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SUNDAY MASSES

Blessed Sacrament Parish
Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 9:00 am
St. Agnes Parish
Sunday 11:00 am
St. Joseph Parish
Sunday 8:00 am and 12 noon
St. Ursula Parish
Sunday at 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 pm at St. Ursula Wednesday 8:00 am at St. Agnes Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 12 noon at St. Joseph Friday 8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

Communal Penance—Sunday, December 16, 3:00 pm, **St. Ursula**(please note change of venue for Communal Penance)

Christmas Masses

Monday, December 24 (Christmas eve)

4:30 pm ~ St. Ursula and Blessed Sacrament 7:00 pm ~ St. Joseph 9:00 pm ~ St. Agnes Midnight ~ Blessed Sacrament





Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

9:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament & St. Agnes 11:00 am ~ St. Ursula & St. Joseph



New Years Masses

Monday, December 31 \sim 5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament & St. Joseph Tuesday, January 1 \sim 9:00 am at St. Ursula & 10:00 am at St. Agnes

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Readings for December 9
Baruch 5: 1-9. Philippians 1: 3-6,8-11.
Luke 3: 1-6.

DECEMBER 2, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT





Advent is here! This special time is our chance to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Child. A good meditation to begin this Holy Season is an adaptation of

first Corinthians 13 (A Christmas Version).

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozen of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned gable at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soun kitchen, carol in the pursing

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on those I love the most, I have missed the point.

. . . . In other words,

Love stops the cooking to hug a child Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust.

But the gift of love will endure.

Words to ponder as we set oursel that is Christmas.



THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

What do we remember each week of Advent? Week One reminds us . . . Jesus is coming. Bil verse - Romans 15:12-13

Week Two reminds us to prepare the way of the Lord. Bible verse - Luke 3:4-6

Week Three reminds us . . . the joy of the coming birth of Jesus. Bible verse - Luke 2:10

Week Four reminds us "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace for those

he favours. Bible verse - Luke 2:14

MASS & COMMUNAL PENANCE RELOCATION December 16

On the weekend of December 15 and 16, we as a city have been selected for Rogers Hometown Tour. Downtown Chatham streets are going to closed. This will include King Street, Wellington Street and many others. This is going to effect our Sunday morning Masses at St. Joseph Church. It will be difficult to obtain access to the parking lot.

It has been decided that all Masses at St. Joseph Church that weekend only will be moved to St. Ursula Church. (This means there will be 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12 noon at St. Ursula) Ministries will remain the same, only the location of Mass will be different.

Our Communal Penance Celebration will take place at St. Ursula Church on December 16 at 3 pm.



MISSING ENVELOPE OWNERS

If you are using St. Joseph offertory envelope #97, please give the office a call at 519-352-9370.



To Everything there is a Season...

"a time to be healed..."

Please pray for the sick of our parish family

Gordon (Jim) Baillargeon, Eva Beausejour,
Larry De Smit, Lisa-Rae Desnoyers,
Dario Dodich, Olivia Formosa,
Wayne Lachine, Jerome Lozon,
Genesio Matteis, Tony Matteis,
Rachel McCord, Paul McLaughlin,
Bernard Myers, Gerald Myers, Patrick Myers,
Jeanette Pake, Ivon Pinsonneault, Bill Reaume,
Carlo Rota, Karl Smith, Verna Southgate and
Genny Wrotkowska.

God, grant them your peace.

"a time to die..."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners, especially Edna Matthew. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

WEEKDAY READINGS

Dec 3 Isaiah 2:1-5. Matthew 8: 5-11,13.

