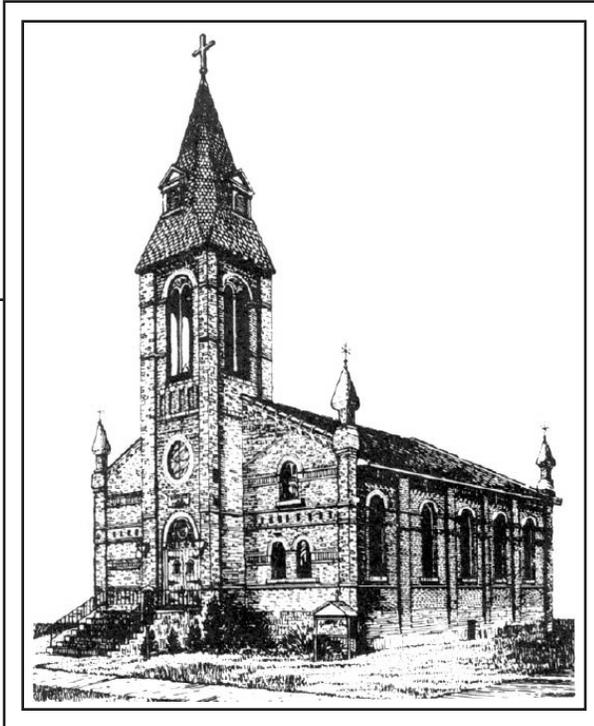


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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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PALM SUNDAY OF LORD'S PASSION

HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 31 – No Mass Fr.C at Chrism Mass)

Wednesday, April 1 – Mass at 8:30 am.

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm.

Note: Incense will be used

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 3 at 3:00 pm.

Seating will be available both in the church and the parish hall (sound-only in the hall)

Stations of the Cross – 7:00 pm.

THE EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 pm.

(not ideal for small children due to length - 2hrs.)

Note: Incense will be used

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 & 11:00 am.

Note: Incense will be used

PARISH MISSION TALKS AVAILABLE

Catholic evangelist, Mark Mallett, gave an excellent and timely 3-day parish mission on March 9, 10 and 11 here at St. Mary's, entitled, *Come Out of Babylon!* He took audio recordings of his three talks and has posted them publicly on his website thenoword.com. The audio has a bit of an echo from the church but is great to hear again. I have received so many notes, emails and personal words of gratitude for having Mark here with us and many have shared the similar comment that they've never heard a powerful message quite like this in a Catholic parish before. I am blessed to have a friend in Mark and plan to have him back again to stir our faith up again. *(Fr. Charles)*

After listening to Mark's first talk, *'Come Out of Babylon!'*, I have been reflecting on the many ideas that Mark covered namely, the world in which we live; a world that is working toward putting an end to Christianity which can be summed up in a phrase we have heard many times but likely hasn't fully impacted us yet – 'A New World Order'. Our Prime Minister slowly and deliberately stated those very words a month ago at the WEF meeting at Davos, Switzerland. The world had done battle with the scourge of communism only to see growing numbers, among them many young people, who are calling for socialist and communists' ideas to be brought in, even though they are unaware that Communism destroyed the lives of over a 100 million people in the past century. Our Lady said to Conchita at Garabandal, Spain, that many world events will take place "when Communism returns". When she was asked when this will take place, she replied, "I don't know. Our Lady just said 'when Communism returns'". Mark cited many and various quotes of what the popes have been saying throughout Church history regarding the end of an era, not the end of the world. The world as it is now cannot continue on like this. The wars and rumours of wars the scriptures have spoken about are coming at us from all directions. Seismologists are reporting that volcanoes are waking up and earthquakes are increasing. These are the signs that the end of an era is coming upon the world. And just as the Devil is real, so too is his Antichrist, who will oppose Christ and the

Church. More and more we see this opposition to Christians such as in the current proposed BillC9 which, if passed under the auspices of preventing hate speech, will consider the Word of God as offensive to some people, which will bring about the accusation of Catholic priests and Christian preachers by those who find any commendation of sin as found in the Bible, is hateful. Priests could be charged and go to jail for proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ because someone finds it offensive.

