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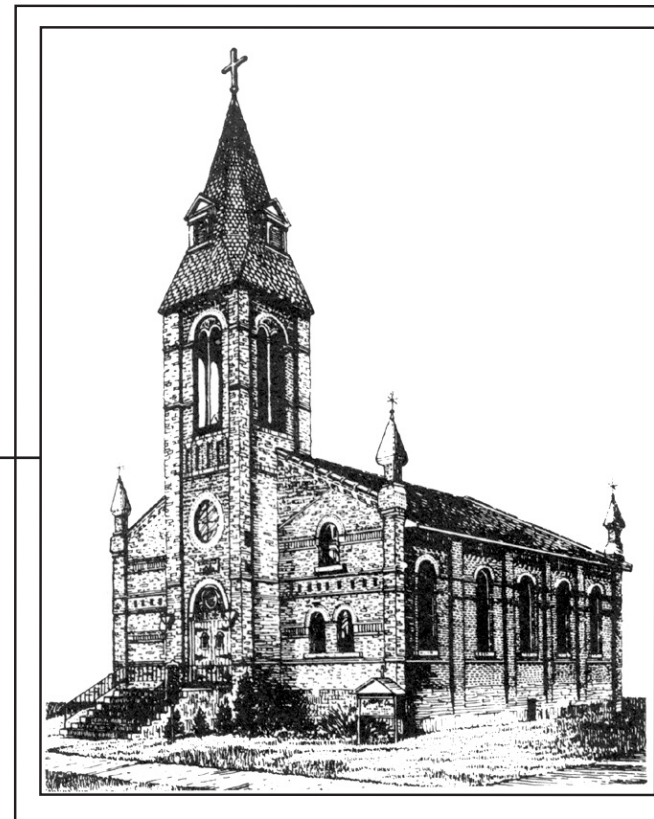
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Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

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.

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

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 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.

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.

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The Year of Saint Joseph Concludes

Last year, on December 8, 2020, the Holy Father declared the beginning of the Year of St. Joseph. The Church calls all of her children to devote a year of their thoughts and directed prayer to a particular saint or Person of the Holy Trinity so that we might all the more grow in our knowledge and appreciation of that person or reality. This past year of St. Joseph, which culminates on Wednesday, December 8, has been at a time of pandemic which could rightly be called a pandemic of fear while St. Joseph stands as a quiet but powerful image of strength, peace and abiding trust in God. We will also be fresh into a new year of the Church, Year C, in the Ecclesiastical calendar which indicates looking at the life of Jesus and the whole of the truth of the scriptures filled with promise, hope and the revelation of Christ through largely through the eyes and writing of St. Luke. Yet all of the Gospels find St. Joseph absolutely silent in speech for he never utters a word but his life is a bright and vivid life is one of witness and guidance for a weary world in need of salvation. St. Joseph was the great protector of both Mary and the child Jesus.



The picture above, painted by Luc Olivier Merson, depicts Mary and the infant Jesus fast asleep in the arm of a sphinx on their journey to Egypt to escape the grasping, murderous hands of Herod, while St. Joseph, lay exhausted and a little distance away from them at watch, even as he sleeps.

St. Joseph is the patron Saint of the Universal Church and the patron Saint of Canada. He stands quietly but attentively guarding the Church in intercession, help and steadfast love, as he did for Mary and Jesus. We can and should turn to him in prayer asking him to intercede for us in our need of help and protection in the midst of a world that more and more seems godless and lost in its own pursuits, not relying on the Divine plan for our lives but trusting instead in ourselves and our own minds that are not formed and focused on the things of God and the Kingdom of Christ. Let us resolve to turn to St. Joseph in these last moments of the holy year dedicated to him as he is to us. (Fr. C)

NAILS

Whenever the bright blue nails would drop
Down on the floor of his carpenter shop,
Saint Joseph, prince of carpenter men,
Would stoop to gather them up again;

For he feared for two little sandals sweet,
And very easy to pierce they were
As they pattered over the lumber there
And rode on two little sacred feet.

