

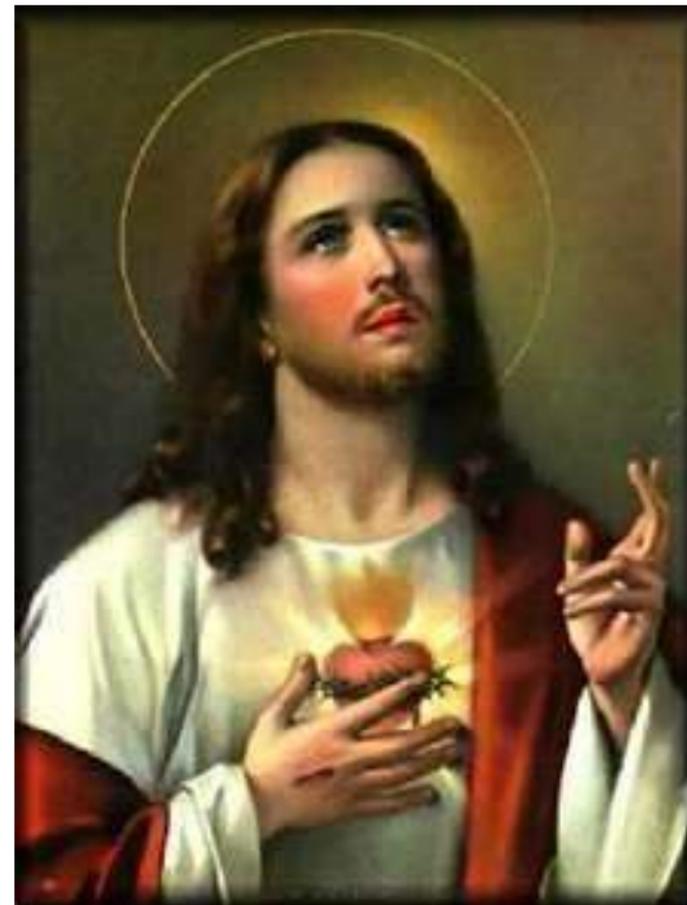
SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10th, 2017



Mass Times

Saturday
5:00 pm
Sunday
9:00 am
11:00 am (Sacred Heart Catholic School)

DAILY: Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday (at School)	9:15 am
Friday	8:00 am

Confessions

Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:45pm
Saturday 4:15pm to 4:45pm
Sunday 8:30am to 8:45am
and by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00 am

Gospel Quotation:

**"If he or she listens to you,
you have regained
your brother or sister."**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK (SEPTEMBER 12TH TO SEPTEMBER 17TH)

Tuesday 7:00 pm †Alan Spak & deceased family members
Thursday 9:15 am †Eugene Crouse: Leona McDermid
Friday 8:00 am †Alan Spak & deceased family members

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am For the People

Pastor's Message

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CHURCH ON THE HILL APPROVED BY THE BISHOP

I'm very pleased to announce that water and sanitary services feasibility study for the new church has been approved by Bishop Crosby. He has determined that the estimated cost of these services is not prohibitive. Moreover, he has given us the go ahead to move forward to the next stage of building a new church, which is the site concept plan. This next step involves recommending to the Bishop our preferred architect. I have invited an architect to work with me and the New Build Committee to produce an architectural story board depicting the new church on the hill at the entrance to Camp Brebeuf. Depending on the results, we may decide to consult another architect. Once our choice of an architect has been presented to the Diocesan Building Committee and approved by the Bishop, we can proceed with the site concept plan, which includes considering the parking requirements, site plan agreements, easements, right of way, storm water management, grading, landscaping and other planning constraints. Once the site concept plan has been approved, preliminary drawings can be prepared that depict the building configuration and related construction proposals, interior floor plan layout, intended uses, occupant loads, relationships to other plan components, preliminary dimensions/areas, and preliminary elevations. We aren't there yet. But we are closer than we ever have been. This is a very exciting moment in the history of our parish. At this time I would like to thank Maria Grech and the New Build Committee for bringing us this far. As we proceed from this milestone to the next stage, there are two priorities for the parish that I would like to identify:

1) The first priority is that we embark upon building a new church in Rockwood, not for our own glory, but for the glory of God. Specifically, we must prayerfully call upon the Sacred Heart of Jesus to support this project. To this end, starting Tuesday, August 29th I will be adding the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to the prayers that begin Adoration after Mass. This will enable us, week after week, to make a conscious effort to ask Jesus to support this project for his greater Glory. When I meet with the Pastoral Council this September or October, I will ask them to consider ways we can foster our personal devotion to the Sacred Heart, the namesake and patron of our parish.

