



## Second Sunday of Advent

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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

**Communal Penance**  
**Sunday, December 16**  
**3:00 pm,**  
**at St. Ursula**

**(please note change of venue  
for Communal Penance)**

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### Readings for December 16

Zephaniah 3: 14-18a. Philippians 4: 4-7.

Luke 3: 10-18.

**DECEMBER 9, 2018**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**





At the Memorial Mass that I celebrated at St. Agnes I read two selections from authors that I found consoling. A number of parishioners and visitors have indicated that they found the words that I shared comforting. Here are the two selections.

You can shed tears because they are gone,  
or you can smile because they lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray they will come back,  
or you can open your eyes  
and see all that they left for you.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see them,  
or you can be full of the love you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow  
and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow  
because of yesterday.  
You can remember only that they are gone,  
or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind and feel empty,  
or you can do what they would want.  
Smile, open your heart, love. . . .

*Elizabeth Ammons.*

Grief never ends . . . but it changes.  
It's a passage, not a place to stay.  
Grief is not a sign of weakness,  
not a lack of faith . . . .  
It is the price of love.

Are you coming to the Hay Ride on Friday evening? That's right! The Hay Ride is on Friday evening, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to hosting the second annual Hay Ride and I want to thank Ali Chinnick and Rodger Luxton for organizing the event. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus Councils and the Catholic Women's League of our Family of Parishes who have pitched in to make the evening a wonderful experience. It is promising to be a mild evening so come out with your families and enjoy the event.

We are celebrating with the children their reception of First Reconciliation. We had two wonderful Retreat Days with the children and their parents and guardians. It is always a joy to experience with the families their eagerness to celebrate God's love. Father Don and I will be hearing their Confessions at a number of times in the next few weeks. Please continue to pray for the children and their families.

By now all of you should have received the Family of Parishes Christmas Card. There is a change on the information on the card and that is the time and place for the Communal Celebration of Confession on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The time is 3 pm and the place is St. Ursula due to Hometown Hockey tour taking place downtown. There are sixteen priests who have signed up to hear your confession before Christmas. Make the effort to come and celebrate God's forgiveness.

Next Sunday is Guadete Sunday of Advent - the Joyful Sunday. Father Don and I will wear our rose coloured (pink) vestments that I brought back from Rome when I was on Sabbatical to illustrate the glad tidings that Christmas is near. The rose (pink) vestment is only worn twice in the year - next Sunday and on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.



### **MASS & COMMUNAL PENANCE RELOCATION**

**December 16**

On the weekend of December 15 and 16, we as a city have been selected for Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour. Downtown Chatham streets are going to be 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.**



***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,  
Mario DeVito, 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,  
Betty Vink and Genny Wrotkowska.  
***God, grant them your peace.***



***"a time to die..."***

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners, especially Marlene VandeSompel

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.***





## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

### THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all the CWL members who attended the Christmas Dinner at the Spirit and Life Centre on November 29 and donated socks, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for our schools. With the help of Kay Waddick and Yvette Waddick, we separated the items for our seven schools. We were able to fill seven large garbage bags. The schools were overwhelmed with the donations as they are always in need of those items. By showing this kindness you are being true Disciples of Christ.

Blessings, Mary Jean Horne



## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

A sincere thank you is extended to all the adult and student volunteers (over 20 of you) who helped with the First Reconciliation Retreat on December 1 and 2. Without your assistance, we would not have been able to serve all the families involved.

First Reconciliations will take place at Blessed Sacrament Church on December 8, December 12, December 15 and December 19.

Please pray for our Grade Two students and their families as they finish preparing for their First Reconciliation.



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATES

### BLESSED SACRAMENT

19 Vouchers which support 19 adults, 12 children were given for the month of November for purchase of food, clothing and furniture. This is possible through the generosity of Blessed Sacrament Parishioners. Thank you!

### ST. AGNES

The members of the Society have been very busy this month. We had 10 requests for assistance. We served 10 adults and 9 children. We provided 9 food vouchers, 1 voucher for the store and 1 food bag. As well last Saturday we delivered 32 Christmas poinsettias to the homebound in our parish.

As with all organizations we are always looking for volunteers. Your time commitment could be as little as working with a partner to give out food vouchers once a month and a short meeting once a month. As we begin the New Year and make resolutions perhaps you may feel the call to help the needy in our local community through joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please call the parish office, leave your name and one of the Society members will contact you.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



### ST. URSULA K OF C COUNCIL BREAKFAST

St. Ursula Knights of Columbus will be holding a breakfast on Sunday, December 16 from 9:30 am to 11:30 a.m. at in the Meeting Room (St. Ursula site). The cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 years of age and \$20 for a family (immediate family only).

