



Pastor:

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MASSES

Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon
Saturday 10:00 am

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:30 am

Holy Hour:

Friday 11:00 am

Confessions:

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm
Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &
11 - 11:25 am

Baptism:

Call to make arrangements

MARRIAGE

Twelve months notice and Marriage Course usually required

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OFFICE HOURS

Tues-Fri. 9:30 am -4:00pm

For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

Please call 705-526-6313 ext 1 and we will be happy to assist you with your other needs.

PARISH LIFE

Parish Secretary	Juanita Wootton-Radko
Custodian	Jim Lamers
Choirs	Adele Heins
Saturday 5:00 pm	Adele Heins
Sunday 9:00 am	Adele Heins
Sunday 11:30 am	Pauline Brabant
Finance Council	Katie Goulbourne & Ruth Dusome
Floral Decorations	Shelley LeBoeuf
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GROUPS

Catholic Women's League	Sandra Morson	705-527-6375
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Marian Prayer Group	Lillian Latanville	705-526-3892
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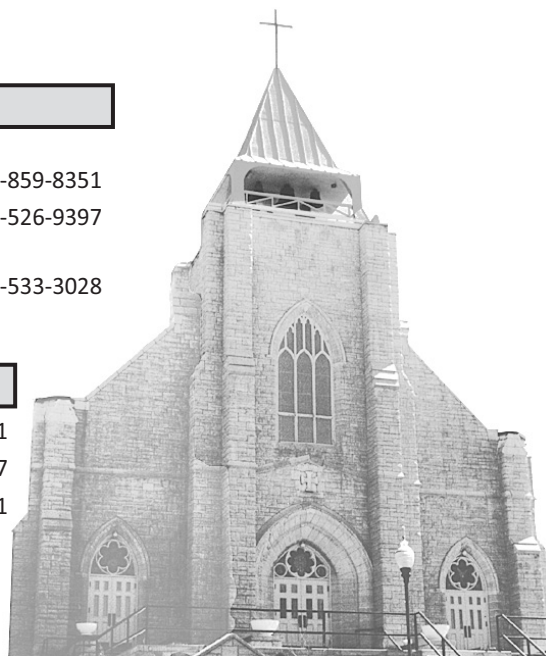
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Patricia Stenton	705-956-0632
	Conrad Stenton	705-529-1403
Children's Liturgy	Katie Heffernan	heffernankt@gmail.com

OTHER SERVICES

Natural Family Planning	
Humanae Vitae Centre (Linda)	905-859-8351
Catholic Family Services	705-526-9397
Huronian Right-to-Life	
(Michael Vanden Heuvel)	705-533-3028

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Monsignor Castex School	705-526-2831
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True Fulfillment of the Law

One of the charges frequently brought against Jesus by the religious leaders of his day was that he violated the prescriptions of the law. Of course, they were referring to the laws handed down from Moses and was interpreted by the scribes and Pharisees.

Many times, we saw Jesus go against the law. When he cured the sick on the Sabbath, he was not observing the law of the Sabbath. By sitting down with sinners and sharing meals with them, Jesus was violating the law as interpreted by the religious leaders. Jesus and his disciples were criticized by the Pharisees because they did not carefully follow the religious prescriptions about washing their hands before eating and other such prescriptions.

We may get the impression that Jesus was a habitual lawbreaker or that he did not respect the law. Yet in this Sunday's Gospel reading, we hear Jesus telling us that he did not come to abolish the law. He even admonishes us that he is concerned about the smallest letter of the law. Was Jesus consistent? How does Jesus want us to understand his message of this gospel passage? How can we put together what may seem to be a contradiction between what Jesus said and how he acted?

The apparent contradiction is resolved by a very important distinction with regard to religious laws: the distinction between the external letter of the law and the internal *spirit* of the law. To merely observe the external letter of the law while not observing the internal spirit of the law is actually *violating* the law by robbing the law of its real meaning and significance. An observance of the mere external letter of the law without paying attention to the inner meaning of the law may seem to be a correct observance of the law, but actually, it is violating the law by not observing its purpose.

When we examine those occasions when Jesus seemed not to observe the law, we see that in all instances what Jesus was doing was very carefully observing the intention or meaning of the law. Jesus was showing that without observing the inner spirit of the law, which is always for the good of people, the mere external execution of the law's prescriptions is empty of the religious meaning for which the law is given. In other words, over all the various laws with their rules and regulations, love of God and neighbor is always the supreme law.

