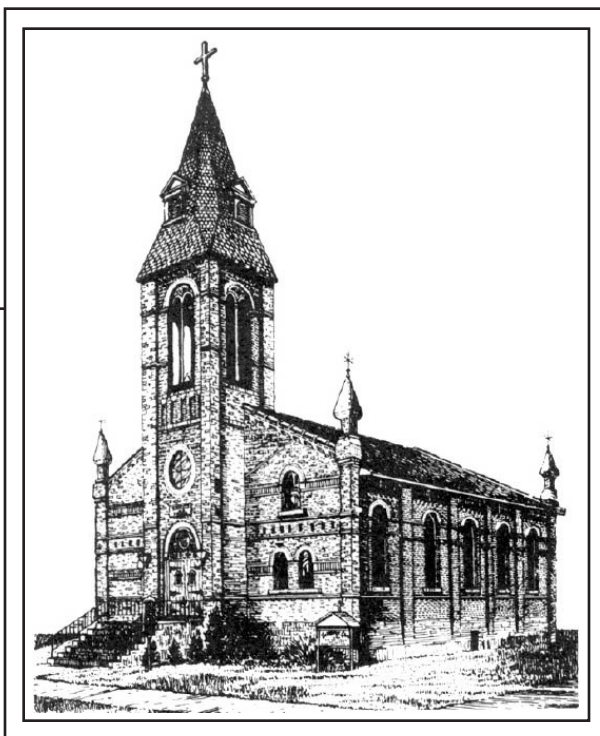


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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
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WEEKDAY MASSES

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE PARISH

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BAPTISMS: Please call the Parish Office.

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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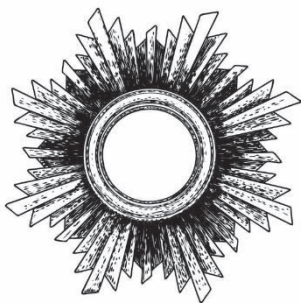
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We GOT PROBLEMS? THERE IS A ONE-HOUR ANSWER!

- Do you have problems that seem to hang around you like a dark cloud?
- Do you or people you know and love struggle with addictions, perhaps to alcohol, drugs, bad relationships, pornography?
- Are you battling a disease or experiencing health problems?
- Are you worried, stressed, anxious, avoidant or feel overwhelmed in the world in which we live?
- Do you fear for the future – yours and everyone's?
- Are you lonely or are you suffering mental anguish and desire peace and calm?

Now it might seem that I am being too obvious if I tell you that the answer to all of these and any particular suffering, problem or trouble you are facing (or are not facing) is Jesus, but it is absolutely true. But where find Jesus? Perhaps that is the start or a part of your problem in that you may have experienced or are now experiencing a great sadness in that you don't feel that the Lord is close to you at all, or not answering or somewhere else. Many people struggle with what they perceive to be the silence, absence of Christ in their life, their prayers and their petitions and longings. And while the answer is still Jesus, I would propose the possibility that you might be looking in the wrong direction. That is, you might be looking to Jesus but not at Him. What am I talking about?

I'm talking about the inexhaustible, wondrous power of a Holy Hour spent with Jesus looking squarely at Him. No, I'm not talking about looking at a flat piece of bread for sixty-minutes of boredom putting in time, but looking at Jesus Himself – yes, Body, Blood with His Soul and all His Divinity right there, hiding in plain sight before you.



A Holy Hour consists of a large consecrated Host (which is the Body, the Blood, the Soul and the Divinity of Jesus Christ, being placed by the priest, wearing appropriate vestments of alb, cincture, stole, cope and humeral veil, into an ornate vessel usually of gold – a worthy vessel to contain Jesus – so that Jesus Christ, truly in the Sacred Host is made visible to the people for their adoration, worship and prayer. It is not simply blessed or 'holy' bread, though it simply appears as such, but *is Jesus' Body itself*, and enables those worshippers present to look upon Jesus

Christ in a privileged way in His Real Presence there before their eyes.

