

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

The Mother Church of the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Kingston

The Most Reverend Michael Mulhall, Archbishop of Kingston

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St. James Chapel: Monday to Friday at 7:45 am

St Mary's Cathedral Monday to Friday at 12:10 pm, Doors open ½ hour prior to Mass

Sunday Vigil: Saturday at 5pm **Sunday:** 8am, 10:30am, 7:30pm

The Light is On! Opportunities for Confession

Weekday Confessions: 11:30 am to 12 noon **Saturday Confessions:** 4:00-4:50

Sunday Confessions: 7:30 to 7:55am, 9:50 to 10:20am & 7:00 to 7:25 pm

Adoration and Confession: Wednesday 6-9pm in the Cathedral

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. James Chapel

Monday- Friday 8:15am-9pm **Saturday :** 9am-4pm



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Mass Intentions

Monday February 24th

7:45 AM †Irene Hogarth

12:10 PM In Thanksgiving for
St Rita's Drop-in Centre

Tuesday February 25th

7:45 AM †Mary Jane Kowan

12:10PM Intentions of Archbishop Mulhall

Wednesday February 26th

7:45 AM Special Intention

12:10PM †Francesco Cimellaro

Thursday February 27th

7:45 AM †Tom Alexandrowicz

12:10 PM Intentions of Maria Pietruski

Friday February 28th

7:45 AM †Mary Ann Green

12:10 PM †Arturo Treja Hernandez

Saturday March 1st

5:00 PM †Francesco Cimellaro

Sunday March 2nd

8:00 AM †Father Dan Ryan

10:30 AM *Pro-Populo Livestream*

7:30 PM †Tom Alexandrowicz

MINISTRIES:		First Reading:	Second Reading:
Saturday, March 1st	5:00 PM	Mark Murphy	Maureen Jamieson
Sunday, March 2nd	8:00 AM	Sarah Baines	Anne Hogarth
Sunday, March 2nd	10:30 AM	Ed Murray	Gail Murray
Sunday, March 2nd	7:30 PM	Isabel Chase	Mike Chase

Please Note: Archbishop Mulhall will *not* be giving a catechesis this Wednesday, February 26th. Adoration will be held in St James Chapel Wednesday evening 6-9pm.



Would you be able to watch one hour
with the Lord ? We have this Adoration Spot to fill.

Thursday 6-7 PM

Contact Angela Gambin: officemanager@stmaryscathedral.ca

Teaching Series resumes Thursdays: Feb 27th, March 6th & March 13th @ 7pm

The Art of Living: Cultivating The Virtues

Father Shawn will facilitate this series. Pope Francis has declared this Jubilee Year as a Year of Hope. We will walk through Dr. Edward Sri's book *The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love*. This will be a very practical course which focuses on our relationships and activities in this world and how we can improve them by living a life of Virtue. The Virtues are "the basic life skills we need to give the best of ourselves to God and the people in our lives". The extent to which we live each virtue has an impact on how well we're able to love others.

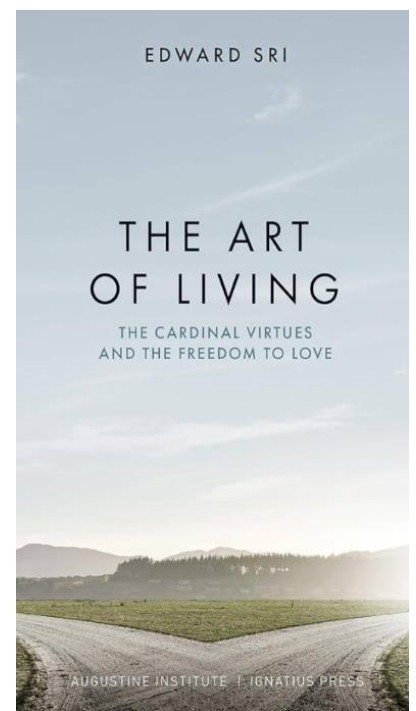
If you were unable to attend the other sessions the recording is available and can be viewed at our youtube channel (Go to youtube and search for www.youtube.com/@StMarysCathedral)

You are most welcome to come to the other sessions. You can let us know you are coming by contacting with Ann Lyng:

ann@stmaryscathedral.ca or 613-546-5521.

The books available at the office for \$15 contact Angela at officemanager@stmaryscathedral.ca

This course will be livestreamed at www.youtube.com/@StMarysCathedral



NEW RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Do you know anyone who might be interested? Saturdays 10 am to 12 noon.

Contact Father Shawn: rector@stmaryscathedral.ca

Jubilee Year Discernment Group: next meeting, Monday, Feb. 24th at 7 pm in the Parish Centre.

Remember we are reflecting on the great challenge of Pope Francis' Christmas Eve Homily. Join us even if you weren't at the first meeting.

We will be discussing the following.

As a parishioner of St. Mary's how would you reflect on the following points:
God has called us to be like Barnabas and Simeon in Acts 12:24 - 13:5.

