

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24th, 2017

Mass Times

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

DAILY: Monday **No Mass**
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday **No Mass**
Thursday **No Mass**
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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

(SEPTEMBER 26TH TO OCTOBER 1ST)

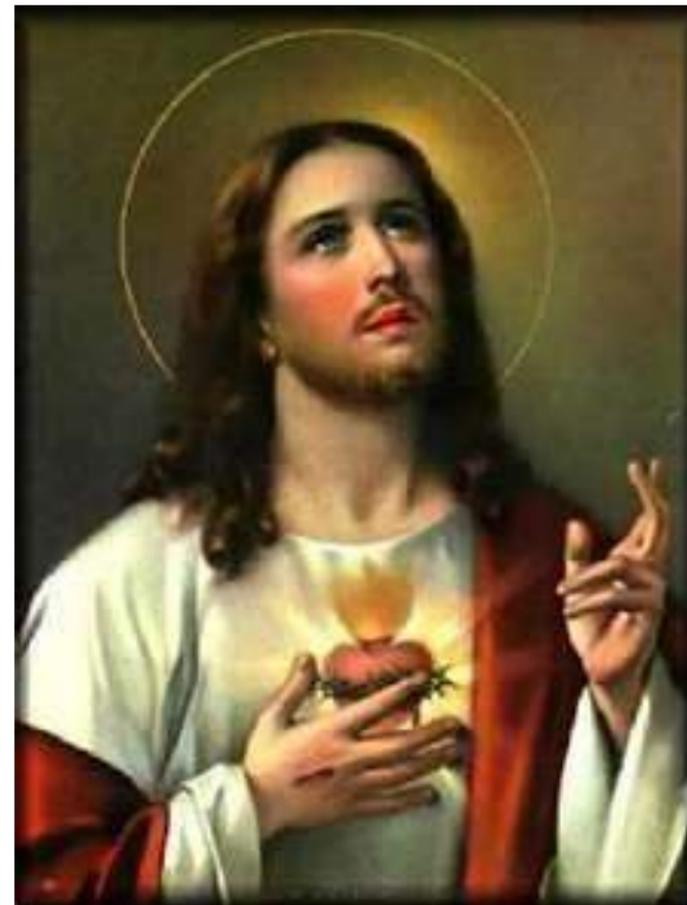
Tuesday 7:00 pm *KofC members & their Families*
Friday 8:00 am † *Alan Spak & deceased family members*

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Saturday 5:00 pm *Gianfranco Belli: Ciaschi Family*
Sunday 9:00 am † *Ruth Wright: Charles & Jackie Vince*
11:00 am *For the People*

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley
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Gospel Quotation:

**"The last will be first,
and the first will be last."**

Pastor's Message

BACK TO CHURCH

We often think of September as "back to school" time. But in many ways it is also "back to church" time. Many of us travelled and took vacations over the summer. Apart from the Coulson Cup, there wasn't much happening in the parish over the summer. But now that it's September it's time to get back in the habit of attending Sunday Mass regularly. And it's time to get involved in the parish in various ways.

Along with having the Saturday night Mass back in Rockwood, there have been a number of changes in our parish music ministry. Noel Brett and the Sacred Heart Symphony are once again providing music ministry for the Saturday 5:00pm Mass. The Muia Family Singers recently retired. I'm very grateful for their years of serving the parish. It was my first Sunday as pastor over two years ago when the organist retired. Now it's time to bring back the organ. Charles Vince has volunteered to work with Julian Mason, our new organist, to provide music ministry for the Sunday 9:00am Mass in the church. As for the 11:00am Mass at Sacred Heart School, last Sunday Mrs. Ondercin, the school principal, lead the parish **Children's Choir**. I'm very pleased to announce that we have had a number of parishioners volunteer to take turns leading each week along with Mrs. Ondercin. This means that the children in the school choir can join the parish Children's Choir whenever they attend the 11:00am Mass. As we try to encourage more families to attend Mass in Rockwood, this is a very exciting venture!

