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MASS TIMES

Sunday

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

Weekdays

Monday to Saturday 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 9:30am (after Mass)

Saturday, 4:00pm to 4:45pm (before Mass)

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30am (after Mass)

And by appointment.

BAPTISM

Two months notice required. Please contact Sr. Anna at 613-728-9811 x883 or baptism@stmarysottawa.ca

MARRIAGE

Nine months notice required. Please call the office at 613-728-9811 x880.

FUNERAL

Please call the office at 613-728-9811 x880.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday to Friday 6:00am to 10:00pm

Saturday and Sunday 7:00am to 10:00pm

Located in the church basement.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat
8:15am to 10:00am

LIBRARY HOURS

Saturday 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Sunday 10:15am to 1:30pm

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday 9:30am to 4:00pm

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday Closed

Thursday Closed

Friday Closed

Closed noon - 12.00pm to 12.45pm

OUR MISSION

To **worship** God,
proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ,
lead others into relationship with him,
and **grow** together as his disciples.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We're happy you came to worship with us today.

Please make yourselves known to one of our friendly greeters, and come join us in the hall downstairs for coffee and fellowship after Mass.

WELCOME TO HOPE



NEW LIFE RETREAT

The New Life Retreat marked its 26th anniversary in May of this year. This retreat has been offered over 60 times at St. Mary's. In addition, the team has responded to requests for the retreat from pastors throughout the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, and PEI and in Houston, Texas. Thousands of retreatants have come into a personal relationship with the living Jesus Christ and have been filled with the Holy Spirit as they renewed their Baptism and Confirmation.

As always, our retreatants' testimonies speak better than our words about how this retreat has been a life-changing and life-giving experience.

"Jesus helped me deepen my faith and gifted me with a more profound sense of peace." **Nick**

"Thanks to Father Bob who connected with me spiritually to attend this weekend. (Father Bob was my favourite teacher ever at St. Pius.) I learned the most important lesson of my life, that I am truly a child of God, a God who loves me unconditionally. This knowledge is a game changer for me. Receiving the Holy Spirit on Sunday was the "icing" on the cake for what I am sure is a New Life." **Norbert**

I came full of anxiety, worries and overwhelming thoughts. Through the course of the retreat, Christ showed me His love, forgiveness and healing. Happily today I feel renewed and free. After a long time, I'm smiling and able to be myself again, but most of all He opened my heart to His will." **Hazel**

"Sometimes in life our pain and suffering dulls our love of the Lord. The New Life Retreat helped me get rid of that dullness and renew my joy and love of the Lord to new heights." **Patrick**



ALPHA

Alpha exposes us to the core of the Christian faith - Jesus, the proclamation, His saving work, how God loves us, the birth and life of the eternal Church, our conversion, recognition of the kingdom of God, and the gift of eternal life.

The Alpha experience lived out with others builds relationships with one another as we eat, share, and learn in a trust-filled ambience and grow closer to the One who loves us most. We begin to realize how deeply we are loved whether we think we deserve it or not.

Everyone deserves to be exposed to the Son, and it is the hope of all that have experienced Alpha for themselves that their family, friends, and colleagues, and even strangers be offered the invitation to participate themselves. Won't you help in that endeavour?

Invitation cards are available. Ask Jesus just who He would like **you** to invite to the Alpha Experience which begins in October.

Webpage | stmarysottawa.ca/alpha/

Email | alpha@stmarysottawa.ca

Leave Message Anytime | 613-728-9811 x701

SPIRITUAL GIFTS MINISTRY

Another "Called and Gifted" charisms discernment process has finished. Many people were grateful that they had responded to the series. They thoroughly enjoyed the charisms formation class as well as faithfully experimenting with their charisms.

