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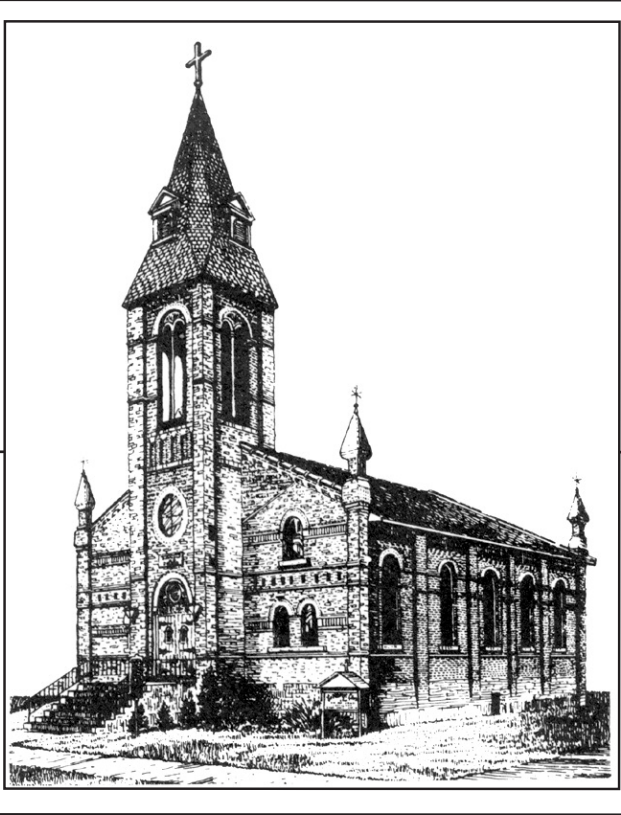
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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
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Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

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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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UPDATE: MUSICAL CHANGES AT MASS

Throughout the pandemic, according to Government policies, recommendations and rules, we have seen and experienced many adjustments to liturgy at Mass with the removal of hymnals (at the outset of the pandemic because there was concern about how the virus might be spread and the need to clean everything in between each Mass). Singing among the congregation was also discouraged for the same reasons as to eliminate the spread of the virus. If the parts of the Mass were sung it was the musician(s) and a cantor covering these on their own. Many parishes resumed the sung Mass parts at some point while others left that solely to the music ministry. From parish to parish, there were slight differences in practice but generally, all parishes received the protocols to be observed from the Archdiocese of Toronto that in turn got their protocols for implementation from the Ontario Government with recommendations from Health Ontario.

A few weeks ago, the Archdiocese updated all parishes with the news that we could resume congregational singing which also means a return of the hymnals to the pews, while pamphlets and books were allowed in the pews as far back as 6-months ago when a ban on pamphlets and the sale of objects was lifted. Parishes were not obligated to immediately return to some previous pre-pandemic practices and observations but could implement them according to their own needs and circumstances. In the months prior to and after my arrival, the practice at St. Mary's was such that the parts of the Mass were said and not sung.

Going forward, our parish will implement the suggested changes on the First Sunday of Advent, (next week), the beginning of the new Church year and calendar. While the 'Gloria' is not sung throughout Advent as we save our jubilation for the Feast of Christmas, we will resume the singing of the parts of the Mass (the Holy, Holy, Holy, the Memorial Acclamation, and the Great Amen, etc.).

Of course, we still face the unpleasant and awkward reality of trying to sing while wearing a facemask. While previously, singing by the congregation as a whole or as individuals was halted, some, perhaps even many continued to sing in their masks, a kind of lived and heartfelt response to the old hymn, *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

Personally speaking, while all parishes were basically following the health advice handed along by the Government with constant changes and adjustments, I saw and we sadly experienced what it did to liturgy in the celebration of the Mass. While we followed the changes, it was (and should be) with great lament on the part of the people of God, for God deserves our praises sung to Him, as the scriptures repeatedly command. Sacred Scripture and the Psalms do not 'suggest' to us that we might sing out to God but that we should, we must, for He is our God and Saviour. We should never be easily ready to give up that which is due and right before God as well as what it does to the heart of the faithful who sing to the Lord. If we don't have sadness in our hearts that we were not able to sing for 20-months, something is spiritually amiss in us and in need of correction. This reality is found in the rubrics of the weekday and Sunday Lectionary where it states: "The Gospel Acclamation is sung or it is omitted".

