

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 24, 2019



**Nov. 25 – Dec. 1**

**Mon** 9:00 am – Scott Misner +  
**Tue** 9:00 am – Harney Family (Int)  
 10:15 am Gateway Haven– Martin & Linda Schnurr (Int)  
 7:00 pm – St. Mary's High School (Int)  
**Wed** 9:00 am– Betty Moran +  
 7:00 pm Meaford – Fr. Francis Hubilla (Int)  
**Thu** 9:00 am – Joe Grzesik +  
 7:00 pm – Notre Dame Catholic School (Int)  
**Fri** 9:00 am – Muriel & Aurel Arseneau +  
 7:00 pm – **Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Crosby  
**Saturday – November 30**  
 9:30 am Lion's Head – Pro Populo  
 11:30 am Tobermory – Chuck Sloat +  
 5:00 pm Owen Sound – Roy Hamilton +

## First Sunday of Advent – December 1

9:00 am Chatsworth – Frank Beirnes +  
 9:00 am Hepworth – Julius & Catharina van Aalst +  
 9:00 am OS – Mark Strong +  
 11:00 am OS – Jackie & T. Way McDonald +  
 11:00 am Wiarton – Smokey & Anna Elliott  
 & Kilian Gantschnig +  
 11:00 am Meaford – Harold & Marie Jones +  
 1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

## From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar This week we pray for:

Mon Fr. Marko Puljic  
 Tue Fr. Stipe Renic  
 Wed Diocese of Hamilton Cemetery Staff  
 Thu Fr. Peter Watters  
 Fri Fr. Ilija Petkovic  
 Sat Msgr. Ivan Vuksic

### \* Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick:

Available upon request

### \* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Friday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm



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Tuesday – Confirmation Retreat ..... 9:30 am  
 Wednesday – Choir ..... 7:00 pm  
 Friday – Divine Mercy Devotion ..... 3:00 pm

## From the Pastor's Desk:

**No to 'Self Help'** - The history of philosophy can be divided into three distinct periods: ancient, medieval, and modern. Each period has a unique focus. Ancient philosophy focused on the cosmos as the centre of all inquiry, we call it cosmological approach. In this cosmological approach people saw beauty and wonder in all that surrounded them, and looked for wisdom in those realities. Cosmos provided them with the necessary

content for thinking, reflecting, and understanding. In the Middle Ages philosophy shifted to a theocentric approach. This approach looked towards God as the focus of all wisdom and wonder. Reflections on the existence of God and His creative power became the key to understanding a sense of meaning and purpose for our lives. With Rene Descartes and his famous quote: "I think therefore I am" modern philosophy was born. Modern philosophy is anthropocentric, meaning that it is focused on the human experience as the source of all wisdom and wonder. From our faith's perspective we would say that this modern approach to philosophy has moved us away from God and from the world around us. It placed me, a human being, as the centre of the universe. We see the influence of this modern approach to philosophy even today with the very popular "self-help" approach to resolving our problems. Just go to the book store and see how many "self-help" books exist, with their modern philosophical approach to resolving human dilemmas, namely, only you can help you. As Christians we have a very different way of responding to human problems. Instead of helping ourselves we look to God and seek His help. After all, if we look honestly at our past experiences it is hard to deny the limitations that exist within ourselves. We can't do it alone. This modern approach to philosophy and human existence has failed us, leaving us isolated, frustrated, and lonely. The Church provides us with a much better approach to life. It is focused on a realization that we are not alone, we were created by God, we exist with God's help, and we are called to move closer to God. God also provides us with the best help on this journey. Instead of a "self-help" book, God gives us Himself. The best way to fight against difficulties is not by retreating deeper into our own selves, but moving closer to God and His holy people. Next time you feel in need of some help, don't look for a "self-help" book. Instead, pick up God's Holy Word and seek God's wisdom for your life. Come to Church and be with others who believe in the One who can heal. Know that you are not alone, God is with you, God has something to offer you.

*Fr. Wojtek Kuzma*

## \* In the Parish \*

**Confirmation Retreat** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, for this we must cancel Tuesday morning Bible Study and afternoon Cards. We apologize for this inconvenience.

**Council 2092 of the Knights of Columbus** thanks to our pastor, Fr. Kuzma and the congregation at the 9:00 am Mass on November 10<sup>th</sup> for their patience and graciousness while the memorial roll of deceased brothers was recited.



**Many thanks, also,** to the parishioners who helped to make the November Fish Fry such a success. Events such as these help to fortify our community and bring us together. Deo gratias.

