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MASS SCHEDULE

Annunciation Blessed Virgin Mary Church

St Hilary Church

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

none

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Tuesday to Friday - 10:30 a.m.

Tue & Thu - 12:00 a.m. (If is int. Mass)

1st and 3rd Sundays: Beardmore - St. Theresa Church - 2:15 p.m. (close)

MacDiarmid/Rocky Bay - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - 1:00 p.m.

2nd and 4th Sundays: Dorion - St. Isidore - Mass - 12:30 a.m. (May- September)

1st & 3rd Saturdays: Dorion - St. Isidore - Mass - 6:30 pm

HOLY HOUR:

First Friday - 9:00 p. m—10:30 a.m Adoration and Benediction
and Holy Mass—ABVM Church.

HOLY ROSARY: The Rosary for the unborn Child - Wednesday - 10:00 a.m.– ABVM

ASSOCIATIONS & COUNCILS: Parish Council, Finance Committee, Building Committee, C.W.L Knights of Columbus, Food Bank.

BAPTISM:

Please contact the parish office

CONFESSION:

One hour before Mass

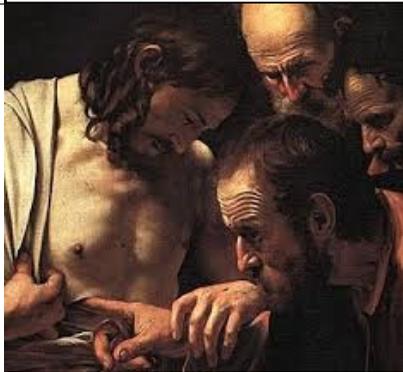
MARRIAGE:

Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

Visiting the Sick:

Anytime call to Priest.

Annunciation BVM and St. Hilary Parishes are a community of Catholics under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through worship, service and fellowship, in cooperation with the Bishop of Thunder Bay, in order to bring forth the values of the Kingdom of God.



Today's gospel reading, like all of St John's gospel, is an interweaving of several themes. It is not possible to follow up all the themes together; we must focus on one at a time, going deeply into it and allowing it to reveal some deep truth about Jesus, about ourselves and about life.

In this reflection I invite you to focus on the apostle Thomas; this is in accord with the Church's liturgical tradition for the Second Sunday of Easter. Therefore, although the reading includes two of Jesus' resurrection appearances – both of them deeply moving – we stay with the second, the dialogue between Jesus and Thomas, and let the earlier appearance provide the context. We are free to identify either with Thomas or with Jesus, but not with both at the same time. We need to be clear on how we understand Thomas. The popular interpretation puts him in a bad light, as “doubting Thomas”. This, however, is not the movement of the text which culminates in Thomas' admirable act of faith, the most explicit in the New Testament – “My Lord and my God”. We are more in accord with the spirit of the text, therefore, when we look at Thomas as a model of faith. He was right to insist that before he could believe in Jesus' resurrection, he must see the holes the nails made in his hands, put his finger into the holes and his hand into the great wound made by the centurion's lance. We Christians fall into the same error today when our lives and our teachings proclaim an abstract “disembodied” Jesus, dispenser of graces and teacher of morality; we forget the historical person who was put to death for proclaiming the kingdom of God.

A Prayer in Time of Corona-Virus. Almighty and All-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19 in Ireland and across the world. We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease. Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to healthcare professionals and researchers, comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown. Amen. Archbishop Michael Jackson

Income for the Last Week ABVM Parish Sun. April 19, 2020; \$ Please, be aware of your parish needs! Thank you for your commitments!



Every third Sunday of the month will be a family mass. All functions will be fulfilled by children during Mass. After Mass, we invite you for a coffee. Welcome



THERE IS NOTHING MORE COMFORTING THAN TO HAVE FRIENDS AND FAMILY REQUEST THAT THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS BE SAID IN THEIR NAME OR FOR "THE REPOSE OF THEIR SOUL"

Sat. April 18, 20 - 5:00 pm - NO MASS

Sun. April 19, 20 - 9:30 am - NO MASS

Tue. April 21, 20 - 10:30 am - NO MASS

Wed. April 22, 20 - 10:30 am - NO MASS

Thurs. April 23, 20 - 10:30 am - NO MASS

Fri. April 24, 20 - 10:30 am - NO MASS

Sat. April 25, 20 - 5:00 p.m. - NO MASS

Sun. April 26, 20 - 9:30 a.m. - NO MASS

OPEN MASS INTENTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE INTENTION. Or write the info on a paper —1 mass = \$10.00, and put in the collection basket, thank you for your time. When a loved one dies or a friend is ill or alone, there is nothing more comforting than to have friends and family request that the Holy Sacrifice of The Mass be said in their name or for the repose of their soul."



ST. HILARY PARISH:

April 19, 20 - 11:00 a.m. - NO MASS

April 21, 20 - 12:00 p.m. - NO MASS

April 23, 20 - 12:00 p.m. - NO MASS

April 26, 20 - 11:00 a.m. NO MASS

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Take a step toward the Law of Love. Oh, how much more of the journey do we have to make in order to actually live the new law - the law of the Holy Spirit who acts in us, the law of charity, of love! Looking in newspapers or on television, we see so many wars between Christians; how does this happen? Within the People of God, there are so many wars! How many wars of envy, of jealousy, are waged in neighbourhoods, in the workplace! Even within the family itself, there are so many internal wars! We must ask the Lord to make us correctly understand this law of love. How beautiful it is to love one another as true brothers and sisters. How beautiful! Let's do something today. We may all have likes and dislikes; many of us are perhaps a little angry with someone. Then let us say to the Lord, "Lord, I am angry with this or that person; I am praying to you for him or her." To pray for those with whom we are angry is a beautiful step toward that law of love. Shall we take it? Let's take it today!



**SUNDAY MASS:
Our time of prayer
As a community of faith!**

Pope Francis goes to Confession.

When we celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, we are assured that our

sins are forgiven and that we will have God's help to avoid sin in the future. What is a sacrament? A sacrament is an outward sign of an inward grace. There are seven such sacraments in the Catholic Church. However, the seven sacraments are not simply signs like other signs in our lives. Unlike other signs and symbols, the sacraments are signs or symbols that bring about in our lives what they signify. For example, although we might say that a washing machine is a symbol of cleanliness, we know that it is much more than that because it actually does what it symbolizes: it cleans. In the same way a sacrament signifies an actual meeting — a personal encounter — with the risen Lord Jesus. Thus the sacrament of reconciliation is not just a sign or symbol of God's forgiveness. Through it, we are truly absolved from our sins. The sacrament does what it signifies. We all need to experience reconciliation in our lives. The sacrament of reconciliation enables us to experience God's forgiveness for our sins. Through the outward signs of confessing sins, praying the act of contrition, receiving absolution and doing the penance, we demonstrate our interior conversion and we complete the process of sacramental reconciliation.

Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained. (Jn 20:22-23)



Divine Mercy Sunday and Temporal Punishment

Catholic theology teaches that there are two punishments for sin; one is called eternal and is inflicted in hell, and the other is called temporal and is inflicted in this world or in purgatory. The sacrament of penance remits the eternal punishment and only part of the temporal. Doing penance (prayer, fasting, almsgiving, works of mercy and patient suffering) remits temporal punishment; but on Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus promised to St. Faustina, that: "The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion [on that day] shall obtain complete forgiveness [or remission] of sins and punishment. (699).



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