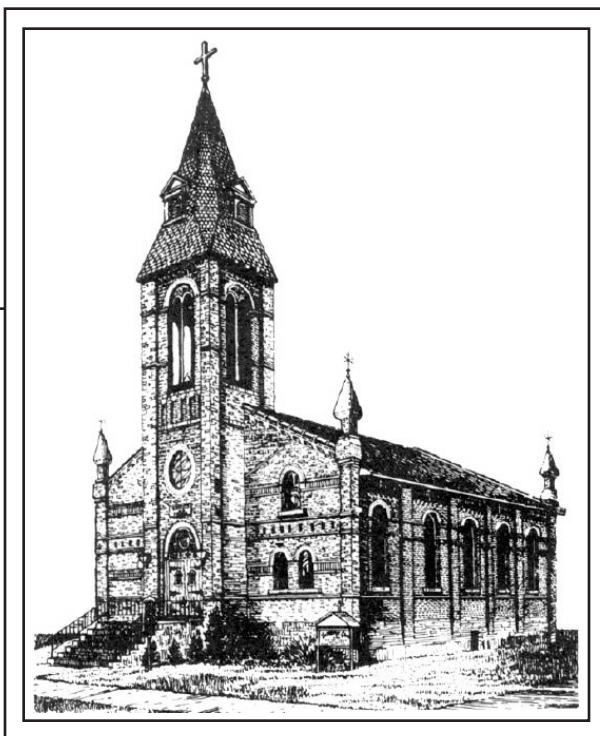


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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE
Tuesday, April 15 – Mass at 7:00 pm (as usual) Wednesday, April 16 – Mass at 8:30 am (as usual) ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆
HOLY THURSDAY – THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER April 17 at 7:00 pm. With Holy Hour after Mass & Procession
GOOD FRIDAY – OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD April 18 at 3:00 pm. (Seating will be available both in the church and the parish hall (sound-only in the hall))
THE EASTER VIGIL Saturday, April 19 at 8:00 pm.
EASTER SUNDAY Sunday, April 20 at 9:00 & 11:00 am.

shepherds, who defend his Church in this hour of need from the power of evil.” Palko had not revealed the letter to anyone but a friend who, upon the death of Pope Benedict XVI on December 31, 2022, urged him to release it to the world.

In 1947, Fulton Sheen said; *“Do we know the signs of our times? They point to two inescapable truths, the first of which is, that we have come to the end of the post-renaissance chapter of history which made man the measure of all things. The three basic dogmas of the modern world are dissolving before our very eyes. First, we are witnessing the liquidation of the economic man or the assumption that man, who is a highly developed animal, has no other function in life than to produce and acquire wealth and then, like the cattle and the pastures, be filled with years and die. Secondly, we are witnessing the liquidation of the idea of the natural goodness of man. There's no need of a God to give him rights or a Redeemer to salvage him from guilt because progress is automatic, thanks to science, education and evolution which will one day make man a kind of god.”*

THE ANTICHRIST – HERE? NOW?

It was Charles Baudelaire who said, *‘The Devil’s cleverest wile is to make men believe that he does not exist.’* I cite this famous line for, the title of my article would be summarily dismissed without Baudelaire’s truthful phrase putting it into proper and timely context. If there is only God and no devil, then there is no Antichrist either – there’s just Christ. Sacred scripture plainly identifies a time when the figure of a man will be born and live on the earth and be seen and regarded as just another human person, though he will have a deep, dark secret. And as Fulton Sheen in speaking on the demonic said of the antichrist, “he hates God”. God told Moses that His name was, “I am”. The Devil says “I am who am not”.

Sheen continues, *“Why is it that so few realize the seriousness of our present crisis? Partly because men do not want to believe their own times are wicked, partly because it involves too much self-accusation, and principally because they have no standards outside of themselves to measure their times. Only those who live by faith really know what is happening in the World.”* We can falsely believe that with great and fast-paced advances in technology and research the world is improving exponentially all the time, but do we really believe that this is changing the world for the better? For example, Canadians have always been known for their great health-care system, yet today the average wait for a scan or even an appointment with a medical specialist can be anywhere from many months to over a year. As Canadians, we are less and less believing in the God of Jesus Christ, either through the stances we take and the way that we vote or in the scarcity in practice of a way of life that should witness to the reality of God in the world.