2) The second priority is that we increase our weekly offerings, both by being more generous and by inviting non-practicing Catholics to join our faith community, as well as engaging in evangelization that will bring adults to seek baptism. At the moment, I have one candidate for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It would be wonderful if you could invite more to join us. They only have to be interested in becoming a Catholic. They can decide whether they want to be baptized as we approach the Easter Vigil. At any rate, the reason we need to increase our weekly offerings is that the new church will be more costly to operate, for example, increased heating bills, and not to mention paying down the loan that we will required from the Diocese. Before the Bishop gives final approval to this project, he would like to see the annual total revenue from our weekly offerings increase substantially. **There are many things we can do that will help. For example, when you aren't able to attend Mass in Rockwood on any given weekend, please bring two offering envelopes with you the next weekend. Or, which amounts to the same thing, double the amount of your offering the next week in lieu of your missed week. These offerings represent your commitment to our faith community. They are not simply a "service" fee. Our operating expenses remain the same whether you are able to attend any one Sunday or not. One guideline is to give the wage you receive for your first hour of work each week to the church. Thank you for your generosity, and please consider being more generous, if you are able. Moving forward, we need to demonstrate to the Bishop that, despite the increased expenses we will face when we occupy a new church, we are already a financially viable faith community. When I meet with the Finance Council this September, I will ask them about what we can do to address this concern of the Bishop.**

Fr. Mark Morley

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Message From Diocese of Hamilton

Families Matter – to each other, to the Church and to the community. **Let's talk** - What supports do families need from the Church? What are the pressures they face in their day to day lives? What are the challenges, joys, highs and lows in families today? Where do they seek support when it is needed? Where do they see the role of the Church in their lives and in helping them cope with everyday life issues and events?

Join us for the Symposium for Families being held on Saturday, September 23rd, 2017 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. Bishop Crosby will say Mass at 9:30; registration is at 9 a.m. and the day ends at 4 p.m. Lunch is included, child-minding is available and there is no fee. For more information, to register, or to fill in the on line survey go to the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com or call 905-528-7988 and ask for Teresa (ext. 2250) or Wendy (ext. 2241).

PARISH UPDATES

UPDATED - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Reminder, the church is open continuously from Tuesday evening 7:00 pm mass until Friday morning 8:00 am Mass, for our scheduled hours of Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament, and of course for anyone wishing to spend some time that suits them. We are presently in need to have regular participants for the hours of 1-3 am on Fridays to be shared once a month.

Call *Jane Hosdil* for further information at 519-827-1929. Thank you.

SACRED HEART CORRESPONDENCE CATECHISM PROGRAM (Parents of children in Grade 1 to Grade 8)

Sacred Heart Parish will begin taking registration for the Catechism Program in September. The catechism program is for students enrolled in a public or catholic elementary school that would like to participate in a religious education program.

The catechism program will begin on October 4, 2017. The classes will be held at Coulson Hall, from 6:30 to 7:45 pm, and will run once a month from October to May. The cost of the program is \$40.00 a student or \$90.00 for families of 3 or more. Please register by September 16th, in order that the materials can be ordered for the first day of class. The "We Believe" program is based on the four pillars of the Catholic Church.

You can register on line at the Diocese of Hamilton website.

http://hamiltondiocese.com/catechesis-registration/CCReg_2015_06.pdf

(Dates for the 2017- 2018 Catechism Program: October 4, November 1, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2.)

If you have any questions about the catechism program please call *Kathy Mazer* at 519 994 1604.

EWCS FOOD BANK donations always drops off in the Summer months. Any non-perishable food items you are able to donate would be most appreciative.
Charles Vince

YOUTH GROUP / FAMILY CHOIR: If you are interested in joining and/or supporting a new youth group in the parish, or if you and/or your children are interested in joining the 11:00am Sunday Mass Family Choir, please contact me at: pastor@sacredheartrockwood.ca. Thank you,
Fr. Mark

MICHAEL HOUSE PLAYPEN DRIVE: Michael House pregnancy centre provides shelter and support during pregnancy, childbirth, and / or early parenthood to women in need and will seek to help them make **healthy decisions for their own lives and their Children's in our community.** They offer a caring home and provide for emotional, physical and spiritual needs for crisis pregnancies and early parenting. Please be as generous as you can. Playpen Drive will start from September 16th to October 8th at all Sunday Masses.

Mary Spiteri

This Week's Events

September

- 11 *Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm*
- 12 *Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)*
- 13 *Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm moved to the Library for July and August)*
- 15 *Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)*

Did You Know?

- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta was born on August 26, 1910 in Macedonia
- At the age of 18 she joined to sisters of Loreto in Dublin, Ireland
- In 1929 she travelled to Calcutta, India to teach young girls
- She received medical training to help the poor of India
- In 1950 she established the Missionaries of Charity
- Her feast day is September 5th

INTO THE BREACH: A notice to all men in the parish! The Knights of Columbus will be running a 6-8 week series of discussions based on a booklet called **"Into the Breach"**. The topics are designed to help us improve as fathers, husbands, and Catholic men.

Copies of the booklet are available in Coulson Hall and the sessions(about 1 hour long) will run every Wednesday at 8 P.M. starting September 13 . Fr. Mark will be facilitating the sessions.

David Bell Grand Knight

Prayer Calendar for Priests

Every day, in our diocese we are invited to pray for a priest serving in our parishes

- Mon. - Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou
- Tues. - Rev. Kevin Cull
- Wed. - Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
- Thurs. - Rev. Roger Yaworski, S.J.
- Fri. - Rev. Vernon Boyd, S.J.
- Sat. - Rev. Jan Michalski, S.Chr.