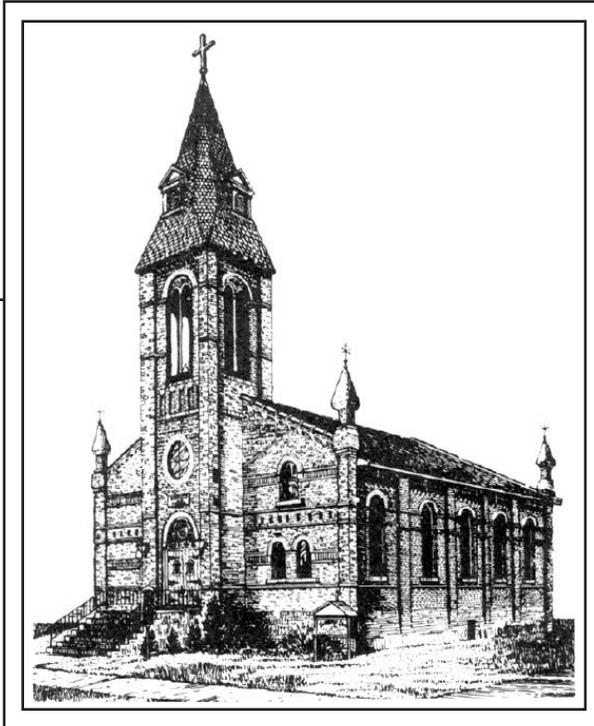


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Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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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
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SAINT MARY'S PARISH, COLLINGWOOD LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Guest Speaker: **MARK MALLETT**

3-Days, 3 Different Talks

Mon. Mar. 9 / Tues. Mar. 10 / Wed. Mar. 11

each evening at 7:00 pm. in the church

Admission – Free Will Offering

**Expect a good crowd so plan to come early.*

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Confession is, rather, the straightforward stating to the priest our sins "in number and in kind", which is to say, name the sin and how many times, if you remember.

Over the years, the most common practice I've noticed in the confessional is the sharing of detailed accounts of each sin. Many priests on YouTube have also spoken about this issue. For example, if a man goes to confession and admits to angrily speaking with his wife, he might simply say, "I've spoken in anger with my wife on three occasions." He doesn't need to explain why or suggest that she knows how to push his buttons, as that could be a way of defending himself before God, like saying, "I yell at my wife in anger, but it's her fault." None of those matters. What matters is that he is confessing his sin of angry words towards his wife. When confessing sins, we are saying that these are the sins of which we accuse ourselves. I am old enough to remember the detective show *Dagnet*, where the investigator, when interviewing a witness, would say, "The facts, ma'am; just the facts". The same can be said of the recalling of our sins in number and in kind.

HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

As a priest for over three decades now, I know that many of our Catholic faithful have been raised with training on how to confess sins in the confessional, though perhaps some have not have been taught 'how' to go to confession. While parish First Reconciliation programs cover well the teaching to small children in what to say to the priest and what the priest will say and do for his part as the confessor, still, people are not always sure how to confess their sins. Hopefully, the following helps.

Preparation is Important and Essential

Confession is not fruitful nor beneficial if we are not properly disposed to make a good confession of all our sins. Before confession, it is important to take time to reflect on our sins, best done when we use a good *Examination of Conscience* (found at the church entrances for Adults, Young Adults and Children). It is a review of most all sins under the headings of each of the Ten Commandments. Review of these each and every time we go to confession will ensure that our intention to have all our sins forgiven will realize the forgiveness of all our sins. Also, when reviewing the particular sins for confession, we cannot hold a particular sin back from being confessed, otherwise, none of our sins are forgiven. We cannot hide anything from God and though we might find some of our sins embarrassing, the priest has heard them all before, and he too is a sinner who must confess all of his sins as a man and as a priest. I personally use an examination of conscience in my preparation to go to confession as a quick review in my mind can remind me of the sins that stick out to the neglect of other sins I may have forgotten.

As well, I don't recommend that you obtain an Examination of Conscience as you are about to approach the confessional to do both your preparation and confession at the same time. This could lengthen your time in the confessional unnecessarily, while others may be waiting. The review of the Examination is meant to be done when you have time to reflect on the areas of sin in your life.

How to Confess Your Sins

Perhaps it is wise to begin by stating what the sacrament of Reconciliation with God is not. It is not a counselling session or a conversation with the priest in which one discusses each of their sins. It is not spiritual direction, nor is it the time and place for listing and then describing the details of each one's sins.