### HELPED NEEDED



If you have a pick up truck or trailer and have a little extra time, Brian would appreciate some help in taking away approximately 120 bags of leaves that have accumulated at Blessed Sacrament.

If you are able to help, please give him a call at 519-359-9051.

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Council #10436*

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*St. Agnes  
Council #8739*

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**Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes  
Mass Intentions  
Week of December 11 - 14**

**Tuesday, December 11 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph**  
- Victoria Martins ~ Maria Qua Tran  
- All Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, December 11 - 7:00 pm - St. Ursula**  
- Frank Brablec ~ Stan Charbonneau (4 Anniv)  
- Intentions of all physicians

**Wednesday, December 12 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes**  
- Gerry Couture ~ Jerry Vink ~ Lauren Bondy  
- Victor Ferreira & grandparents

**Wednesday, December 12 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph**  
- Maria DaCosta ~ Stella Babinan  
- In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Thursday, December 13 ~ 12:00 noon - St. Joseph**  
- Edwina Michaud Pinsonneault  
- Deceased members of the  
Lindsay & Geneau families  
- Intentions of Mary Anne Quinlan

**Thursday, December 13 ~ 7:00 pm ~ St. Ursula**  
- Mario Corso ~ Maria DeFeo  
- Deceased family members  
of Luciano & Grace Magliaro

**Friday, December 14 - 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament**  
- Christine Pinsonneault ~ Ed Masterson  
- John Kusalik ~ Ken Jenkins  
- Aurelio Cunha & Marie Cadete  
- Silvino Figueiredo & Olivia Rodrigues

**Friday, December 14 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph**  
- Rosemary Zimmer ~ Patrick McKnight  
- Elsie Verbruggen

**LAST DATE FOR 2018 DONATIONS**

The last date you can donate for your 2018 income tax receipt for any of the parishes is December 31. If any donations come into the offices after December 31, they will be included in your 2019 income tax receipt.

Here is a direct quote from CRA concerning donations:

*What is a donation?*

*The date of donation is the date the gift is actually received by the charity. However, when a charity receives a donation by mail, the Canada Revenue Agency considers the date of donation to be the date of the postmark on the envelope. The charity should keep the stamped envelope as part of its books and records.*

**FLOWERS ON THE TABERNACLE**

The flowers on the tabernacle today at Blessed Sacrament Church are placed there to the glory of God by the Renaud & MacDonald families in memory of Valerie Pumputis.



The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Agnes Church are placed there to the glory of God by Betty Vink in memory of Jerry Vink.

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 Salvatore & Michelina Cresta in memory of Domenico & Maria Novellino.

**DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR**

Please keep in your prayers the following diocesan ministers: Mrs. Colleen Keane, Pastoral Minister; Mrs. Christine Coyle, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Steve Wlusek; Ms. Suzanne Walton, Pastoral Minister; Mrs. Jean Beneteau, Pastoral Minister; Mrs. Marguerite Hewer, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Jan Pochwala.

**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.



**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 for the Advent Family Night and Hayride. Please deliver your cookies by December 14 between 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall. This event is being sponsored by our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes and will support our Youth and Family Ministry.



Congratulations to

Alivia Allen, Zoe Pinsonneault, Collins Brewer, Kegan Bechard, Victoria Bechard-Larabie, Ava Campbell, Reid Campbell, Cameron McFadden, Collins Desat, Kane Hodgson, Ambrose Matteis and Syllas Matteis

who joined our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism during the month of November. Also to Rick Wilson, Michael Hall and Nicole Coulter who were welcomed in the Catholic Church in November.

*May they always live out their call to discipleship.*



Congratulations and best wishes to

Joel & Kara Jenner

who had their Marriage convalidated during the month of November.

*May God continue to bless them in their married life.*



### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DÉCOR

If you would like to remember a loved one/friend or have a special occasion coming up, you can remember them by having their name included in our Christmas flowers and décor at any one of our family of parishes. Just put Christmas flowers on front of an envelope and fill out the form below to be included with \$25. **Deadline date: December 14.**

Christmas Flowers and Décor

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

OR

On the occasion of \_\_\_\_\_

Blessed Sacrament \_\_\_\_ St. Agnes \_\_\_\_

St. Joseph \_\_\_\_ St. Ursula \_\_\_\_

\$25 \_\_\_\_

### CELEBRATE THE HARVEST DINNER

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Celebrate the Harvest Dinner. We were blessed with generous donations from many businesses and parishioners for our Silent Auction. We are very grateful for the support and donations of the venue, wait staff and more from Chatham Breakfast Grille. We were able to raise \$7,826.44. This will be used for our Ministry to Youth and their families.



