SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 26th, 2017 Mass Times



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DAILY: Monday Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday No Mass
Friday 8:00 am

Confessions

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

(November 27TH TO DECEMBER 3RD)

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

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5:00 pm † Alan Spak & deceased family members

Sunday 9:00 am † John V. Gregory: Brian & Sharon Gregory

11:00 am For the People

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley pastor@sacredheartrockwood.ca



Gospel Quotation:

"The Son of Man ... will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him."

Pastor's Message

BE A GOOD STEWARD

Thank you for your generosity. Your offerings provide the financial support needed to operate our current facilities and to plan for building a new church with the funds we've saved over many years. The good news is that we are closer than ever to building a new church that will serve the parish and Camp Brebeuf. By Christmas I hope to show you some conceptual drawings that I and the New Build Committee have been developing with our architect. Although we will need a loan to complete this project, we have enough funds for the down payment. The financial challenge for us will be affording the costs associated with a larger facility. Before he approves the building of the new church, Bishop Crosby would like us to demonstrate that we can financially support the operating and maintenance of the new building. Hence, I need to ask you to consider increasing your weekly offerings. Have a look at the chart below and see where you line up in terms of a percentage of you household income. You may wonder how all these Protestant churches maintain old buildings with small congregations. Well, most of them give 10% of their income to the church. In past, we Catholics have been able to get away with giving about 1% because our congregations have tended to be much larger. However, with declining church attendance and continuing expenses, Catholics throughout our diocese will have to start giving more. Like I said, have a look at the chart and pray -there's even a prayer provided- about whether you might move your percentage one or two columns to the right. Be a good steward. And be assured of my prayers and the prayers of future pastors and parishioners in gratitude for your generosity for generations to come.

Fr. Mark Morley

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"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." Psalm 24:1

Almighty and eternal God, you alone are the source of every good gift. We thank you for the blessings you pour out on us, signs of your infinite goodness, given freely out of love. Continue to form each of us into faithful stewards of your abundant blessings. Help us to cultivate our gifts with care and love, to share them generously with those in need, and to return them with increase to you, our heavenly Father. As you renew all things in Christ, grant to our Parish a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Draw us more perfectly into union with you, so that we might grow in your love and announce to the world your saving presence. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

PARISH UPDATES

PERPETUAL ADORATION: Reminding everyone to drop into Adoration anytime from Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00am, or consider joining for a regular hour. We are still looking for a courageous person, to join a rotation of 2 parishioners for Fridays 1:00-3:00 AM. Grace received is doubled for Adoration during these hours! For information call Jane Hosdil, 519-827-1929

BOTTLE DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus are having our annual bottle drive to raise funds to support the Ontario Special Olympics. We are asking for donations of empty alcohol, wine and beer bottles and cans, to be dropped off in Coulson Hall throughout the Christmas season. Thank you for all your support.

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

"THE FIRST CHRISTMAS" - The Annual Children's

Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 17th, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic School (5146 Wellington Rd. 27) at 10:30a.m. All interested children will be given parts in the pageant and they will be able to sing their hearts out to famous Christmas Carols. Final sign up for the pageant is this weekend. The first rehearsal will be held in Coulson Hall at 6:30 pm this Wednesday November 22. For more information contact: Loretta Vince 519 856 9409 or Maria Grech 519-856-2036.

CHRISTMAS CAKES: Campaign Life will be doing their Christmas Fundraiser again this year. Christmas Cakes will be sold after all weekend Masses starting November 18-19 and closing on November 25-26. The Cakes also make a nice gift!

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

THE ANNUAL ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL WITH THE DIOCESAN CHOIR will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on December 10, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. It is a beautiful and prayerful way to celebrate the Advent season in word and song and to prepare worthily for the celebration of Christmas. Special guest choir: St. Michael Spanish Choir (Oakville). All are welcome.

ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY is working closely with Kitchener's Grand Philharmonic Choir in this year's presentation of Handel's *MESSIAH*. The choral "event" takes place on Saturday evening, December 9th, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at *The Centre in the Square*, Kitchener, and will feature digital presentations of illustrations from The Saint John's Bible throughout the choral presentation. A pre-concert lecture at the Art Gallery begins at 6:30 p.m. for those who are interested (This will conclude the year-long visit of one of the volumes of The Saint John's Bible to St. Jerome's.) Another superb Advent celebration!

This Week's Events

November

- 27 Rosary for Peace Sacred Heart 7:00pm
- 29 Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)
- 30 Christmas Pageant rehearsal (6:30pm Coulson Hall)

December

- 1 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)
- 6 Catechism Class (6:30pm Coulson Hall)

Did You Know?

- * Advent begins next weekend
- * The Advent wreath reminds us of God's everlasting love
- * There are four candles on the Advent wreath three purple and one pink.
- * Each week has a different message: hope, peace, joy and love
- * A new candle is lit for each of the four weeks of Advent
- * The "Gaudette" or pink candle is lit the third week
- * Cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude & temperance

GINGERBREAD HOUSE RAFFLE

Once again, Yvonne Chin has graciously donated a gingerbread house to be raffled off, with proceeds going to the "9am Mass Music Ministry".

- * Tickets: Can be purchased after each mass, during hospitality.
 - 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00
- * Draw: Dec. 10, after 9:00 Mass, in Coulson Hall.

Also: special Christmas angel decorations, created by Rose Corrigan, will be sold.

Prayer Calendar for Priests

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

Mon. - Rev. Aurimas Rudinskas, O.P.

Tues. - Rev. Bradley Markus

Wed. - Lay Parish Ministers

Thurs. - Rev. Jeff Bergsma Fri. - Rev. Paul Boucher

Sat. - Rev. Donald Wilhelm