Dec 4 Isaiah 11: 1-10. Luke 10: 21-24

Dec 5 Isaiah 25: 6-10a. Matthew 15: 29-37

Dec 6 Isaiah 26: 1-6. Matthew 7: 21,24-27 Dec 7 Isaiah 29: 17-24. Matthew 9: 27-31

Dec 8 Genesis 3: 9-15,20. Luke 1: 26-38









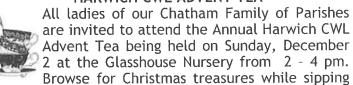
PENNY SALE

We would like to thank the men who did the calling for the evening, all the volunteers who helped on Sunday afternoon and the night of the Penny Sale. A special thanks to all who donated Penny Prizes as well as the Knights of Columbus members for helping us out. Thanks to Bondy's Dry Cleaners and Hinnegan-Peseski Funeral Home for paying for the printing of the Grand Prize tickets. All proceeds from the Penny Sale are donated back to our community of Chatham. The new format was a great success. The winner of the 50/50 draw was Tiffany Alliet and she won \$1,131.93.

ST. JOSEPH HARWICH CWL

Christmas Wine and Cheese will take place on Monday, December 3 at the home of Geraldine King (8553 Seventh Line) at 7 pm. PLEASE NOTE: the location change.

HARWICH CWL ADVENT TEA



ST. URSULA CWL

hot cider and enjoying provided goodies!

The next general meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 4 in the Meeting Room (St. Ursula Site) at 7:30 pm.

ST. JOSEPH CITY CWL

Come join us on Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 pm at the Spirit & Life Centre for Wine and Cheese. Please bring cheese, crackers, kiebasa or fruit tray to share. (Please note

there will not be a regular meeting on December 4).

ST. JOSEPH K OF C COUNCIL BREAKFAST

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will be holding a breakfast on Sunday, December 9 from 9 am to 11:30 a.m. at the Spirit and Life Centre. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6 - 12 years of age and free for children under 6 years of age.

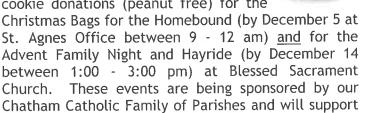
ST. URSULA K OF C

St. Ursula's Knights of Columbus Council 9551 will be hosting a Christmas dinner/gathering on December 4 in lieu of their normal general meeting. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person pay at the door. This gathering is open to all brother knights and their ladies in the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. If interested please contact Brother Jim Sauve at 519- 351-6364. Vivat Jesus!



COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES

If you have some time to make a couple extra dozen cookies with your Christmas baking, we are in need of cookie donations (peanut free) for the



our Youth and Family Ministry.

PLEASE NOTE

The parish offices will be closed from 1:00 to 3:30 pm on Wednesday, December 5.

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Meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm For information call Carl Evans at 519-359-7129

St. Ursula Council #9551

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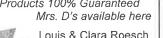
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Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Mass Intentions Week of December 4-7

Tuesday, December 4 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph
- Richard Fortier - Fran Doyle

~ Joseph Trung & Anna Hieu

Tuesday, December 4 - 7:00 pm - St. Ursula

~ Maria De Feo ~ Ruth Sterling

~ Intentions of Fred & Linda Dixion

Wednesday, December 5 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes
- Amelia Melillo - Marie Lacina

~ Peirina Ricci ~ Vern Jubenville

Wednesday, December 5 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph
- Rosemary Zimmer - Intentions of Aline Radek
- Deceased members of Nguyen Family

Thursday, December 6 ~ 12:00 noon - St. Joseph ~ Fran Doyle ~ Mike Matteis ~ Dominic Nguyen

Thursday, December 6 ~ 7:00 pm ~ St. Ursula ~ All suffering, sorrowing & dying ~ Ernie Mitro ~ Clelia DeAngelis

Friday, December 7 ~ NO 8 AM MASS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT AND NO NOON MASS AT ST. JOSEPH

Stay awake & stand ready! Matthew 24: 42

BAPTISMS

Celebrated during Saturday or Sunday Eucharist Two months notice & preparation is required

MARRIAGE

One year notice & preparation course is required

CONFIRMATION

November 24/25, 2018 at all parishes

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday ~ 7:30 - 7:55 am ~ St. Agnes Thursday ~ 6 - 6:45 pm ~ St. Ursula Friday ~ 11 - 11:45 am ~ St. Joseph Saturday ~ 11 am - 12 noon ~ Blessed Sacrament

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Sacrament of the Sick will take place at the conclusion of Adoration on First Fridays at Blessed Sacrament and on the Third Tuesday of the month during 7:00 pm Mass at St. Ursula.