A big thank you to Fr. Jim for his outstanding entertainment and the event committee who worked tirelessly to make it all happen.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS AND SACRISTANS

The new schedules for all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Sacristans will be prepared in the next week. They will cover January to April 2019. If you are going to be away for more than 2 weeks at one time, please contact Cathy Zimmer at [czimmer@dol.ca](mailto:czimmer@dol.ca) or call the office by Tuesday, December 11.

This process will have a few changes for some of you as I will now be creating the schedules for all 4 parishes. Once the schedules are completed, I email them to those that use email and print off copies for those that do not use email. I have email addresses for many of you, but have put calls out to those that I don't have addresses. Please watch your email for messages from [czimmer@dol.ca](mailto:czimmer@dol.ca). If you use email and do not receive one by December 15, please call me so I can verify I have the correct email address. For those that require a printed copy, I will put your names on them and they will be in the Vestry at St. Joseph and the front foyer at St. Ursula on the weekend of December 15/16. (Note: St. Joseph schedules will be at St. Ursula in the front foyer for that weekend only because of the Masses taking place at St. Ursula.)

### CHURCH CHUCKLE

Describing his family's Christmas décor, our grandson, 3, said, "We have lots of butterfly ladies."

Sure enough, when we came to visit, we found the angel decorations he told us about.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Function	Time	Location
Dec 12	First Reconciliation	4:30 pm	Blessed Sacrament Church
Dec 12	RCIA	6:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Hall
Dec 13	Social Justice & Mission Outreach	6:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament - St. Kateri Room
Dec 13	St. Joseph K of C General Meeting	7:30 pm	Spirit and Life Centre
Dec 13	Sunday Reading Reflection Group	7:30 pm	St. Ursula Counters Room
Dec 14	Advent Family Party	6:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Hall

### SUNDAY READING REFLECTION GROUP

Please note that the group that meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at St. Ursula Church to discuss the Sunday Readings final meeting will be on December 20. They will return on January 10.

### MISSING ENVELOPE OWNERS

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

### 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 generosity. God bless from the Soup Kitchen Committee.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 ~ 5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament & St. Joseph

Tuesday, January 1 ~ 9:00 am at St. Ursula & 10:00 am at St. Agnes

### 2019 SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals are now available for purchase at either parish office for a cost of \$5.00.



### AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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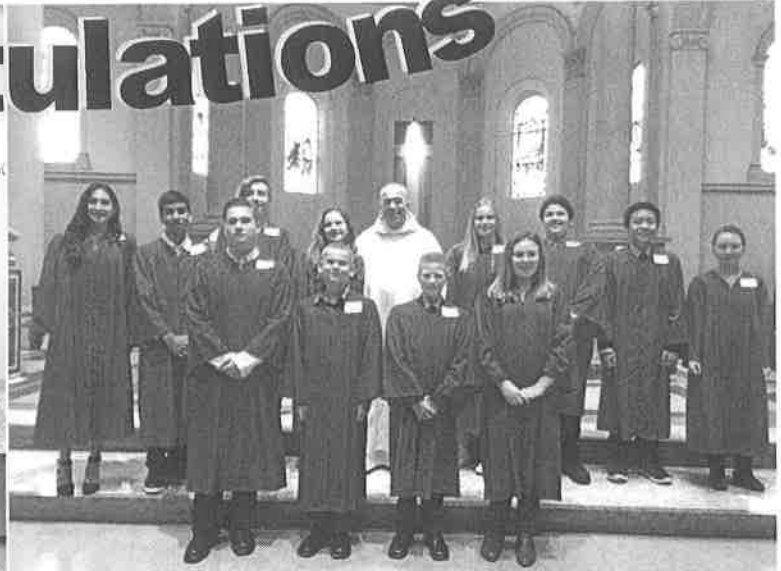


### WEEKDAY READINGS

Dec 10 Isaiah 35: 1-10. Luke 5: 17-26.  
Dec 11 Isaiah 40: 1-11. Matthew 18: 12-14  
Dec 12 Zecariah 2: 10-13. Luke 1: 39-47  
Dec 13 Isaiah 41: 13-20. Matthew 11: 11-15  
Dec 14 Isaiah 48: 17-19. Matthew 11: 16-19  
Dec 15 Sirach 48: 1-4,9-11. Matthew 17: 10-13



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# 2018 Confirmands