AN INCREDIBLE REVELATION

In a private letter written by Pope Benedict XVI in 2015 to a Slovakian intellectual, Vladimir Palko, the Holy Father emeritus made this statement; *“One sees how the power of the Antichrist is expanding, and can only pray that the Lord give us strong*

I underline this prediction of Fulton Sheen, who is clearly a prophetic voice for our times, because Yuval Noah Harari, an advisor to the World Economic Forum, more recently stated publicly and enthusiastically that: *“History began when humans invented gods, and will end when humans become gods”*. And there’s the plan. In our time we are seeing the unfolding of not secret, but publicly-spoken plans which make it necessary to break down the things of God in order to bring in the kingdom of man. If one holds that the idea of a god is but an invention of man, then this can easily and now be replaced by man becoming, not imitators or lovers of God, but gods. God is then eliminated.

There are other seers approved by the Church who have made statements about the Antichrist being here now. So, what are we to make of all of this? I really think we shouldn’t be surprised that the Prince of Darkness could possibly be here now since the reality of his presence has been foretold by Sacred Scripture and the fact that, despite all of our many advances, man has not drawn closer to God but has barraged the earth with what St. John Paul II called ‘a culture of death’. Yet it isn’t simply that man has rebelled so the time of the foretold Antichrist is now, but rather that the condition of the mind and heart of man right now is such that the Antichrist would be given much opportunity to have his sway and work against God and God’s elect.

All the more as never before, Catholics, Christians and all people of good will and with a healthy fear of and respect for God, have to be prepared to make a decision either for Jesus Christ or the spirit of the world that is contrary to Christ. This Lenten season has once again afforded us the grace-filled opportunity to stand for Christ, to live closely to Christ and to be faithful to Him in all things. And this applies in all things in the world regardless of whether we have a thousand days or a thousand years. The great news is that for those who are faithful in this present time and are trusting in all that God is doing and allowing in the world right now, we can rely on the God of Jesus Christ who is always faithful and loves us. (FrC)

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues April 15
7:00pm +Francis O'Hearn & +Florence Dagenais
Requested by the O'Hearn Family

Wed April 16
8:30am +Feliks Kosierb
Requested by Pat Ironside Mayes

Blessing of the Food Saturday April 19 - 9:00am

Please Pray for the Sick

Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Albert Sant, Teresa Kosierb, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Alex Poirier & Family, Tammy MacDonald, Anita Taglione, Mary Little, Yvonne Grimm, Janine Wright, Anne Johnston, Dorothy Shaughnessy, Rose Flanagan, Norma Still, Pat Ironside-Mayes, Yvonne Besley, Bev Underhill.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Jolanta Okon



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns For the Parishioners of St. Mary's April 13th to April 19th



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PALM SUNDAY

The Passion of the Lord April 13th, 2025 You empower youth to embrace God



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LENTEN COLLECTION

Thank you so much to those who have given, the response has been amazing, and we have sent the first lot of donations down to Mississauga, thanks to Helen & Len McGuire for picking up donations and taking them down. There is still time to give. **Iodized salt, Cans of meat and fish, soap bars, new socks and shoes.** The last day for the collection will be Palm Sunday.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND On Good Friday, April 17, 2025

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational and social works among the small Christian population. The Church and our Christian brothers and sister's count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parishes Good Friday celebration on April 18, 2025.

If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom this Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years. I sincerely thank you for your support. Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m., Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada.

EASTER FLOWERS

If anyone is interested in donating to the Easter Flowers, there are envelopes at either entrance to the church. Thank You



MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND ITALIAN DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Council 5793 will be hosting an Italian Dinner on Saturday May 10th, 2025.

We will be selling 60 tickets only.

Cost \$30.00 Adult; \$20 for Kids 16 and Under
Children 5 and under free

Where: Fr. Ellard Hall

Time: 6:00pm

Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be available after the masses this weekend April 12th and 13th, then after Easter. Alternatively, you can contact Angelo Vivona at 705 446 5147 or Domenic Sanfilippo at 705 445 7615.



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