That is why Jesus speaks to us in today's Gospel reading not just about observing the law (or laws), but about fulfilling the law. Yes, Jesus has come not to abolish the law but to live the law according to its real meaning.

Tuesday February 14

Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

12:05 +Antonin & Ludmila Borysek
Requested by Janice and Tony

Wednesday February 15

12:05 Special Intentions of Carmel Cox
4:30 First Reconciliation

Thursday February 16

12:05 +Willi Wilfling
Requested by Mary Ann

Friday February 17

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

11am – Holy Hour
12:05 + Steve Bradshaw
Requested by Kevin, Mena and the McGill family

Saturday February 18

Blessed Virgin Mary

10 am +Adam Stevens, Matthew Toms
Requested by Michael Stevens

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass – Saturday February 18

5 pm + Bernice Juneau
Requested by Marie and Cathy

Sunday – February 19

9am + Stephen Bernard
Requested by Adele & Kerry Heins

11:30 am +Edward Percival
Requested by Diane and family



The Pope's Prayer Intention for February

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome to towards those most in need.

That is what is meant by fulfilling the law. And it is in that sense that Jesus tells us that our holiness must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees. They were very much concerned about following all the rules and regulations externally, but they were not so concerned about observing the spirit which gives the real meaning of the law.

So, with a very clear conscience, Jesus is able to show that not all laws and regulations are of equal importance. Surely, he would follow even many external prescriptions of the law, but whenever there was a conflict between the less important observance and the more important observance, which is the observance of love, he would fulfill the supreme law of love. And by his example he "explains" what today's Gospel message is for us as we try to be people who religiously fulfill the law.

The paradox is that if we merely observe the externals of the law but do not observe the inner spirit of the law, we actually abolish the law! And Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law.

Grace and peace,

Father R C R A



Please remember the following people in your

prayers: Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter Pattenaude; Bob Kokron; Brenda Bylow; John Jerome

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and

friends: Verna Marchand; Deacon Bill Carson; Mary Graham; Mary McCarthy;

Give the Gift of Music!

We love to worship together and praise God through music. Help us celebrate Him in song by donating towards the purchase of new Gather hymnals for St. Margaret's Parish. Any amount is welcome, and for donations of \$45 or more, parishioners wishing to make donations in memory of a loved one can have their name inside the hymnal. Special envelopes available at the back of the church or at the parish office.



HYMNAL UPDATE!

Our goal is to purchase 300 Gather 4th edition hymnals for the pews. So far, we have raised **\$8,725.00**, (which is \$7,240 church donations +1485 in matched funds).

We are over halfway to our target of \$12,000. Thanks to a generous pledge of \$3,000 of match funding from Gerard and Lana Lyons, the parish community needs to raise another \$3,000 to reach our goal.

Gerard has served as a lector at St Margaret's for many years and Lana joined the choir fifteen years ago. They value how the Music Ministry enhances the experience of worship by heightening the Word of God with music and provides beauty to the liturgy through music. The new hymnals will enable the congregation to participate in the song of the assembly actively and fully. Your continued support for the Gift of Music is most appreciated.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The children of St Margaret's parish are invited to join us for *"Lent to Easter, a Joyful Journey"*.

We will meet in the Atrium, a room especially prepared for children to explore the Holy Scriptures as well as the Liturgy of the Mass with certified catechists.

We welcome children

Ages 3-6 on Thursdays 4-6 pm, beginning March 3

Ages 6-9 on Tuesdays 4-6 pm, beginning Feb 28 and

Ages 9 to 12 on Mondays 4-6 pm, beginning Feb 27

Sessions will continue until June 1.

A fee of \$30 per child (or \$50 per family) will help us to cover the cost of art supplies and other materials provided. To register and to visit the Atrium please contact Patricia at patricia.stenton@gmail.com or at 705 956-0632.

KOC Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023, at 9 & 11:30 am

The Knights of Columbus, Laurier Council 2004 are cooking up a delicious pancake breakfast. Everyone welcome!

Free-will offering

KOC Exemplification for New Members:

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023, at 6:30pm

St. Margaret's Church followed by Council Meeting. *All knights are encouraged to attend to welcome our new members.* Our regular Council Meeting will follow the exemplification.

CWL News

Our monthly meeting is on **Monday Feb. 13, at 1:00 pm.** Ladies of the parish are invited to attend and learn more about the activities of our CWL

CWL Public Speaking Contest

The CWL-sponsored Public Speaking Contest for Catholic school students is on Thursday Feb. 16th at 7:00 pm. Parishioners are invited to attend and support our students.


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