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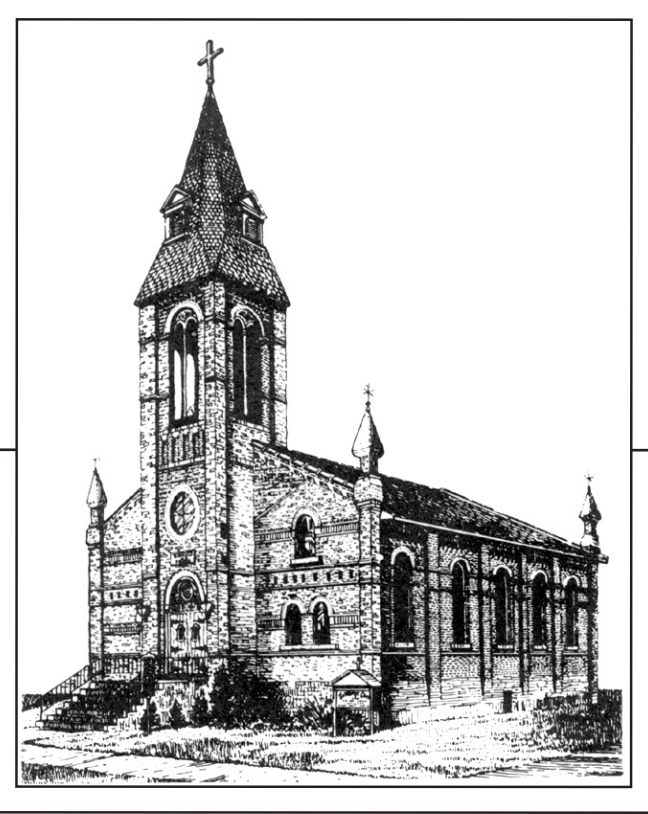
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**SUNDAY MASSES**  
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

**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  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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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 Wednesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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**FATHER CHARLES' 9-MONTH UPDATE**

In the 9-months since my appointment as pastor here at St. Mary's, I have been fairly busy. I thought I would share with you what I've been up to and some ideas I have about moving forward.

Every priest is different and brings with them their own life experience, their personal discernment of Jesus' call to them to the vocation and life of priesthood along with their gifts and abilities as well as their challenges. Some priests are great administrators, fundraisers and have abilities to organize while other gifts such as preaching and administering the sacraments as well as people-skills are necessary as well. Some priests are shy while others are outgoing. As with all people, we have to work on those things that we are less comfortable with while using the natural talents we have. We are all a work in progress. Diocesan priests (priests who are ordained in and for a particular diocese, e.g., Archdiocese of Toronto) are required to wear many hats as they administer a parish church within that diocese. Priests are organizers, employers, administrators, presiders, preachers, ambassadors, counsellors and fulfill so many different roles, whether they are gifted in these areas or not.

Therefore, priests rely on calling forth the gifts of others to assist in helping with the running and planning tasks, realized in Parish Finance Councils, sacramental preparation and celebration, etc.

The rectory of St. Mary's is older than the church and was built about 140-years-ago. It has obviously had renovations and updates over those years. It's a majestic old house with lots of character and the fact that it has housed so many priests over 14 decades is both wonderful and historic. The most recent renovation was the kitchen and that was done about 40-years ago in the 1980's. The rest of the house looks to have had renovations in the 1950's (70 years ago) with little changed and updated since that time.

When I arrived last June 30, I got busy going through papers and accumulated items in the house. Much of the furniture was old and in rather rough shape and in need of replacement. Over the past months I have obtained various furniture items – all of them used – for the main floor kitchen, living room (piano room) and TV room. I brought with me an old Heintzman 6'1 grand piano that originally belonged to the Christie Cookie family, bought by them in 1920's and graced their Toronto mansion until I bought it from the Sisters of St. Joseph about 20-years-ago. The Sisters had owned the house at the corner of Queen's Park and Wellesley Street and it was part of a college and women's residence run by the Sisters for many years. I have placed the piano in front room of the three-windowed room at the front of the house.