FLOWERS ON THE TABERNACLE

The flowers on the tabernacle today at Blessed Sacrament Church are placed there to the glory of God by the people of the parish.

The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Agnes Church are placed there to the glory of God by Michael, Lee & Shelley Bechard on the occasion of Dora's 90th birthday December 4.

The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Joseph Church are placed there to the glory of God by people of the parish.

The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Ursula Church are placed there to the glory of God by Keith & Mary Brown in memory of Mary Beth Brown.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please keep in your prayers the following diocesan ministers: Mrs. Rebecca Bondy, Pastoral Minister/Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Robert Champagne; Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator/Director of Music; Rev. Dwayne Adam; Rev. Robert Weaver; Deacon Lyle Lalonge; Rev. Bernard Pinsonneault, C.S.B.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Friday, December 7 at 7 pm there will be a Mass in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in Pain Court at Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome to come.

Please note: there will be no Adoration, Benediction or daily Mass at Blessed Sacrament on this day. There will be no Confessions or daily Mass at St. Joseph on this day.

CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES SECOND ANNUAL HAYRIDE ON THE AVENUE AND ADVENT FAMILY PARTY ~ DECEMBER 14

Join us on Friday, December 14 at Blessed Sacrament in the hall, 6:00-8:00 pm wearing your ugliest Christmas sweater. Then join in with some special guest musicians singing some favorite Christmas Carols. There will be

a Santa's workshop for the children and a visit from St. Nick.

There will be warm drinks, hot dogs and some tasty treats served by St. Nick's helpers.

There will be a free will offering with all proceeds going to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Please enter the hall by the double oak doors at the back of the church found between the church and rectory.



WINTER APPAREL FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN



As in the past years our Soup Kitchen committee will be collecting winter apparel to be distributed to our patrons at the Christmas dinner on December 20. We would be very appreciative if when you look into your

closets and perhaps find a surplus of winter hats, scarves, gloves or mittens and consider donating these items to our friends so they too will stay warm during this winter season.

If you should find a few extra medium sized Christmas gift bags that you will not be using, we would be very grateful for this donation as well.

There will be a drop off box marked "Soup Kitchen" located in the entry of St. Agnes Church for your donations, or drop them off at the office at St. Agnes. Once again we thank you in advance for your God bless from the Soup Kitchen generosity. Committee.

REFLECTION

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind. Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them. Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR

Interested singers are invited to come to the choir loft at Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 pm, Thursday, December 6, 13 & 20. For more information, call 519-692-9962 or email tinapumfrey@gmail.com.

CHURCH CHUCKLE

What do you call the fear of being trapped in a chimney?

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A few weeks ago the generosity of ngnks parishioners in all the churches in our family of parishes helped to make our collection of shoes, soap, candy and other items needed by the poor, a huge

success. Many of these items were packed on the transport which left our warehouse on Thursday, November 22 and will shortly be on a ship heading towards Africa and Central and South America to be given to some of the many desperate poor cared for by the CFFC. This was the first time we reached out to all four churches and your generosity was outstanding. We thank you for all you have done to bring dignity, nutrition and joy to those who have so little. God Bless!

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Dec 2	First Reconciliation Retreat
Dec 3	BS CWL Cards
Dec 4	St. Ursula K of C General Meeting
Dec 5	St. Agnes K of C Exec & General Mtg
Dec 8	First Reconciliation

Location 12:30 pm 12:30 pm 7:30 pm 6:00 & 7:00 pm 8:30 am

Blessed Sacrament Hall Blessed Sacrament Hall Meeting Room—St. Ursula Hall and Trinity Room

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