As of the First Sunday of Advent, we will resume singing both the Processional and Recessional hymns as well as the various sung parts of the Mass. As a presider, I will need to get my own mind back in the frame of intoning certain parts of the Mass that until this point have been spoken and it will be, undoubtedly, a re-learning curve for us all.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem said, "Take courage, toil and strive zealously, for nothing will be lost. Every prayer you make, every psalm you sing, is recorded". St. Augustine said, "I feel that our souls are moved to the ardor of piety by the sacred words more piously and powerfully when these words are sung than when they are not sung, and that all the affections of our soul in their variety have modes of their own in song and chant by which they are stirred up by an indescribable and secret sympathy."

Gardens: 'Thank You' to Two Parish Women



On behalf of all parishioners of St. Mary's I would like to both acknowledge and thank Jean Stewart and Mary Thompson who worked so hard and tirelessly this summer and fall, to maintain the gardens that adorn the front of the church and trail north to the statue of Our Lady of the Eucharist. These involved women approached me when I first arrived, asking for permission to weed and take care of the gardens as my

predecessor, Fr. Gerard, had always previously served in the botany department. Since I wouldn't know a petunia from a potato, I very reluctantly replied (not) with affirmation. And thus, all things involved with garden maintenance and care ensued at the hands of these two women who spent long hours in heat and humidity and with their love of gardening in tow, to make our parish garden beds flourish with colour. As well, they performed the sad task of packing up the gardens for their winter rest. We thank them for their time and talents quietly shared behind the scenes, though their love, care and work were visible to us all. (Fr. Charles)

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING AND ADVENT

All things, outside of God, have a beginning and an ending. God, who has no beginning or end, is the One who created all things to have a start and a conclusion. Jesus said that He was "the Alpha and the Omega", which is to say that there is no created thing that does not have as its beginning, God. There is a pattern in all things, including our very lives, that have a beginning that move them forward but also to an ending, a culmination. Yet it is only in and through God that the end of all things – what we call death – should have the hope and possibility of continuation and life which was won for every human soul when Jesus submitted Himself into our hands and crucifixion. The Feast of Christ the King the Church observes in celebration marks not only the end of the Church year but also highlights the reality that over all things that have their beginning and ending in Him, He is truly King of all. Does the world we live in now live largely according to the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus? Sadly, no. We have this human tendency to fail to put praise and worship where it rightly belongs and instead worship that which is false, finite and cannot save.

Following the Feast of Christ, our King, Advent immediately begins with a welcome reminder that all things can be restored and renewed in Christ Jesus. We 'wait' as did the people of the promise for the long-expected Messiah to come – and He did! But people either failed to recognize Him or, if they did, forgot Him.

One of the most precious realities of our Catholic faith is that it is renewable. Each season of the Church year provides us with rich opportunity to begin again, to start over, to start again. Advent is not merely the four-week countdown to Christmas, especially in a world that for months before December 25th has already been celebrating it. Our Advent of active waiting is meant to assist us in realigning ourselves once again for the coming of Jesus. We recall that He came in history, He comes to us in mystery, and He will come again at a time we do not know. And so we wait and watch for the promises of Christ to be fulfilled again in our own lives and in the life of the world. We want to see Jesus and experience Him truly in His manifest appearances to us every day – if we are looking and waiting. (Fr. C)

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



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Thursday November 25th	8:30am	+Jill Wright Requested by Ken wright
Friday November 26th	7:30am	HOLY HOUR
	8:30am	UNANNOUNCED MASS
Saturday November 27th	3:30pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Russ Family Requested by Geraldine & Frank Bondi
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	11:00am	+Anthony Wihby Requested by Marilyn Wihby

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If you have any questions, DO NOT contact the school, please contact Emilie, our Youth & Sacramental Coordinator, at sacramentsstmarys@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can phone the parish office and speak to her directly. We will be in touch soon! God Bless.

CWL NEWS



The CWL are going to be collecting again for the homeless, this year we are concentrating on the homeless of Collingwood. We will run this from Nov 20th to Dec 17th. There will be boxes placed at each entrance for your donations. Toiletries such as toothpaste, brushes, soap (no liquid), shaving items, ibuprofen or Tylenol, socks, undergarments (new only), scarves, mitts & hats. Gently used winter coats and sweaters. Boxes will be at the entrances of the church for your donations.