Have you ever heard someone say or perhaps thought to yourself, "If I could have just 5-minutes with Jesus, I would ask Him this..."? I think we all have and yet Jesus is right there in churches all around the world when the Sacred Host is shown and visible to those who come. Jesus is visible and truly present here at St. Mary's each Friday at 7:30 in the morning for a whole hour, so you don't get just 5-minutes with The King but 60, where He looks at you and you look at Him. This is the time you can pour out your heart and soul and lay your life before Him. You can bring others, and everything that troubles you and them, into His Presence with a real expectation that He listens and waits to listen to you and desires to speak to your heart also. St. John of the Cross said that Christ is visible in the ordinary everyday aspects of life. His appearance can be subtle amongst the ordinary. And in what appears as 'ordinary' bread in a vessel made for viewing is actually extraordinary. I dare say that because we don't expect anything extraordinary to happen at Mass or at church we have a low sense of expectation that the very things that trouble us, cause us to lose hope and lead us away to purely worldly pursuits is to be found at St. Mary's every week not only in the Mass but in the Holy Hour that precedes the Friday morning Mass.

As Fulton Sheen so wisely put it, "The tragedy of life is not what we suffer. The tragedy of life is what we miss". The gift (and it is just that, a gift) of Jesus' mystical and powerful presence can be viewed with ocular vision so briefly in the Mass when the priest shows the Body and Blood to the people after their separate consecrations, and momentarily in the reception of Holy Communion when each communicant is presented with a raised Host by the priest with the words 'The Body of Christ'. Yet in the Holy Hour we can pause in the midst of our lives and lay our heads on the breast of Jesus, and close to Him, tell Him our hearts yearnings, our secrets, our pains and our needs. With this close divine encounter we may bring our families, marriages, our elderly, the infirmed, the troubled and down cast, those who suffer in mind, body or spirit or need their spirits lifted. This is the perfection of time to come to the Lord Himself and ask, seek, knock and find. And you won't know it until you've tried.

I have long thought that there are secrets hidden in plain sight in the scriptures that when we plumb somewhat into their depth or perhaps hear them with fresh ears as if never before, we will gain new insight into them and ourselves and find an answer to a question we have endlessly been asking. And the same can be said of the Real Presence of Jesus in the mystery of the Eucharist exposed on the altar in the monstrance. Not as if He were somehow present in a symbol like a memory, but physically, truly there in what appears as ordinary but is from out of this world. Trust in Him who says through great invitation, "Come to Me, all who are heavy burdened and I will give you rest... and you will find rest for your souls." (Mt.11:28) You won't know what God is holding out to you until you come. So come. Bring the world with you to see Jesus.
(Fr. Charles)



Tues May 27th

7:00pm +Marie Pilon
Requested by the O'Hearn Family

Wed May 28th

8:30am For Gratitue, Guidance & God's protection
of family.

Intentions of Raymond Buenaventura
Requested by Marilyn Lawrence

Thurs May 29th

8:30am For all Veterans and Soldiers of war
Requested by Diane Lucas

Fri May 30th

7:30am Holy Hour

8:30am +Lorne Winkler
Requested by Nancy & Vince Massa

+Jean Sinclair
Requested by Greg Wilson

Sat May 31st

8:30am Unannounced Mass

3:30pm Confession

4:30pm +Bob Goheen
Requested by Donna Lacey & Family

Sun June 1st

9:00am For the People

11:00am Special Intentions of Pomping
Requested by the family

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, Pat Ironside-Mayes, Bev Underhill, Patrick McKee.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

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6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025



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Thus far we have raised \$18,436.95 toward our goal of \$46,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

SECOND COLLECTION POPES PASTORAL WORKS - MAY 24TH & 25TH

The Pope's Pastoral Works collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.

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Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection.
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic tradition around, cremation, burials and funerals.**

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Scan the QR Code
2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebJune7
3. Send an email to: Development@archtoronto.org and write "Webinar June 7" in the title line and your name(s) in the body of the message



PARISH POT LUCK – SAT JUNE 7TH, 2025

Everyone is invited to out Hello Summer Parish Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday June 7th at 5:45pm. In the Fr. Ellard Hall.

The hall has an occupancy limit of 100 people, please use the sign up sheet to reserve your seats and let us know what you will contribute to the dinner by June 1st.

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