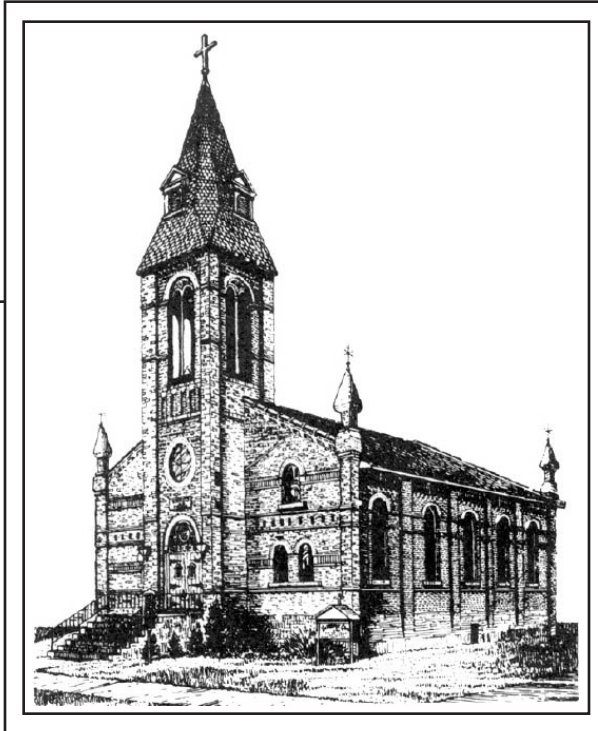


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## SUNDAY MASSES

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  
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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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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### OUR CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP, FRANK LEO, WRITES TO US IN THE MONTH OF MAY: ON MARY

In all my years of priesthood, I've yet to encounter a writer as prolific as our present cardinal archbishop, Frank Leo. In recent years, he has addressed the clergy and laity alike through pastoral letters on Lent, Easter, Christmas, and important events and current issues in Canada that oppose the natural law and the clear teachings of Christ. As our shepherd, he calls for a loving response to serve Jesus faithfully, and he calls out our nation's unjust government policies when they are an affront to human life, dignity, and goodness under God. He has a shepherd's heart, as he speaks to us through his well-written letters, the most recent being his April 27th letter, Her witness enlightens our path, on Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

The Cardinal writes, "One of the defining characteristics of



Mary's life is her profound openness to the action of God. At the Annunciation, she receives a mission that exceeds human understanding, yet she responds with a heart ready to cooperate with his divine plan (Lk 1:38; CCC 494). The Church recognizes in this moment a pattern of authentic discernment: attentiveness to God's initiative, trust in his promises and the courage to respond generously. These same attitudes are essential for us who seek to listen to the Holy Spirit in the present moment of our history" (cf. Dei Verbum, 5).

"During these four weeks we are invited to contemplate the mystery of Our Lady's life and to rediscover how her witness continues to illuminate the path of the Church. As our mother and model, Mary offers timely wisdom and guidance on what it means to be disciples of Christ whose daily living is marked by spiritual discernment and apostolic action (cf. Lumen Gentium 63-65).

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Our Cardinal uses the word 'rediscover' in regard to Mary's witness in the Church. Her witness is one of listening, prayer, faith, and submission to the will of God. And, of course, these are traits for all of us to imitate, as prayer is first listening, as Mary had to first listen to the message of the Angel Gabriel and the strange and wondrous things being revealed to her. Her prayer involves the back-and-forth of conversation that is both speaking and listening, especially important when it is with God and heavenly entities. And Mary always was a woman of faith, which is what made her able to respond in short order with her "Yes" to give God a human nature. And finally, Mary submitted her will to the will of God. We all have our own will, but when it is submitted to God, we can know great joy and experience the effects of God's perfect and eternal love. (*Fr. Charles*)

### MUSIC MINISTRY CHANGE AT ST. MARY'S

We share that Brian Rae concludes his service as Music Director and Organist at St. Mary's Parish. Brian has served here for almost two decades and has been responsible for the direction of music and the obtaining of and working with cantors. The type of music at the Masses he has covered has been organ and cantor, in the leading of congregational singing.



When Brian first began playing here, he initially covered the Sunday morning 11:00 Mass. Later on, he replaced the organist who played at the Sunday 9:00 Mass. During covid, the social distance restrictions impacted the Trinity Band who could no longer gather as a group and play for the Saturday 5:15 afternoon Mass, so Brian assumed responsibility for that Mass ever since, playing the organ and choosing the music and cantors for all three Sunday Masses.

Brian had served as organist at St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto for forty years and was given papal honours in 2006 as a Knight of St. Gregory. He is an alumnus of the St. Michael's Choir School in Toronto, having held many positions in the school over a forty-year period, before moving to Collingwood. We give Brian our thanks for his ministry and the many ways he has enriched our worship over the years.

We also recognize and thank the cantors who have served at St. Mary's for various time periods with Brian:

Peggy Govers  
Fred Pitt  
Leonard Tawaststjerna  
Tara Ford

We are currently making plans for continued music leadership and will share updates in the coming weeks.



**MASS**  
**SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tue May 5 <sup>th</sup>	
6:30pm	CONFESSIONS
7:00pm	Intentions of Ervin Aspiras Requested by Emma Aspiras
Wed May 6 <sup>th</sup>	
8:30am	In Gratitude
Thurs May 7 <sup>th</sup>	
7:30am	+Luka Coric Requested by Katherine Krajinovic
Friday May 8 <sup>th</sup>	
7:30am	HOLY HOUR
8:30am	+Dan Braniff Requested by Pat & Family
	+Dominador Tan Requested by Maria Saltzman
Saturday May 9 <sup>th</sup>	
3:30pm	CONFESSIONS
4:30pm	Intentions of Guerrero Family & Souls of Epifania & Guilermo Andaya
Sunday May 10 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00am	+Helen Adams Requested by Christy Hollingshead & Family
11:00am	For the People

*Please Pray for the Sick*

Alex Poirier, Hudson Ford, Janine Wright.



*Please Pray for the Recently Deceased*

Father Jose Kuriethath



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Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>

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Raised So Far	\$ 17,046.10



There will be an enrollment for the Brown Scapula after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>. The Scapula's were donated by a very kind parishioner, they will be made available after the mass

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

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**Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday, May 3, 2026.**

The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

**This year's Catholic Education theme is, "Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness." Was inspired by:**

- The Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee year provides us the ongoing opportunity to serve the common good and recommit ourselves to prayer, service, and evangelization.
- As we remember our late Pope Francis, and eagerly embrace the pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, the coming school year will be a time to renew the momentum of our Jubilee celebrations, by inviting everyone in Catholic education to embrace the journey toward holiness and peace.
- In light of the canonization of Blessed Carlos Acutis, the Catholic Education Week theme will focus on the Pastoral Letter to Young People issued by the Bishops of Canada in October 2022. As young people themselves, their example shows us, very vividly, what it means to live as pilgrims on a journey of faith, toward a hope grounded in the unshakeable love of the Risen Jesus.
- Our lives as Christians are truly a path toward holiness – becoming, more and more, the people God created us to be. That will look different in each of our lives, but for all of us, we know that it is God's Spirit at work in us who guides us toward holiness: "The Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives." (Spes Non Confundit, 3)

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