But alas, on a hill between earth and heaven
One day – two nails in a cross were driven,
And fastened it firm to the sacred feet
Where once rode two little sandals sweet;

And Christ and His mother looked off in death
Afar – to the valley of Nazareth,
Where the carpenter's shop was spread with dust
And the little blue nails, all packed in rust,
Slept in a box on the window-sill;
And Joseph lay sleeping under the hill.

Leonard Feeny, S.J.

This month of November is a time when we turn our prayerful attention to intercession on behalf of all of the souls who have experienced bodily death and rely on us, the Church on earth, to pray and intercede on their behalf before God. Yet we need to continue beyond November to do so. I have often spoken about the sad truth that more and more Catholics are not having their deceased loved ones commended to God when in replacement they have opted for the worldly version called a 'Celebration of Life'. While all remembrance can bring reflection on those who are now deceased, it is much more important that we remember them in the face of God then merely on a human level. More crucially, though, is the reality that if we celebrate a person's time of living on this earth alone, separated from who they are at their core – a spiritual being – then the greatest and enduring dimension, the eternal, is missing and lost. And if we scarcely think that they somehow 'live on' or worse, if we simply assume that they are now in 'heaven', we won't do that which is our prayerful work here on earth and that is, to pray for them. If I see someone who has died as simply in heaven, then why would I pray for them? Why would I remember them in my words of supplication to God's ears that He have mercy on them, forgive their sins and bring them into heaven to live with Him? Obviously, those who are in heaven do not need our prayers at all – they've made it to the throne of God and behold His face forever. Or do they? We don't know and cannot know for sure. And so, we pray for them, hold them up to God in asking God to receive their soul that He would be merciful in His perfect, flawless judgment of them for He is God, and that He would allow them to be purified by the fire of His love in their time of waiting and aided by our prayers for them as well. We are meant to be participants in the things of heaven in regard to the souls that live forever and we desire that they see and be with God. Yet, if I canonize someone who has died with no thought of their need for my prayers, God's mercy, or His forgiveness, then I won't believe them to be in need of anything and, therefore, I won't pray for them. They will merely be a 'memory' to us and not a soul in need of God's help and mine, for what it's worth. So, in remembering those you have known who have died, pray for them. (Fr. C)

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord."

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday November 30th

8:30am +Gloria Ostrowski
Requested by Genevieve Carson & Family

Wednesday December 1st

7:00pm Intentions of Betty & Lorne Winkler
On their 70th Wedding Anniversary
Requested by Nancy & Sal Greco

Thursday December 2nd

8:30am For the Parishioners of St. Mary's

Friday December 3rd

7:30am HOLY HOUR
8:30am For the Parishioners of St. Mary's

Saturday December 4th

3:30pm Confession
4:30pm +Martha Patricia Moran Bennett
Requested by Alison & Christopher Gavin

Sunday December 5th

9:00am +Theresa & Wolfgang Frisch
Requested by Ingeborg Scholz

11:00am

+George Stewart
Requested by Jean & Family

The Sanctuary Lamp burns
For the St. Mary's Parishioners



Advent Day of Confessions

Tuesday December 14th

9:00am to 11:00am
6:00pm to 8:00pm



PLEASE PRAY for the SICK

And all those afflicted in mind,
Body and spirit, especially:
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Dynes, Larry Voisin, Lexie Bruce,



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Sacramental Update:

We sent out information last week to the two elementary schools in town on how to register your child for First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This letter provides the date of the Parent Information Meeting, and what to bring to this important in-person meeting in our church hall.

If you know anyone who may not have received this information and may benefit from it, or if you have any questions, please DO NOT contact the school, contact Emilie, our Youth & Sacramental Coordinator, by email sacramentsstmarys@gmail.com or call the parish office to speak to her directly, (705) 445-1790 ext. 202.

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Registration for Spring 2022 will be CLOSED after Wednesday, January 11th, 2022. Confirmation Registration for Spring 2022 will be CLOSED after Tuesday, February 1st, 2022.

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