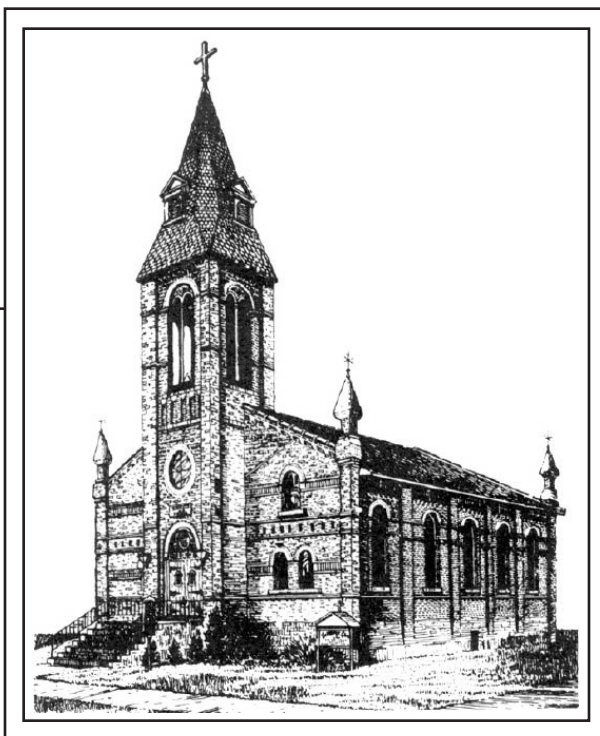


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

RECONCILIATION

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

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Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
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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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PONDERANCES

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others. *"We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."* (Rm 14:7-8) I never thought much about Sister Mary Jacqueline, a Sister in the Grey nuns who was my Grade 1 teacher in Saint John the Evangelist elementary school when I was a child. But since my ordination in 1993, I have so often not only sighted her example and influence on my life in my formative years but have often told others in various congregations of the parishes where I have served, about that influence. Her life influenced mine in ways that I could never have imagined and I'm sure she never thought possible at the time. One of my early passions was my dislike for school. I was easily distracted from classroom lessons to road construction taking place outside on the street. It wasn't that I was lazy or not bright, but rather was attracted to activity and building and what I would now consider the more practical things in life and not the rather sedentary life of a young boy student. I also was aware in my early youth of the realness and closeness of God. He was real and alive to me even more than the construction outside or the desk I was sitting at and even the ideas and concepts I was being taught. I knew Jesus and felt His warm and constant close presence. In so many ways I think about Sr. Mary Jaqueline's part in the influence she had on me as she would truly (long before it became the right thing to put on a pastoral reference application) integrate the beautiful truths of Catholic faith into every part of classroom life. When the class was doing art, Sister would put on records of songs that expounded the faith covering the Ten Commandments, the Mass, and the teachings of the Church. To this day I remember the Ten Commandments by heart in song from one of the records:

**First, I must honour God,
Second, honour His name;
Third, honour His Day, keep it holy, this will be my aim.
Fourth, I must be obedient,
Fifth, be kind and true,
Sixth be pure in all I say, and see and hear and do;
Seventh, I must be honest,
Eighth be truthful in all things I say;
Ninth, be pure in mind and heart and all I think and desire each day;
Tenth, I must be satisfied, not be jealous come what may.
These are God's Ten Commandments – these I must obey.**

The fleeting of time in one's life is most acknowledged by those who find themselves suddenly older and I've been afforded a keen sense of this and the knowledge that so many from among those I had known and had grown up with are already 'gone'. I would hope and pray that others in their lives had an influence on them, most especially to hope for heaven and come to know the God of Jesus Christ, Love Itself enfleshed. As the saying goes: "If you meet me and you forget me, you have lost nothing. If you meet Christ and forget Him, you have lost everything!"

I wrote the following poem called *Fleeting* in January of 2020. It speaks of the glories of God glimpsed but so briefly in the moments of this life.

FLEETING

When in the moments
of life's natural slumbers
we experience and taste the beautiful
bliss of something truly wonderful.
Upon a slow but startled waking—
we in that moment long to be back
in that sleeping reality of dreams.

Could this not be
but a so-brief ember
of the great Eternal Fire/Flame?

As a person, a Pilgrim and a priest, I know that my life has had an influence on others, (and some of it has been good! :) The privilege to preach, teach and sanctify, part of the ordination mandate by the call of God through the Church, demands that I respond to the Spirits' movement by lighting fires in the hearts of those who see and hear me, the souls I am privileged and called to shepherd. Self-reflection, a good and necessary thing in the spiritual life, is the stuff of knowing who I am and have been in the light of God.

AND WONDER WHO I WAS

(by Fr. Charles Forget June 4, 2019)

Though I lie here beneath the sod,
My body dead, my soul with God,
my headstone stands for all that's left,
that some passing, ambling guest
should light upon its words of rest –
and wonder who I was.

I felt the sun and saw the moon
Knew darkness and the life of noon;
Feared, loved and was loved.
At night my looking at the day
Would stir me too often to regret,
and wonder who I was.

Peter, I was, when I knew You not;
Judas, when I hurt You in a feigned kiss.
Thomas, when filled with doubt,
Nicodemus when I cloaked my open love.
Prodigal, in my squandered love returned.
Sorrowful, I wondered who I was.

Immersed and held in beautiful Light,
Sweet peace surrounds me without a word.
He is beautiful and loves me now, close,
Paling all I had earthly thought, heard, and
But for so brief a moment I remember back...
and wonder who I was.



Tues June 17th

6:30pm Confession
7:00pm +Joe Wylie
Requested by Doety Lewis

Wed June 18th

8:30am +Anne Hales
Requested by Pat Chalmers

+Leo Cameron
Requested by Barb & Mary

Thurs June 19th

8:30am Intentions of Jim Hughes
Requested by Mary Cudney & Family

Fri June 20th

7:30am Holy Hour
8:30am +Holy Souls in Purgatory
Requested by Fllo MacRae

+Slavko Lorkovic
Requested by Georgina Skarjak

Sat June 21st

8:30am Unannounced Mass
3:30pm Confession
4:30pm +Therese Szydziak
Requested by the O'Hearn Family

Sun June 22nd

9:00am For the people
11:00am Intentions of the Guerrero 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.

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CELL PHONE PROJECT

VICTIMS SERVICES OF SIMCOE COUNTY

St. Mary's CWL Council in Barrie are collecting old cell phones to donate to the homeless. The phones can be of any age, including flip phones, even better if you still have the chargers. The phones will be factory reset by Victims Services, if you the owner has not done this. Taking out the sim card does not take all the information out of your phone. You can google this if you wish to do it yourself. We will be collecting phones until Sunday June 29th; there will be a box in the hallway between the church and the hall. If you need any further information, please call the parish office.

BAKE SALE & COFFEE SUNDAY

St. Mary's CWL will be hosting a **BAKE SALE** after the 4:30 pm, 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses the weekend of **June 21/22nd**. They will also be hosting coffee Sunday after the 9 & 11am Masses on June 22nd. Please mark your calendars to come and purchase some yummy treats and meet your fellow parishioners!

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