

First & Second Sundays of Lent

May our Lord Bless you and your families

St. John the Evangelist - Waubaushene
St. Mary of the Assumption - Victoria Harbour
St. Louis Mission - Mt. St. Louis Louis

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Office Hours: Sundays 8 a.m. – 2 p.m./Wednesdays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sunday Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m. St. John's Church
Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Louis Church
Sunday 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's Church

Weekday Masses:

St. Mary's-Wednesday-10:00 a.m., Friday-10:00 a.m.

Websites

St. John's: <https://stjohntheevangelistwa.archtoronto.org>

St. Mary's: <https://stmarysvi.archtoronto.org>

St. Louis: <https://stlouisvi.archtoronto.org>

Confession: before or after Mass or by appointment

Baptism, Marriage, Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the Rectory

Items in the bulletin by Wednesday, please

Cemeteries: St. Louis-705-739-5868, St. Mary's-705-543-1789, St. John's-Sanderson's-705-326-6131

St. Antoine Daniel Catholic Elementary School - Victoria Harbour - 705-534-3391

St. Theresa's Catholic High School – Midland - 705-526-1311

MASS INTENTIONS – February 17th to March 1st, 2024

First Sunday of Lent:

Sat. Feb. 17th - St. John's – 5:00 pm – A Special Intention for the Doyle & Murray Families

Sun. Feb. 18th – St. Louis – 9:00 am – For the Parishioners

Sun. Feb. 18th – St. Mary's – 10:30 am – For the living & deceased members of the Quesnelle & Roberts Families – requested by Allan & Carol Quesnelle

Wed. Feb. 21st - St. Mary's – 10:00 am – available

Fri. Feb. 23rd - St. Mary's – 10:00 am – available

Second Sunday of Lent:

Sat. Feb. 24th - St. John's – 5:00 pm – Helena Thompson requested by the Geroux Family

Sun. Feb. 25th – St. Louis – 9:00 am – Peter Blackman requested by the Parishioners of St. Louis

Sun. Feb. 25th – St. Mary's - 10:30 am – For the Parishioners

Wed. Feb. 28th – St. Mary's – 10:00 am – available

Fri. Mar. 1st – St. Mary's – 10:00 am – available

Masses for the Deceased or for Special Intentions - If you would like a Mass celebrated for your loved one or friend or parish member please use your own envelope or the envelopes at the back of the church. The stipend is \$20.00 for announced masses and \$10.00 for unannounced.

If you require a Mass Card please leave a message at the office (705-538-2353).

Sanctuary Lamp Candle - If would like to donate the Sanctuary Lamp Candle for a week in honour of a loved one you may do so by making a donation of \$10.00 or more, and their name will be put in the bulletin. Just ask me after mass, or drop an envelope, provided at the back of the church, in the collection with the name of your loved one. - *Fr. John*

Sanctuary Candle:

St. John's – available

St. Louis – available

St. Mary's – Armos and Olive Cloutier requested by Paul Cloutier

Offertory (February 3rd/4th): St. John's- \$725.00, St. Mary's- \$1,052.00, St. Louis- \$353.00.

This includes Pre-Authorized Giving. Thank you.

Offertory (February 10th/11th): St. John's- \$640.00, St. Mary's- \$1,068.15, St. Louis- \$288.00.

This includes Pre-Authorized Giving. Thank you.

Building Fund – February: St. John's- \$370.00, St. Mary's- \$398.00, St. Louis- \$100.00.

This includes Pre-Authorized Giving. Thank you.

Building Fund – March 2nd/3rd

ShareLife – March 16th/17th

Kindergarten Registration at Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board:

Is your child turning 4 in 2024? If so, please visit the school board website at smcdsb.on.ca for welcome videos and registration information.

Dates to Note:

- **Saturday, March 9** clocks spring ahead one hour
- **March Break is March 11-15**
- **Easter Sunday, March 31**

Confessions During Lent: Fr. Bill and myself will be available after Sunday Masses for Confession in our churches. On **Thursday, March 14th** the area priest's will be at **St. Margaret's, Midland** to hear Confessions from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Lent - What is Fasting and Abstinence?

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops decrees that the days of fasting and abstinence from eating meat in Canada are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting in the Latin Church is the limitation of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. The **law of abstinence** binds those who are fourteen years of age and older. The **law of fasting**, however, binds all those who are eighteen to fifty-nine years of age. Nevertheless, pastors of souls and parents are to take care that minors not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are also educated in a genuine sense of penance. Especially during Lent abstinence from meat is practiced on Fridays. The rest of the year Fridays are days of abstinence, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.



St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
 hosted by St. Mary's Women of Faith
 266 Albert St., Victoria Harbour, ON
 Saturday, March 16th, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 (lunch starts at 11:00 a.m.)
 Bake Sale, Penny Sale



Holy Week Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper – March 28th

St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday – Passion of the Lord – March 29th

St. John's 3:00 p.m., St. Mary's 3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil – March 30th

St. John's – 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass – March 31st

St. Louis 9:00 a.m., St. Mary's 10:30 a.m.

St. John's –

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations takes place at St. Mary's the 1st Friday of the month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

St. Mary's Women of Faith will be Praying the Rosary after Mass the 1st Sunday of each month.

GOOD VIBES COFFEE HOUSE - Looking for something to do? The Good Vibes Coffee House invites you to come out and enjoy an afternoon of music and wholesome entertainment, **the 1st Sunday of every month**, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. at The Hackney Horse Bed & Breakfast - 3267 Penetanguishene Road, Oro-Medonte, L4M 8Y4 (Craighurst) 705-309-1339 for the months of **January, February, & March, 2024**. BRING YOUR SLIPPERS and come out and enjoy, and show your appreciation for musicians from the local community. Your offering of a five dollar donation will help support the venue. Coffee/Tea & Treats are available for a small charge. Website- goodvibescoffeehouse.org

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan - Many parishes in our Diocese are offering this plan as a convenience for their parishioners. We are offering it at the request of several of our parishioners. Some find it easier to support their church by having their donation automatically withdrawn from their bank account on the 20th of each month. This also ensures the ongoing support of our church when they are away. Many find this method more convenient as many of us are accustomed to paying our utilities in this manner. You will still have the option of placing your envelopes in the collection basket, especially for special collections. If you are interested in giving in this way there are brochures at the back of the church. To enroll, you must submit the form, in the brochure with your void cheque, before the 10th of the first month in order for your deduction to begin on the 20th of the same month.

Baptisms: A family requesting a baptism is expected to be attending Mass on a regular basis in one of our churches. Please speak to Fr. John after Mass to discuss the Sacrament.

Pastoral References: I am happy to provide Pastoral Reference Letters for those living in the boundaries of our churches and are applying for teaching positions within the Catholic system. It is expected that those seeking a teaching position in the Catholic system are living according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, particularly as it pertains to marriage and that they are practicing their faith by regular attendance at Sunday Mass and being involved in the life of the parish.

~ Fr. John