. Joseph is made to carry this wooden cross, The Cross, to Calvary, part of the ongoing humiliation and torture of Our Blessed Lord. He would have most certainly fell several times in His weakness and from its tremendous weight. Lashes would be entreated upon Him should He slow down, tire or fall. Jesus walked, stumbled, fell with the Cross that our sins deserve. He told us that if we wanted to be His followers, we need to take up our own cross – everyday – and follow Him. We all have crosses that if held tight will bring us salvation.

The Crucifixion

Crucifixion was the worst form of death the Romans could heap on another and was reserved for their worst enemies. No Roman was ever crucified. Yet, given that Jesus is God, how can His death even be permitted? Yet, death was the reason He came into the world whereas we, flawed human beings came into this world to live – death is an interruption to our plans. The excruciating pain He must have felt as His wrists were pierced with filthy iron nails to fasten Him to the wood. Stripped, almost naked, He is fastened to this symbol of torture which, for the Christian, has become the sign of our salvation, tremendous love and sacrifice and the victory over sin and death. Jesus had said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but may have eternal life." (John 3:14-15) What Moses was instructed to do with the fashioned serpent of bronze (which didn't belong to the serpent kingdom) to heal the people from their plague of the poisonous snake bite, Jesus now accomplishes in full on the Cross, even though He does not belong to the human kingdom of sin for He is God. It is the Crucifixion, the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that, as St. Paul had said, is what led him to preach always "Christ and Him crucified". (1 Cor. 2:2) (Fr. Charles)

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tues Oct 22 nd	NO MASS
Wed Oct 23 rd	NO MASS
Thurs Oct 24 th	NO MASS
Friday Oct 25 th	
7:30am	Holy Hour
8:30am	+Andrzej Trawczynski Requested by the Jamroz Family
Sat Oct 26 th	
3:30 to 4:00pm	Confession
4:30pm	+Josephine Gerynowicz Requested by the Cudney Family
Sunday Oct 27 th	
9:00am	For the People
11:00am	+Gene Cudney Requested by the Knights of Columbus 3 rd Degree Fr. Lally Council

Please Pray for the Sick

Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Kaz Watroba, Albert Sant, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Patrick McKee, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Vera Petrovic, Ashley Zavitz, Alex Poirier & Family, Tammy MacDonald, Anita Taglione, Denis Fennessy, Mary Little, Yvonne Grimm, Joyce Mittermeier

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Pamela Nail, Mrs. Fe B. Pabilona, Sonja Louise Hanley Sharon Vernon

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Missals are available for purchase in the little store at the back of the church, or from the parish office. The cost is \$7.00. Please put money in the box provided. Thank You

**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 \$31,248.00 towards our suggested goal of \$41,000.00. Please give with love at sharelife.org/donate or our parish with a ShareLife envelope.

World Mission Sunday

There will be a second collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION

St. Mary's Parish will be holding Parent Information Meetings at the end of this month, October for information regarding the sacraments of both First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We will offer two dates, please choose **one**.

Sunday October 27th @ 12:30pm in the Church

Wednesday October 30th @ 7:00pm in the Church.

- Please bring the following to the registration meeting:
- Your completed registration form which can be found on our website stmaryschurchcollingwood.ca
 - A photocopy NOT the original of your child's Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate.
 - A \$50.00 registration donation

Only those children who are already baptized in the Roman Catholic Church are eligible for the sacraments in the Roman Catholic Church

Important Note:

Registration will close after the second offered parent meeting.

Those who inquire after this date will have to wait until the following year to celebrate these sacraments.

Please call the parish office for further information

Altar Server Awards from Archbishop Leo have been presented by our Auxiliary Bishop, John Boissonneau last Saturday to two of our long-serving and dedicated altar servers: Caelan Denis and Callum Prosser. They may be seen wearing the medals they received in recognition of their service to God and St. Mary's. Congratulations!

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