"I've been talking about the workshop non-stop with my friends. I had previously had some amazing teaching on the spiritual gifts as a Protestant, but I've never seen a system with 24 gifts before -- this was so robust and comprehensive. The workshop has so much to offer all Christians, not just Catholics." **Ashley**

"The one on one interview opened my eyes in particular about a charism that I didn't think I have." **France Beare**

"One on one interview was a critical element to help me focus on my areas of giftedness." **Paul**

"The Charisms Discernment in Depth series has helped me to concretely observe charisms in action and share stories, concerns, successes with a group that helped on many levels. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who wants to explore charisms." **Anonymous**

"Small groups were very helpful in reinforcing the practice of our charisms. Great care and sensitivity was shown in the way the materials were presented." **Anonymous**

On the roadmap of discipleship (Love Love Give Grow Go), Spiritual Gifts Ministry is here to assist people to 'Go' - to discover their charisms, empower them to serve in their gifts, and ready them for going in mission as God has called them.

Willing to Serve? If you have completed the "Called and Gifted" Charisms Discernment Process and you feel called to serve the Spiritual Gifts Ministry, contact Sr. Penelope Nguyen at: spiritual.gifts@stmarysottawa.ca.

GREETING MINISTRY



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

My name is Claudia Trites. My husband David and I started attending St. Mary's in September 2015. When we arrived, we did not know anyone, and it was hard. Obviously, our main reason and focus was to attend Mass and be in the Lord's presence. However, we also

wanted to get to know parishioners from this blessed community and for them to get to know us! Therefore, every Sunday as we would come to Mass we would be welcomed as we came into the Church. I remember how wonderful it felt, right away my heart would fill with such joy and I felt a calling to join the Greeting Ministry so that I too could greet and welcome people. As shy as I was, my heart was aching to do it ... so I joined this blessed Ministry and oh my God how blessed I felt! The most amazing thing that was happening is that as I would be greeting and welcoming parishioners, they too were welcoming me, and they wanted to know my name! For me, greeting and welcoming people was like I was welcoming them to God's home!! Every smile, every hello, every how-do-you-do, brought a joy in my heart!! I wanted to say - welcome everyone into this Community-Welcome to St. Mary's!! If someone was new, I just wanted to make sure that they did not feel alone and that they knew that with my friendly smile and open heart, I was saying welcome to our family!! I prayed that each time I was scheduled to greet I made a difference for them to come back - I prayed that I made a difference for them to probably say "I too want to greet and welcome people into God's home"!! Claudia Trites

St. Mary's is blessed with a great group of people welcoming everyone—newcomers and regulars alike—to share in our Sunday liturgy. **Contact Carole Talgoy** at 613-728-9811 x713 or greeting.ministry@stmarysottawa.ca

SACRISTAN MINISTRY

Under the direction of the priest, and very much behind the scenes, Sacristans attend to the general preparations for the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Sacristan consults the *Ordo* in order to select the celebration and the Preface proper to the day in the *Sacramentary*, the readings for the day in the *Lectio-nary*, the vestments of the proper colour, and other things necessary in the celebration of the Mass. It might be necessary to change the altar cloths: green for Ordinary Time and memorials; purple for Advent and Lent; white for weddings and funerals; white or red (depending) for feast days, etc.

In preparation for the celebration of the Mass, the sacristan lays out the priest's vestments, the cruets of water and wine, chalice, ciboria, linens, and the priest's microphone, and locates the Prayers of the Faithful and the Priest's Announcements. After the celebration has finished, the Sacristan puts away all the accoutrements and locks up the church building.

Although there is no official training for becoming a Sacristan, being well read in liturgical books and calendars is a benefit. Performing the duties of the Sacristan gives the person a much better appreciation of the individual elements of the Mass. If someone wants to serve as Sacristan, he or she must be a regular parishioner approved by the pastor with a joyful willingness to serve.

You may be needed more than you know.

If you are interested in being a Sacristan for your parish, talk to Fr Sean or Fr Yves or to **Michael Crane**, our Head Sacristan at: sacristans@stmarysottawa.ca or 613-834-5031.