Speaking of encouraging Catholics to attend Sunday Mass, in my homily last week I quoted Pope Francis saying that: "an evangelizing community is filled with joy; it knows how to rejoice always. It celebrates every small victory, every step forward in the work of evangelization. Evangelization with joy becomes beauty in the liturgy, as part of our daily concern to spread goodness. The Church evangelizes and is herself evangelized through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelization and the source of her renewed self-giving." [EG 24] The beauty of the liturgy is one way to attract people to come to church. The music ministry greatly enhances the beauty of the Mass. And the way the Ministers of the Word and Ministers of Communion approach their ministries with reverence also enhances the beauty of the Mass. Having said that, we have had a number of ministers resign or move from the parish recently. Please let me know if you feel called to become a Lector or Minister of Communion. There is a Ministers of the Word Formation Day coming up on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 9:30am-12:00pm at St. Joseph Parish, Guelph. There is also a Ministers of Communion Formation Day coming up on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 1:30pm-4:00pm at St. Joseph Parish, Guelph. If this date doesn't work for you, let me know. There are other dates for these workshops taking place elsewhere in the diocese in October and November. Also please let me know if you would like to become an usher. There are no workshops involved.

Please note that our Catechism Classes for children attending public schools resume on Wednesday, October 4th. If you know any families with children in public school requiring sacramental preparation, please let me know. There will be a meeting in the church for all parents with children preparing for their First Communion on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:00pm, and a meeting in the church for all parents with children preparing for Confirmation on Tuesday, October 10th. I also encourage you to invite adults you know who would like to become Catholic to please contact me. Finally, I would like to mention that I'm very excited to announce that our new Youth Group will be holding its first meeting for students in Grade 8 to 12 on Friday, September 22nd at 7:00pm in Coulson Hall. And there will be pizza! Speaking of food, Annual Turkey Supper is coming up on Monday, October 2nd. Unlike the summer, there is lots now happening in the parish. In the words of Pope Francis, we pray that our faith community may be "... a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." [EG 114]

Fr. Mark Morley

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PARISH UPDATES

SACRED HEART CORRESPONDENCE CATECHISM PGM. (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

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

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

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

MISSION APPEAL: Next weekend, at all masses, Rev. Raju Pilla will be speaking about the works and needs of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum in India. Trivandrum has about 270,000 Catholics. 90% of the people are traditional fishermen who depend on fishing for their livelihood and 10% are farm workers who are recent converts from low caste Hindus. "Harvest is plentiful but Laborers are few!" Unemployment and poverty are most rampant in this community. The Archdiocese depends on outside assistance to support its clergy, seminarians and Catechists and to continue its Spiritual, Educational and Economic developmental programs for the Community. Many coastal villages of the Archdiocese are still struggling to recover from the 2004 Tsunami devastation which destroyed many lives, homes and fishing equipments.

We are making progress!

One of our challenges is to find ongoing assistance with food and lodge to support the poorest students who are admitted in our two special High Schools that were established after Tsunami.

Won't you be as generous as you can in the second collection? Your sacrifice for the Missions is very much appreciated and may God bless you.

Rev. Raju B. Pilla, Mission Rep.

This Week's Events

September

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

October

- 2 Turkey Supper (Rockmosa Hall)
4 Catechism Class (6:45pm Coulson Hall)

Did You Know?

- * The third set of mysteries of the rosary are the Sorrowful Mysteries
* These mysteries about the events of Good Friday
* The Agony in the garden – when Jesus was captured by the soldiers
* The Scourging at the Pillar – when Jesus was hurt by the soldiers
* The Crowning with Thorns – when the soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus
* The Carrying of the Cross – when Jesus was forced to carry the cross
* The Crucifixion – when Jesus was nailed to the cross, suffered and died

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Kindergarten and Grade one children are invited to participate in the Children Liturgy starting on October 1 2017, at the 11:00am Mass at Sacred Heart School.

Fr. Mark Morley

Prayer Calendar for Priests

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

- Mon. - Rev. Gerald Mulhall
Tues. - Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.,D.D.
Wed. - Sisters of St. Joseph (C.S.J.)
Thurs. - Rev. James McSharry
Fri. - Rev. William Clarke, S.J.
Sat. - Rev. Daniel Dsyauswa, S.J.