There was a lot of work to do just sorting through things and organizing items in their proper order. Storage space is somewhat of a challenge as there is no basement in the

rectory save a "creepy" crawl space under the house that is accessed only by climbing through a hole in the wall after turning on a light switch that isn't seen but felt by reaching inside the dark hole and fumbling for the switch. Even the water shutoff valve is in this crawlspace and I can just imagine having to crawl in there at 3 in the morning to shut off the main water because a pipe has burst in the night. It would be a great space to shoot a horror flick and make a few bucks for the parish to boot.

I bought a new washer and dryer when I first arrived as well as a box spring and mattress for the guest room. I also purchased a Barbecue for the backyard as I am a decent cook with a BBQ but not so much on a stove or oven. Baby steps. I use the BBQ quite often.

A new Heat/AC pump unit was installed in the rectory which means for the first time in the life of the rectory it now has built-in air conditioning as well as a back-up heating system should the boiler system ever fail. (Before, it was just 'prayer-conditioned'.) A new boiler was also installed to replace the worn out previous one that broke down and left me without heat for nine days this winter. Both of these items were of considerable cost but were covered by the kind beneficence of a parishioner who wished to remain anonymous. Please say a prayer of thanksgiving for this person whose generosity is known both by me and God and who saved the parish a considerable expense.

The main staircase of the house will need some repairs and refinishing and will need a runner covering all 21-stairs as the bare wood is quite slippery and hazardous. And I know there are that many stairs because I fell down them once already! There are still a few updates in the rectory to be tackled but these will have to be done over time. All of the toilets will need to be replaced and one of them didn't even have a water shut-off on it, not good if it has a leak or a guizer because then its back downstairs to that creepy crawlspace. At some point it would be good to have California blinds installed as they are clean looking and are in keeping with the age of the house. They wouldn't change the outside appearance of the house and they provide great light control and privacy. The sacristy needs a major clean up and I plan on tackling that this spring and summer.

**SHOPPING LIST**

The church needs a new, more substantial tabernacle, a new funeral pall for caskets, a new cope and humeral veil which is worn by the priest for Holy Hours. These and other items could be donated by the generosity of a parishioner so, if you would be interested, please speak to me directly about it and I can show you what we would be buying, what it looks like as what the cost would be. We also need to upgrade parts of our sound system for the church and eventually look into a camera system for the church to relay audio/video from the church into the hall as well as online. Items can even be donated in memory of someone. TBC. (Fr. Charles)



**Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:30am **HOLY HOUR**

+Kevin Knox

8:30am Requested by Ken Wright

**Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm Intentions of Peggy Hargrave

Requested by Parent Council, Teachers & Students of St. Mary's School

**Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:30am **HOLY HOUR**

8:30am +Audrey Stover

Requested by the Cudney Family

**Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>**

6:30pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

7:00pm +Rita & Ray Holmes

Requested by Genevieve & Clark Carson

**Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

8:30am St. Mary's Parishioners

3:00pm to 4:00pm **CONFESSION**

4:30pm +Bob Giffen

Requested by the Knights of Columbus  
3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Fr. Lally Council

**Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00am +David Brazeau

Requested by Linda & Robert Darlington

11:00am +Deacon Chuck McCarthy

Requested by the Knights of Columbus  
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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - March 27, 2022**

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**LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00am to 11:00am

6:00pm to 8:00pm



**The Catholic Women's League of St. Mary's Church  
Scholarship Award**

This award is given annually to one Catholic female graduate who is actively involved in the St. Mary's Catholic Church community, and is continuing with post-secondary education. The application is due no later than May 27<sup>th</sup> 2022



**The applicant must fulfil the following criteria:**

- Attend Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Collingwood, or a Catholic Church in her community on a regular basis.
- Continue with post-secondary education and be registered as a full time student starting in September of the upcoming school year, at a recognized university, college or technical institute for advanced learning.

For full details on this scholarship, please contact Mary Thompson through the church office at 705 445 1790 Ext 2

*Please Pray for the Sick*

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