- 1) We are called to be the light in the lives of those around us. How are we that?
- 2) God has become one of us to make us like himself. Imagine!
How am I becoming like God? Where do I still need to improve?
- 3) God forgives everything ... for those who repent. Imagine!
Have I taken advantage of God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
- 4) We are called to be sowers of the seeds of hope amid the bleakness of our time and our world. How can I be a sower of the seeds of hope?
How can we as a parish be a sower of the seed of hope?
- 5) Pope Francis ... together with Saint Augustine says - Hope calls us to be upset with things that are wrong and to find the courage to change them.
Am I upset with what is wrong? Do I have the courage to do something about it? How can I do something about it? So first we have to ask what is wrong?
- 6) Hope calls us to become pilgrims in search of truth, dreamers who never tire, women and men open to being challenged by God's dream, which is of a new world where peace and justice reign. It is a reminder and huge challenge to us as followers of Christ!
How am I a searcher of the truth? Am I challenged by God's dream of peace and justice or have I been lulled into indifferences or complacency?
- 7) Hope does not tolerate indifference, complacency or lethargy
Where have I been indifferent or complacent? Where have we as a parish been complacent or indifferent?

Dear Parents and Guardians of Candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation

Over the past several years we have adopted a new way of preparing candidates for the three Sacraments that are normally received during elementary school. The preparation for the Sacraments here at St. Mary's Cathedral will take place mostly in your individual homes and will also include three one-hour Saturday catechesis sessions held by our parish catechists, Isabel and Michael Chase. This will take place at St. Mary's Parish Centre, 260 Brock Street, April 5, May 3 and June 7; 10 am for the candidates for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and 11 am for the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

At St. Mary's your daughter or son will receive the Sacraments as they are ready not in the former manner of as a class. The details will be different but the result will be the same – the three best possible gifts – the reception of the Lord's loving mercy in Reconciliation and the reception of the Lord Himself, given to our young sisters and brothers in grade two or older in Holy Communion and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon those candidates in grade seven or older receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

You are asked to contact Father Shawn for a brief appointment. This will give us a time to sit down and briefly go over the program for the Sacrament for which your child will be preparing. This will give me a chance to meet and discuss with each of you, their parents, your daughter's/son's Sacramental Preparation and your role in it. This is a meeting with you. Please make arrangements so that you can attend without your child/children. The meeting, as mentioned, will be brief about 30 minutes or so.

All students in grade two or three, and anyone older who have not received their First Holy Communion is encouraged to prepare for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

All students in grade six, seven, eight or older, who have not received their Sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to prepare to do so.

After preparation your daughter/son, together with you and myself, will decide if they are ready to receive these very important Sacraments. Only when they fully feel prepared and desire to receive the Sacraments are they encouraged to ask the Church to grant them these Sacraments.

You will probably have questions or concerns. Hopefully most of these will be answered in our individual meeting but of course you are welcome and invited to contact me so that the parish and I may be of encouragement and assistance. I look forward to hearing from you and meeting with you. I am praying for you and your children as we enter into Sacramental Preparation at the parish of the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

Father Shawn

Lent begins a week from this Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday: March 5th

**All the Masses will be in the cathedral:
Holy Mass and Distribution of Blessed
Ashes: 7:45 am, 12:10 pm, and 7 pm.**

Ash Wednesday Confessions:

**7 am to 7:40 am, 11 am to 12 pm noon,
5 pm to 6:50 pm & after 7 pm Mass to 9 pm.**



St. Rita's Drop-in Centre of St. Mary's Cathedral

Winter Coat Drive

St. Rita's Drop-in Centre's annual coat-drive distribution opened on Monday, November 18 and finished on Friday, January 17. In that time we had over 500 visits from guests in need and distributed 279 coats, 127 boots/shoes, 196 hats, 132 scarves, 297 pairs of gloves/mitts, 347 pairs of socks and 1368 other items (like pants, sweaters, shirts, snow pants, etc.).



We left a supply of men's and women's coats and other winter outerwear for the DIC to continue to distribute as they were able, although by the end we had nearly exhausted our supply of men's coats. Those numbers are in excess of what was listed above.



We were also able to distribute some quality women's winter coats to a couple of women's shelters in the area, and while children are not served at the DIC, we do receive children's winter clothing sometimes and so we distributed some to Martha's Table and the rest to St. Vincent de Paul.



NONE of this would have been possible without the most excellent distribution team volunteers that staffed our space Monday through Friday (a team for each day). Further, NONE of this would have been possible without the compassionate generosity of all of you who gave items to distribute. We thank you so very much. Jesus said, 'For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me.' St. Rita's Drop-in Centre, Veronica's Veil Shelter, and the coat-drive, together answer the call of Jesus. May the Lord bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

Mike Chase, coat-drive coordinator

The Great Renovation of 2025 has Begun !!!!

Going forward the 12:10 pm weekday Mass will be in St. James Chapel. A priest will be in the confessional in the cathedral from 11:30 am. Enter through the rectory side cathedral door.

Also going forward Wednesday evening adoration will be in St. James Chapel. Father Shawn will be in the sacristy for confessions. It will be set up so that you can confess anonymously. Just enter the sacristy through the chapel sanctuary.

Sunday Vigil (i.e. Saturday) and Sunday Masses will be in the cathedral. The design team will thoroughly clean the cathedral before they leave on Fridays.

Also, going forward, funerals can hopefully be held on Saturday if the family would like them in the cathedral or be held in St. James Chapel.



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