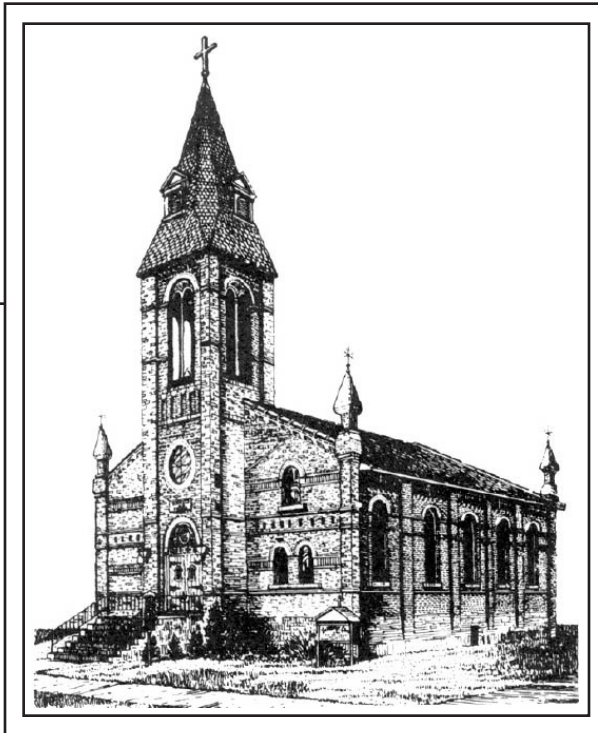


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Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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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THE CHURCH: PEOPLE NOT BUILDINGS

When exploring church websites, one of the most common images of the parish is the exterior or interior of the church. Various pictures show the materials the church is constructed from, its shape, colour, design style, and size. Interior photos similarly highlight the church's shape and size, as well as its architectural style, whether more traditional (Gothic or Romanesque) or more modern. But in most photographs, you won't find what is at the heart of every church: its people. Churches should radiate a beauty that is both visually pleasing and emotionally moving. They should lift the mind to the things of God and inspire devotion, prayer, and quiet reflection. These buildings are meant to be more than just gathering spaces; they are the places where God's people, by God's design, come together to worship, praise, and give thanks to God for everything we are given— which is everything. Catholic churches are God's house.

It is, and will be, emotional and difficult for me to leave St. Mary's after five short years, though a priest knows he could be asked to move at any time. One arrives at a new parish assignment, not knowing the parishioners or the town where he will live and make his home for a time. Yet over a period of months, as faces and people become familiar, he will begin to know his people, and they will come to know him.

Having been recently assigned as pastor of St Paul's Basilica in Toronto, I, of course, checked out pictures of the church online to get a sense of my new digs, depending on need and circumstances. The large Romanesque church is manifestly beautiful, and unlike any church I have been assigned to before, with its high ceiling, pillars, and arches adorned with paintings depicting the life of Saint Paul after his conversion. Yet most online pictures are of an empty church, long-vacant aisles and isles, and not a soul in sight. Priest assignments are about shepherding a people, a community, a people of faith and worship who are seeking God in Christ Jesus. And that was my assignment at St. Mary's in Collingwood, and I will be at St Paul's in Toronto.

It is a challenge for parishioners to adapt to a new priest and for priests to get to know the people of a new parish assignment, but over time, both settle into a relationship. As with all human engagement, some people will love the priest, dislike the priest or be somewhere in the middle. It's our human nature. St. Paul himself often wrote that the body of Christ, the Church, is composed of many parts and members, just as the human body is. Each part performs a unique function. All of us have different gifts, and those individual gifts, when brought together in a parish, constitute all of the gifts. We need each other in the Church because the priest can't possibly have all the gifts, nor can the individual parishioners, but together we do.

Over the next few weeks, my remaining days will be consumed with packing and, as a shepherd and priest, saying goodbye to the people I've come to know and love. It's the life and expectation of a diocesan priest. And a new priest assigned to St Mary's will begin the cycle once again, as it has been here for 170 years. Please pray for me as I will for all of you, and pray for your new pastor who comes as Christ's shepherd among you... for a time. (Fr. Charles)

Come to Me

Come over to me, all you who are restless, and I will teach you how to be quiet, how to leave yourself alone.

Come over to me, all you who are anxious, even if I don't take your anxiety away, I will change it into fresh currency, as you turn your cares into greater belief in my caring.

Come over to me, all you who are lonely, I was lonely too, and could find no place to lay my head.

Come over to me, all you who worry what others really think about you. It doesn't matter. They misunderstood me, no matter what I did.

Come over to me, all you who are always talking and pleading and explaining yourselves to others. I know you inside out. I know the worst. So you can come to me without any explanations.

Come over to me, all you whose great plans for yourself have failed. You don't know how lucky you are. And others too.

Come over to me, all you who can't stand yourselves. I touched lepers, and once I called a man out of a tomb who had been stinking there for four days. So come over to me. I can stand just about anything.

Come over to me, all you who can't stand other people. I know what is behind their misery. I know the worst in them as I know it in you. And I embrace you both.

Come over to me, all you who fret about the past. I was there, I was part of your past, and I have forgotten all about it. So be like me and forget it too.

Come over to me, all you who can't live peacefully in the present. Come to me now, without reserve. That is the way to live peacefully in the present.

Come over to me, all you who fear the future. Do not fear. I am your future.

Father Thomas Dominic Rover, O.P. (1997) Taken from Magnificat, July 2016, Volume 18, Number 5; page 177-178.



Tuesday May 26 th	
7:00pm	+Roy Adams Requested by Knights of Columbus 3 rd Degree
Wednesday May 27 th	
8:30am	in Thanksgiving of Anthony Spreitz Requested by Mum
Thursday May 28 th	
8:30am	in Thanksgiving of Arthur Shirley Requested by Catherine Spreitz
Friday May 29 th	
7:30am	HOLY HOUR
8:30am	Intentions of Mya & Jason Medeiros Requested by Fernanda Medeiros
Saturday May 30 th	
8:30am	in Thanksgiving of Guerrero & Andaya Families
3:30pm	CONFESSIONS
4:30pm	+Mary Little Requested by Barb Dufton
Sunday May 31 st	
9:00am	For the People
11:00am	+Jadwiga & Stanislav Jamroz Requested by the Family

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Please Pray for the Recently Deceased



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May 14, 2026

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Totus Tuus Summer Camp at St. Patrick Parish, Stayner

Youth and families from St. Mary’s Parish are warmly invited to join the Totus Tuus Summer Camp at St. Patrick Parish in Stayner!

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We are also looking for volunteers to help with both the day and evening programs. If you are interested in volunteering, we would love to hear from you

St. Mary’s CWL is hosting a bake sale after Mass on June 13th & 14th. All members of the parish are invited to donate a favourite baked good to this delicious fundraiser. Sign-up sheets are posted at both church entrances. Baked goods **MUST BE PRE-WRAPPED**. Wrappers will be available in the church hall after Mass on June 6th & 7th. Baked goods can be dropped off at the church hall on June 13th between 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

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