**K of C looking for donations** of candy, pencils, pens and erasers, etc. to fill small gift bags to give to the school children at Cape Croker on First Nations Reserve on the last day of school before Christmas. The gift bags are given out by Santa himself. K of C Council 2092 Owen Sound has been doing this since the 1940s and it has brought many smiles to the children Charitable receipts available. For more information, please call Randy Gaudet [519 270 9535](tel:519-270-9535)



**Catholic Women's League News - For our Annual Christmas Fundraiser we are having a Bake Sale and two raffles:** a Food Basket, and a 50/50 Draw. Money raised from the Food Basket will be donated to Union Place, Canadian Mental Health Grey-Bruce: and from the 50/50 Draw the proceeds will go to St. Basil's Breakfast Club. The Draw will take place after the 5.00 pm Mass on Saturday, November 23. **The Bake Sale is this weekend after all Masses.**



**St Mary's CWL membership fees** now due for 2020. The cost is \$25. Please use the blue envelope from your box of envelopes. Be sure to put your name, address and phone number on the envelope and place it in the collection basket. Thank you.

**Like to knit?** A casual knitting group has started up in St. Mary's church hall, following 9:00 am Mass on Thursdays. All are welcome to join.

**The 2019-2020 Missals** – the *Living with Christ* Missals are in. They're available in the church office, during office hours - \$5 each. We'll also be selling them before and after Mass on the weekends of November 16/17 and 23/24. As always, lectors will receive a complimentary missal.



### \* In the Community \*

**Georgian Bay Concert Choir – Handel's Messiah** Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Georgian Shores United Church, 997 4<sup>th</sup> Ave East, Owen Sound. Tickets: \$25 adult, \$5 youth, available at Birgit's Pastry Café (Owen Sound Artists' Coop), from choristers, or at the door. For more info call 519-372-1364.



**Plus a Community Event** – join Georgian Bay Concert Choir for a Messiah Sing-A-Long. Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Harmony Centre at 2:00 pm. Pay what you can. Everyone welcome.

### \* In the Diocese \*

**Marriage Tip of the Month** - Touch is important to every human, but when life is busy we can forget its value. A quick kiss, a touch of the arm or back, a quick or long back scratch are just a few ways that spouses can remain close to each other. Each touch bonds us together and touching when intimacy is not part of the exchange means so much more: it says I love you, you are important and I need you. So hold hands, sit close on the couch and find

little and big ways to touch. It will have a profound impact on your connectedness! (*Family Ministry Office, Diocese of Hamilton*)

### Have you experienced the death of a child at any time in your life, including before birth or a still birth?

Come to the Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child – the Mass will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Advent as a way of providing some healing, as we know the feelings of loss are often more profound during the Christmas season. Join us on **Sunday, December 1st at the 4 P.M. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**. The Mass is intended for parents, grandparents and other family members who have been impacted by such a loss. Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist us in knowing how many spaces to reserve and to ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. To register please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on-line at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence.

### For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members



who are in need of our prayers: for Aidan Fitzpatrick, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Scott Fitzpatrick, Steven Scott, Shelley Curley, Ron McCoy, Patricia McMillan, Jim Cooper, Karl Fortney, Shannon Daultrey, Marjorie Forcier, Arthur Diaz, Sherri Maine, Paul Van Scheyndel, Paul Bagget, Doug Woolway, Coleen Warmington, baby Sutton and baby Kellen, Rosaleen Engel, Marilyn Schinbein, Becki Knisley, Joanne LaFlamme Talbot, June Peet, Mike Adams, Sharon Cantlon, Tom McDonnell, Maureen McTeague, Vern Finlayson, Fred Fries, Josh Cahoon, and Sean McTeague, - **We pray to the Lord.** If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please call the office. **Each year – beginning in September - we will begin our prayer list anew.**

### Donations for November 16 / 17, 2019

Owen Sound	5,044
Meaford	800
Warton	771
Hepworth	681
Chatsworth	514
Lion's Head	276
Sauble Beach	234
Tobermory	132
Latin Mass	541
	<b>\$ 8,993</b>

**Weekly cost to run St. Mary's & the Missions \$11,130**

*God bless you for your generosity*

**Honey** for sale in support of the New Rectory Build has been well received. 155 jars have been purchased to date, with \$5 from each jar going straight to the building fund. If you've been planning to purchase a jar, don't delay, as there are only about 50 jars remaining. Sales will wrap up by the end of December. Honey is available in the church foyer, or at the office, at St Mary's Owen Sound, for \$10 per 1kg jar.