And it's not merely an 'us or them' kind of thing in the world, though it is an either or situation. Either we are living for Jesus Christ and standing with His Church, or we're compromising on the faith, squandering our inheritance from all of those Christians who went before us. Christianity is all about choice, but not in the sense the world sees it, often understood as 'options'. Presented with the choices of God and not-God, we can only choose God, that is, if we have any understanding of who God is. He is so 'other', yet, reveals Himself to those who genuinely seek Him, His truth (which IS truth itself), His Life, His Way, because He is the life and source of all life, and the only way to peace of soul and life forever. So, our choice is over God and not-God. Choose God!

As I look back on my growing-up years, the hindsight view shows me a world where the ground on which I walked seemed firm, faithful, and even, often enough, faith-filled. Yet the ground on which we stand is no longer firm but shifting beneath our feet, forcing us, yes, forcing us, to choose our footing and the direction of our path. And among the many paths and roads there are in this life heading in all different directions, religions, values and philosophies, there is and remains the narrow path that leads to and follows Christ, the living God. So, we have to choose that path when we find it, but first we must find it. And where is it to be found? In the Catholic Church in her timeless and changeless teaching.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, soon to be beatified, once ended a talk he gave to priests on the demonic, where he said, (and I'm paraphrasing here): in life we can travel down a thousand times 10,000 roads. And all of those roads will lead either to the merciful face of Christ or the miserific face of Satan. And either one of those two faces will say to us for all eternity, mine! Mine! Mine! May we be Christ's. *(Fr. Charles)*

A Lenten Prayer called the Passion

Dear Lord Jesus,

by Your Passion and Resurrection You brought life to the world. But the glory of the Resurrection came only after the sufferings of the Passion. You laid down Your life willingly and gave up everything for us. Your body was broken and fastened to a Cross, Your clothing became the prize of soldiers, your blood ebbed slowly but surely away, and Your Mother was entrusted to the beloved disciple. Stretched out on the Cross, deprived of all earthly possessions and human aid, You cried out to Your Father that the end had come. You had accomplished the work given You, and You committed into His hands, as a perfect gift, the little life that remained to You. Lord, teach me to accept all afflictions after the example You have given. Let me place my death in Yours and my weakness in Your abandonment, Take hold of me with Your love, that same foolish love that knew no limits, and let me offer myself to the Father with You so that I may rise with You to eternal life.

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tue Mar 31st NO MASS
 Wed April 1st 8:30am +Jolanta Okon
 Requested by Janusz Okon

Blessing of the Food
Saturday April 4 - 9:00am

Please Pray for the Sick

Alex Poirier, Hudson Ford, Janine Wright.



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Wilfrid O'Hearn, Fr. Edward Joseph Smith,
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Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

LENTEN COLLECTION

Thank you so much to those who have given to the Dr. Simone (Canadian Food for Children) 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. This weekend is the last weekend to give to the collection. Wishing you all a very Blessed Holy Week.

Easter Flowers

Anyone wishing to donate to our Easter Flowers, there are flower envelopes at either entrance to the church.



PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH
IN THE HOLY LAND

On Good Friday, April 3, 2026

The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of the Catholic youth ad families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so impofrtbat to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collections will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3, 2026

Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online may use credit Cards, Interac, or Canadahelps, accessible at: www.Commissariat.Ca in the "Support Us" link. Fr. Robert Monkry o.f.m., Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada.

St. Mary's CWL Spring Plant Sale

The CWL will be having a spring Plant Sale. You will be able to pre-order your plants the weekends of April 11th & 12th, 18th & 19th, and the final weekend will be the 25th & 26th. Order forms will be available at each entrance to the church, and members of the CWL will be available to answer any questions. Or you can go onto the St. Mary's CWL Website (collcwl.ca). Plants are to be picked up from the Church Hall on Saturday, May 23rd from 10 am to 2 pm

"Help us Help our community by purchasing your spring plants through the St. Mary's CWL" . Thank You, Kindly.

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