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

For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

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PARISH LIFE

Parish Secretary

Juanita Wootton-Radko

Choirs Saturday 5:00 pm

Adele Heins

Sunday 9:00 am

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Sunday 11:30 am

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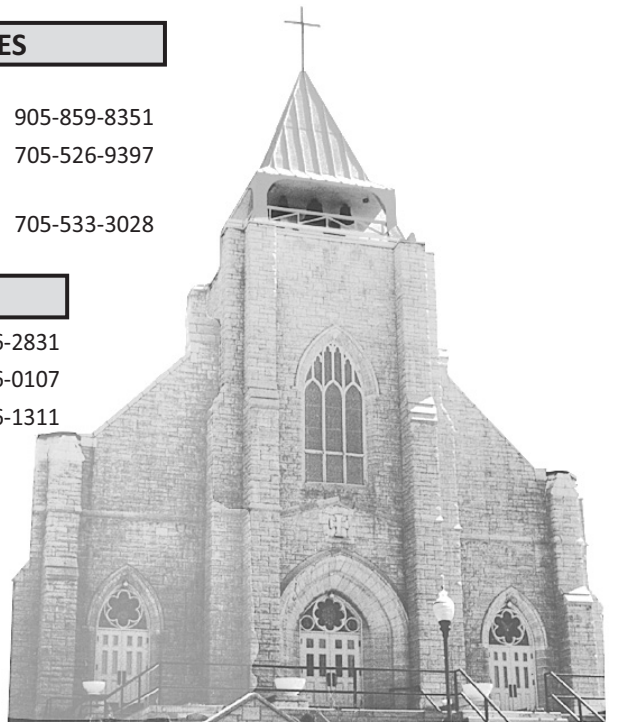
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Be Healed



Tuesday Feb.13th

12:05pm +Antonin & Ludmila Borysek

Requested by the family

Wednesday Feb. 14th

Ash Wednesday

9:30 am School Mass

12:05 pm and 7:00 pm

Thursday Feb. 15th

12:05 pm + B. J. Sheba

Requested by the Contois family

Friday Feb.16th

11 am – Holy Hour

12:05 pm + Ryan Hebner

Requested by Bernadette & family

Saturday, Feb. 17th

10:00 am Special Intentions for Rev. John Michael Lee, C.P.

Requested by Gord & Cathy McKay

First Sunday Of Lent

Saturday Feb. 17th

5 pm +Peter Zuk

Requested by Lana Lyons

Sunday Feb 18th

9 am Mass for the People

11:30 am Special Intention for Louis & Vivien Van Gulick

Requested by Bernadette & family

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

The Old Testament had clear-cut laws regarding leprosy--it was considered a "kiss of death". As soon as the telltale signs of leprosy appeared on the skin, the person was obliged by law to submit to an examination in the temple. If, indeed, it was leprosy, the afflicted was told to live outside the city walls and live on the alms of generous people.

Lepers were to tie a bell around their necks to declare their condition because the law stipulated that people who were clean should stand 10 metres away from a leper in order not to be defiled. Like in this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 1: 40-45), lepers were ostracized, rejected and not worthy to be in the company of normal and healthy human beings.

One aspect of Christian love – the respect of the feelings of others – is shown in the story. Those who have been sick with contagious diseases would have the capacity to understand and appreciate what Jesus did in the Gospel story. Jesus did not only go near the leper, adding insult to the injury, He touched and healed the leper.

Jesus is the sacrament of our encounter with God. As human, He is the one sure way to knowing God and how this God relates to us. We do not have to imagine who this God is because He has decided to reveal Himself to us in a human way in and through the man, Jesus. We, therefore, can have a sure knowledge of God from what Jesus did, how He behaved, and what He thought. It is on this basis that we know for certain about God's forgiveness, God's acceptance, and God's love.

Lepers represented those who were ostracized, rejected and not worthy to be in company with 'normal' people. One does not have to have leprosy to undergo such an experience. Each one of us must have once, or many times in our lives felt that we too, due to our sinfulness, our weaknesses, or the horrible things we have done (or had done to us), feel like we don't deserve to be in the company of others.

We sometimes feel unworthy of God and excluded from His loving embrace and concern. It is in moments like these when we must have the courage to believe that God our Father behaves to us as Jesus did to the leper. No one is ever rejected by God. (We are the ones who reject Him and His love). God accepts us with no questions asked (the approach of the father to his 'prodigal' son). God wants to reach to us – to touch us, heal us, and make us whole again.

Grace and Peace,
Father R C R A

Adult Faith Formation Series

A light lunch will be provided after each session—free-will offering gratefully accepted.

Passion of Jesus Christ

Sat. March 2 and 9th 10:45 am – 11:45 am
Go deeper in your faith this Lenten season with Fr. Wayne Bolton's in-depth speaking series illustrating the Passion narratives of the gospels.

Celtic Spirituality

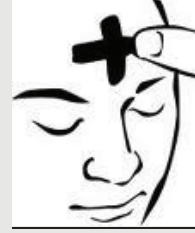
Sat. March 16 10:45 am – 11:45 am
Fr. Wayne Bolton covers monasteries, missionaries and the sacred spaces of the Emerald Isle.

Kindergarten Registration at SMCDSB

Is your child turning 4 in 2024? If so, it's time to register for Kindergarten!

Catholic schools offer distinct faith-filled learning experiences, with a combined focus on academic, spiritual, social and emotional growth. Together, our Catholic schools and our parish community will guide children in their ongoing growth in faith.

We encourage parents who want to register their child for Kindergarten to visit the website at smcdsb.on.ca for welcome videos and registration information.



Ash Wednesday Masses

9:30 *School Mass*

12:05 PM and 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the forty days leading up to Easter. On this special day of reflection, Catholics wear a marking of the cross in ash on their foreheads. The ashes symbolize our mortality – *"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

Stations of the Cross +

There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm starting on Friday, Feb. 16th.

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Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Marie Logan, Lisa Wright, Judy Martin, Mark Charlebois, Michael Pontze, Frank Whitkins, Dottie Whitkens, Vincentia Bee, Bob Dorion, Carol Quesnelle, Barrett Smith, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire; Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek; Lloyd Leroux; Mary Fletcher; Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter Pattenaude; Brenda Bylow; Marshal Laurin, John Gunther, and Marilyn Dalton

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends: Julia Vanbiesbrook, Bob Kokron, Rev. Noel Whelan and Rev. Manfred Schmid.

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