

Fourth & Fifth 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 – March 14th to March 27th, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent:

Sat. Mar. 14th - St. John's – 5:00 pm – Neil Lambert requested by Katie & Joe Vella

Sun. Mar. 15th - St. Louis – 9:00 am – For the Parishioners

Sun. Mar. 15th – St. Mary's – 10:30 am – available

Wed. Mar. 18th – St. Mary's – 10:00 am – available

Fri. Mar. 20th – St. Mary's – 10:00 am - available

Fifth Sunday of Lent:

Sat. Mar. 21st – St. John's – 5:00 pm – Elizabeth Pumputis requested by Bill & Family

Sun. Mar. 22nd – St. Louis – 9:00 am – William Bressette requested by Rosemarie Lafrance

Sun. Mar. 22nd – St. Mary's – 10:30 am – For the Parishioners

Wed. Mar. 25th - St. Mary's – 10:00 am - available

Fri. Mar. 27th – 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. Mary's – available

St. Louis – available

Offertory (Feb. 28th/Mar. 1st): St. John's- \$647.75, St. Mary's- \$961.50, St. Louis- \$385.00.

This includes Pre-Authorized Giving. Thank you.

Offertory (Mar. 7th/8th): St. John's- \$580.75, St. Mary's- \$1,421.10, St. Louis- \$395.00.

This includes Pre-Authorized Giving. Thank you.

Building Fund - March: St. John's- \$380.00, St. Mary's- \$793.90, St. Louis- \$67.00.

This includes Pre-Authorized Giving. Thank you.

ShareLife – March 21st/March 22nd

Building Fund – April 11th/12th

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.

Confessions during Lent: Fr. Bill and myself will be available before and after Sunday Masses for Confession in our churches.

St. Mary’s Women of Faith held their Annual St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon and Bake Sale on March 14th. **Thank you** for all of your hard work put into this event. It was well attended and many lunches enjoyed.

ShareLife First Collection 2026 - March 21st/22nd – 2026 marks the 50th anniversary of ShareLife. As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 21st/22nd, let us come together in celebration and compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to: uplift young mothers and their babies, enable more men to pursue priestly vocations, connect seniors with dignity-affirming resources, fight against hunger in our communities, and help families in times of need. Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Please remember **St. Vincent de Paul, which runs out of St. Mary’s, Victoria Harbour** received a \$6,000 food grant in 2024 and a \$10,000 food grant in 2025 from the ShareLife office. Your continued support makes all of these things happen.

St. John’s – 2026 Goal	\$4,000
St. Louis – 2026 Goal	\$500
St. Mary’s – 2026 Goal	\$6,000

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper – April 2nd

St. Mary’s at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday – Passion of the Lord – April 3rd

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

Easter Vigil – April 4th

St. John’s – 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass – April 5th

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.

The **Saint Vincent de Paul Food Bank** serves all Tay Township residents. If in need call 705-956-0022. We are open Wednesdays & Fridays from 10-11:30 in the basement of St. Mary’s Church, Victoria Harbour to register for assistance or pick up your food items. We thank our parishioners for their continued support. Your monetary donations and donations of food items are always much appreciated.

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