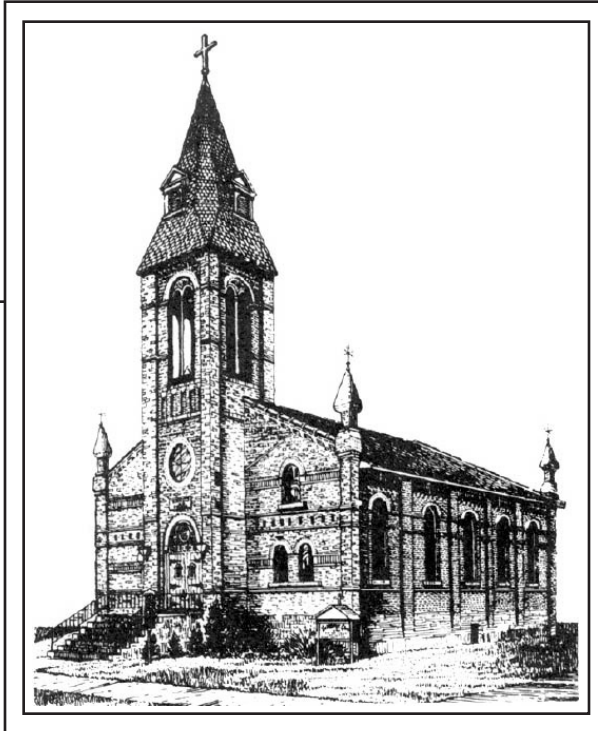


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MARRIAGES: Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment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

In this month of November, with its return to more bleak skies, cooler temperatures and the inevitable coming of winter, the Church reflects this mood of nature in the monthly remembrance of all of the souls who have been commended to God after bodily death; and this of all people in every age and time. This topic of death which has and will meet every soul that has ever lived – save that of Our Blessed Lady – is a good opportunity for us to look at what the Church calls The Four Last Things (which doesn't include taxes), namely, Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. The first two of these come to every soul in that everyone dies and everyone will face the judgment of God, both personal and general.

DEATH

Death is the result of Original Sin committed by Adam and Eve. Had they not sinned, death would not await us all and we would all live. Even though Christ came to die so that we might live, death is still a consequence of sin, both original and our actual sins. We are mortal but our souls are immortal. As Catholics we contemplate the reality of death and our own personal death with a sense of urgency in that we should live our lives knowing that we won't be here for very long and what is imperative is what the old Baltimore Catechism taught, that "God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in Heaven". It's not about our human, earthly endeavors alone so much as it is our relationship with the One who made us, our adherence in serving Him in this life and the fullness of heaven when we die. Death is the separation of the soul from the body. The judgment of God is given to everyone which basically is boiled down to love God and neighbour.

JUDGMENT

There are two judgments: the first at the moment of our own, personal death (Particular Judgment) and a second at the General Judgment of all people at the end of time. There is no reincarnation in coming back and reliving our earthly in a different body or as a different thing. The scripture is clear on this – "*it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement.*" (Hebrews 9:27) So, then, judgment by God takes place the moment we die and then is followed by a judgment of all peoples in every time at the end of all things. We take heart in that Christ is a just judge and cannot be wrong about us for He knows us and His judgments are fair and true. As much as I may fear God, the sinner that I am, I want God to be my judge for His judgment is also merciful and He is the One who loves me in who I am and He created me. Our judgment also has to be seen through the reality of Jesus' Cross on Calvary where He died so that we would not die in our sin but live forever with Him. Judgment is based on our every-day choice of renewing our life with Jesus, with the great aid and help

of the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism, the sacraments, prayer and the Eucharist.