If the priest confessor finds that something confessed by the penitent is vague or unclear about a specific sin, he may simply ask for clarification. This is only to ensure he understands the particular sin involved. The priest acts in *Persona Christi* – in the person of Christ – when he sits as confessor; therefore, the penitent is sacramentally speaking/confessing to Christ Himself, through the ears of the priest, so to speak. It is helpful to approach the sacrament of Reconciliation with the image of yourself, the penitent, speaking directly to Christ. Yet, it is through the priest that the penitent hears the necessary words for the absolution of sins, when in the person of Christ he says, "I absolve you...".

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen on Frequent Confession

(Prior to the following quote from Ven. Fulton Sheen, it should be noted that frequent confession should not be seen as a devotion to the Lord. It's serious business, and unless we are aware of our sin with conviction, we don't want to take the sacrament lightly. If a person has no sins for confession, then no sins are forgiven.)

Fulton Sheen: "Frequent Confession has not only deep spiritual value, it is also immensely beneficial psychologically. In other words, the frequent reception of the sacrament of Penance contributes to the well-being of our minds. In one declarative sentence, it is a divinely instituted means of giving us peace of soul. Remember what happened on Easter Sunday night. As described by St. Luke, "The doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them His hands and His side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and He said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this, He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained'" (Jn 20:19-23). As the Catholic Church teaches, by these words of the risen Savior, He instituted the sacrament of Confession. For twenty centuries, it has been called the sacrament of peace. The principal source of conflict in the human spirit is the sense of guilt. Psychologists tell us, it is the mysterious feeling of guilt which lies at the root of most people's disquiet of mind and disturbance of will. On both levels, the sacrament of Confession is the Lord's great gift to His followers." *(Fr. Charles)*

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tue Mar 3 rd	
6:00pm	Confession
7:00pm	+Jolanta Okon Requested by Janusz Okon
Wed Mar 4 th	
8:30am	+George Bouchard Requested by Elizabeth Ivey
Thurs Mar 5 th	
7:30am	HOLY HOUR
8:30am	Unannounced Mass
Fri Feb Mar 6 th	
6:30pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00pm	+Mary Little Requested by Sandy Mattacott
Sat Mar 7 th	
8:30am	+Roy Adams Requested by Nancy & Vince Massa
3:00pm	Confession
4:30pm	+Roy Victor Freeman Requested by Pamela Young
Sun Mar 8 th	
9:00am	+Domenico Antonio Baggetta Requested by Rosa Crupi
11:00am	For the People

Please Pray for the Sick

Alex Poirier, Hudson Ford, Janine Wright.



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Mary Little, Roy Adams



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Regular Collection Feb 22nd

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ShareLife Parish Goal 2026	\$46,000.00
Raised so far	\$ 2,600.00



LENTEN COLLECTION

We have again been approached by Dr. Simone (Canadian Food for Children) to do a Lenten Collection for the poor. Last year we were very successful, and we thought it important to continue with our support. Here are some of the items that they are asking for this year. **iodized salt, cans of meat and fish, peanut butter, flour, soap bars, toothpaste and tooth brushes, eye glasses, school supplies, NEW socks and shoes, clothing**

We will have totes in the hallway between the church and the hall. We will collect right through the Lenten season. Thank You.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

St. Mary's parish is inviting you to register your child for the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming months.

REGISTRATION

There will be two opportunities for parents to attend (with their child candidate) one of the two following meetings.

SUNDAY, March 1st at 12:30 pm in the church

OR

WEDNESDAY, March 4th at 7:00 pm in the church

WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEETING

Your child candidate

A copy (not the original) of your child's Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (eligibility for sacraments in the Catholic Church is only to those who are baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, proven by certificate.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration can only take place if you have provided a copy of a Catholic Baptismal Certificate.

\$50.00 Registration donation

The completed Registration form – go to our parish website and download the form, fill it out and bring it to the parent meeting.

2nd Sunday of Lent - March 1st, 2026

Through ShareLife, you bring hope to those who need it most

David is a senior who faced overwhelming loss and uncertainty. His wife passed away, his health declined, and he felt forgotten. But in his deepest sorrow, he found hope. When he turned to his pastor, he was guided to Catholic Family Services of Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife where he was welcomed with open arms. Because of your kindness, David found the support he needed to heal, regain stability, and rediscover his sense of purpose.

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The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate

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