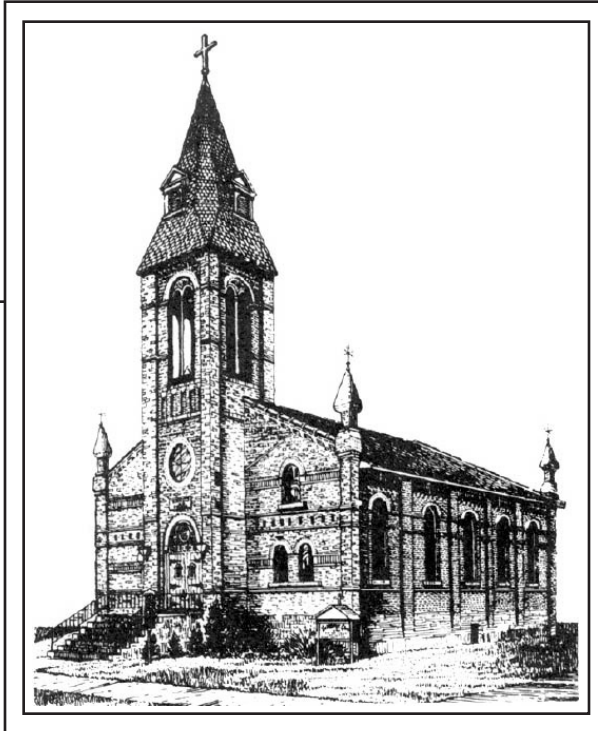


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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.  
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Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

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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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**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.

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*And now, for something totally different...*

For a couple of decades now I've been writing articles in parish bulletins. The idea was to further the work of the homily beyond the Sunday Mass to look at the various dimensions of Catholic faith, the scriptures, the holy saints and martyrs and to address the many issues in our time that the Gospel so clearly addresses.

I have written on so many other and varied topics we all either puzzle over or contemplate as part of the cross and mystery of life as a human on the earth for a time.

In many ways writing has been cathartic in that I was able to work out by writing down my reflections on such topics as the dying and death of my parents, the loss of dogs I've had over the years and the impact their going leaves on my heart. I know this relates to so many people who have lost close loved ones – a spouse, a parent, a child, a baby, a miscarriage, and yes, even the loss of a beloved dog or pet.

Over the years I've had six dogs of whom all but one were rescues. My first dog, Buddy, was a Collie Shepherd mix and he was so smart and loveable and served as a great companion to me for 11 years when I was first assigned to a parish on my own in Port McNicoll. My second dog, Bear, was what was believed to be a Wolfhound-Shepherd cross. He was such a gentle giant weighing almost 150 pounds, though most of his weight had to have been from his big heart because he was just so gentle and friendly with everyone. He died at the age of seven from Lymphoma. Jigs was a shepherd-beagle cross and a shy dog than the others. He was such a sweetie and always stuck close to me while getting along so well with my other dog. Sadly, Jigs developed cancer and passed away at the age of seven, far too early for his going and for me. I adopted Red from a rescue that obtains dogs from Ohio. Red was abandoned as a 3-year-old in a shopping centre parking lot in Ohio, was bit by other dogs and was so frightened and scared when I first met him. He adopted me and lived quite happily for sixteen years before he had a stroke here in Collingwood and died a few days later.

My two current dogs are Teddy, who is soon to be ten-years-old and appears to be a Scottish Deer Hound while Finnigan, a Shepherd-Beagle cross, who just turned seven last month, is not only smart but full of beans and a bit of a baby. He still often reminds me of a pup with his alert gaze and erect ears when he spots something of interest.

So, this brings me to something totally different.

As a priest who has had dogs and loved them for the past 27-years, I must confess that I've not had much time away from the parishes I've been assigned to due to my dogs. Many people don't want dogs as guests which has made my chances to get away for a day or two on my day off pretty slim to nil. The only times I've been away even since I've come here to St. Mary's in Collingwood, has been twice a year for the annual Priests' retreat and the Priests' seminar, each lasting for four days and three nights. While attending these gatherings of priests I've paid people who have boarded my dogs in their homes, and it gets quite expensive to do this. Getting away for an overnight stay with a sibling or visiting a friend is not only a nice idea but is a real break from living in the rectory 24/7 and always being on call. As the old saying goes, a change is as good as a rest.

Now to my point. I thought I would put it out there that if there were any dog-loving parishioners who have had experience with dogs and love them, might be interested in caring for my dogs the odd time when I could get away, that would be great and so appreciated.



*Teddy, 10-yo*

*Finnigan, 7-yo*

Both Teddy and Finn get along like brothers and are gentle and obedient. Teddy is calmer and more relaxed while Finn is always in the mood to play.

They are good on walks, though they don't always like the appearance of other dogs on the street and will call on them with a bark or two. They are not car-smart so couldn't be off-leash. A fenced-in backyard would be needed as they are used to running around a bit and playing with each other each day. Like so many dogs, they are up when you are and chill when you want to relax and have some quiet. Even without walks for a day or two, they would be fine just to run around the backyard or have Finn chase a ball. Please let me know if dog-sitting now and then would be of interest to you and a big help to me. Call Jayne at the parish.

*(Fr. C)*

**MASS** **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tues Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> 7:00pm	+Victor Szuta Requested by the Cudney Family
Wed Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am	+Margaret Willis Requested by Chris Godin & Family
Thurs Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> 8:30am	+Deceased Members of the Rosary Apostolate
Fri Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup> 7:30am	Holy Hour
8:30am	Intentions of Helen & Roy Adams Requested by Christy & Family
Sat Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup> 3:30 to 4:00pm	Confession
4:30pm	+Kathleen Grant Requested by Lynda McKay
Sun Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	For the People
11:00am	+Ornella Sorensen Requested by the Sanfilippo 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, Janine Wright

*Please Pray for the Recently Deceased*

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns  
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St. Mary's Parishioners  
From Nov 17<sup>th</sup> to Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>



Regular Collection Nov 10<sup>th</sup> \$5143.30 (Inc PAG)  
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**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Over the next few weeks, I will be getting the offertory envelopes ready for 2025. For anyone who does not use envelopes and would like to start using envelopes, please give me a call at the parish office and I will add you to my list.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 collection this weekend Nov 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 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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