HEAVEN

Heaven awaits those who, after their earthly life is folded up, are pure enough to go directly into heaven and live in the bliss and blessing of all that the scriptures have said and revealed to us. Heaven is seeing (for the first time) God as He is which is beyond any human description. The moment you think you can say what heaven is, it's not heaven. It is so beyond our human capabilities to perceive that which no eye has seen, ear heard or mind thought. It is the fulfillment of every human heart that has sought after God in this life. Yet it is not enough that we would mechanically follow Him in this life for Jesus told the parable about those 'invited' to the wedding banquet, who politely said they had other plans and concerns, and who ended up not in the wedding banquet. Meanwhile others we might consider 'less' than us spiritually get in. This is to say that we shouldn't take heaven for granted but actively live and work for the eternal life God has invited us to have. While purgatory isn't mentioned in the four last things, that's because it is only temporary and is for those who still need purification before admittance into heaven. We don't, however, want to aim for purgatory because our immortal soul cannot afford to miss the goal of heaven if we should miss purgatory. We must pray for souls who are there and they can pray for us, though not for themselves.

HELL

Hell is real. The Baltimore Catechism states that "*Hell is a state to which the wicked are condemned, and in which they are deprived of the sight of God for all eternity, and are in dreadful torments.*" (BC, No. 417) When we contemplate the reality of hell, the forever absence of God, then we see hell as our own torment for our choice and choices in this life. Every day living for Christ, loving God and loving our neighbour is the daily habit of walking toward the goal of eternal life with Jesus. Prayer both communal (Church) and personal deepens our relationship with Christ and empowers us to live more freely for Jesus and with Jesus. But if our following starts to slightly deviate from that following each day, the gap between the path of Christ and our own begins to widen as our time on earth passes. To follow Christ is to renew that following every single day and to look at how we love Him, our neighbour and ourselves. The reality of hell has to be seen bluntly in that the Devil wants us dead. He is a liar who will tell us that we're doing okay in the life we are living and that God understands that we have certain desires and drives – inclinations to sin.

It may seem a bit unnerving that the place and the Person with whom we shall live for all eternity, is based on our personal Yes or No. We choose. Choose Christ.

(Fr. Charles)

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

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| Tues Nov 12 th 7:00pm | +Dorothy Dynes Requested by Donna & Tim Lacey |
| Wed Nov 13 th 8:30am | +Ken Buchan Requested by Elizabeth Buchan |
| Thurs Nov 14 th 8:30am | +Jean Zagol Requested by Libby Doherty |
| Fri Nov 15 th 7:30am | Holy Hour |
| 8:30am | Intentions of Helen & Roy Adams Requested by Christy & Family |
| Sat Nov 16 th 3:30 to 4:00pm | Confession |
| 4:30pm | +Andrzej Gal Requested by Barb Gal & Family |
| Sun Nov 17 th 9:00am | For the People |
| 11:00am | Intentions of the Guerrero Family |

Please Pray for the Sick

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

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Rosemary Donley, Cora Elizabeth de Nully, George Xuereb

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY
November 11th**

When you go home from the battlefield.
Tell the world of our struggles and say.
For their freedom and safety tomorrow,
We gave all we had today

WE WILL NEVER FORGET



SENIOR WISH – BAGS OF LOVE



Christmas Senior Wish are resuming their *Bags of Love* Campaign for seniors who reside in long-term care and in the community who would otherwise not receive gifts. This is our third year involved in this campaign and it has been a huge success. If anyone would like to adopt a senior, or if you know of a senior who would benefit from this program, please don't hesitate to contact Senior Wish at 705-331-3961. St. Mary's will be putting a drop-off box in between the hall and the church to support Senior Wish. A list of items will be on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help a senior. **The deadline for drop off here at the church is the weekend of Nov 23rd and 24th. Any donations after that can be dropped off at the Fire Hall on High St. This is such a wonderful thing to do for the seniors in our community who would otherwise not receive anything.**

MISSALS

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

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

The Georgian Good Food Box program is a non-profit club that provides fresh fruit and vegetables once per month to families in need in Collingwood. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society financially sponsors approximately 55 boxes monthly to clients in need. If you could volunteer to help deliver a few of these boxes once a month, please contact Joan Leonard at 705 445 9660

WE REMEMBER ALL SOULS MASSES

If you would like to remember your "loved ones" in the Masses through the month of November please pick-up an offering envelope at the front of the church, fill it out and put it in the basket provided, there is also a book of remembrance to sign.



SHEPHERDS TRUST

There will be a second next weekend Nov 16th and 17th, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

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