LIBRARY MINISTRY

Let the Divine Mercy Library become part of your spiritual journey. As either a helper or a patron, you are invited to come and be a part of what so many have experienced over the past two years.

Contact us by email at: library@stmarysottawa.ca

"I've always been too shy to go downstairs after Mass for fellowship; but the Library is the perfect place to visit and encounter other parishioners in a friendly and non-intimidating environment."

"Every time I am helping at the Divine Mercy library I experience God's love in so many ways: the parish community dropping in and sharing their stories and that sense of peace when I close the library and continue with my day. I'm so grateful to God for giving us this ministry that is helping us grow in our discipleship"

"Helping in the library has given me self esteem and joy."

"Aside from the warm, friendly faces of our dear patrons, I'm thrilled to see the continued use of the 'printed page' -- personally, I'd rather hold a book than a 'tablet' (for electronic-books)."

"Since I began helping in the library, I have enjoyed very much the sense of community we've built with each other, the connections I've made with members inside and outside the parish who visit the library, and the peaceful atmosphere of the library itself. The library ministry has come so far in such a short time, and I look forward to working together to see where God wants to take it next."

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Small Christian Communities, with six to 12 members, have been functioning and bringing life to over 125 St. Mary's parishioners for the last 25 years. New small communities with parents of young families and other young couples are being added. This is one very important way that the Holy Spirit is building disciples and preparing them for the mission of the Church today.

Are you looking for more in your faith walk? Do you have community where you can talk about what you believe and how the Lord is working in your life?

"[I get] love and support from other members. Community has contributed to my friendships and support system."

"The women in my community are like sisters: we support each other, listen, pray for each other and together, ask and receive advice, learn about God and help with the parish."

Interested in becoming a member of a community?

Talk to Jeff Schultz some Sunday after Mass or at 819-647-3665 or jefflinda@schulyzpiaries.com



INTRODUCING FR YVES MARCHILDON

Fr. Yves was born and raised on a cattle farm in northern Saskatchewan. He is the youngest of seven children raised in a traditional French Catholic family. Before discerning the priesthood, Fr. Yves worked in the construction and logging industry in northern Saskatchewan. In 1991, he moved to Ottawa to join the Companions of the Cross as a seminarian. He was ordained a priest on October 12, 1996 and has spent the last 15 years in the Ottawa and Halifax areas.

He will be joining us July 2. He comes to us from the parish of Annunciation of the Lord, Ottawa.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the month of July, the parish office will be open:

Mondays – 9:30am to 4:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – CLOSED

MASS CANCELLATION

The noon hour **12:15 Masses**, celebrated during the weekdays on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**, will be cancelled for the summer months of July and August.

MASS INTENTIONS

During the summer months of July and August, the **MASS INTENTIONS will be posted** in the foyer at the main entrance of the church rather than in the bulletin as usual. This is because we produce only two bulletins covering the entire summer, one on July 1 and one on August 5.

LECTOR MINISTRY

The Second Vatican Council declared that "Christ is present in his word since it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church." All the faithful are encouraged to read Scripture ourselves, but the word of God is first and foremost a spoken word, a word given to us by God. When the lector proclaims the scriptures prescribed by the Church for the individual mass - and proclaiming is more than just reading aloud - the very word of God is spoken to, and can come alive in, the eucharistic assembly as an integral part of the liturgy. And we know that the same readings are being proclaimed in every church throughout the world.

We at St. Mary's have a dedicated cadre of men and women to proclaim the readings to us each day. And the benefits to the lector are numerous.

For example, from one of our lectors, whose son also proclaims the readings:

"Our family has been blessed with healing graces since joining the Lector Team at Saint Mary's. We love to share God's Word at Saint Mary's and to help everyone grow together with the Holy Spirit in our lives. It is truly a blessing to hear the Word every week, and to read the Word monthly at Saint Mary's. Thanks be to God!" Christine Smith

Thank you to all who participate in this ministry.

Contact Rob Canough at lectors@stmarysottawa.ca