



Third 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 **TODAY**Sunday, December 16 3:00 pm, **at St. Ursula**

(please note change of venue for Communal Penance)

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Readings for December 23
Micah 5: 2-5a. Hebrews 10: 5-10. Luke 1: 39-45

DECEMBER 16, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



From the

Here we are only eight days away from the Partir feast of Christmas. How quickly this day comes upon us year after year. We tend to say each year - "I thought I would make it

this year and have everything finished." Well here we are in the last rush week and hopefully all that is necessary for your celebration will be accomplished. I know that as I get older the attitude that I have come to accept in my life is that whatever isn't done will be the things that were not meant to get done. Defeatism? I tend to think that it is a twinge of maturity and acceptance. I received a tea towel from a friend which says that "Good friends are those who don't care if the ironing board is up when they call or that your house isn't clean". I remember as a kid that on Sunday afternoon when we would hear a car drive into the driveway the call went out to straighten up the house before the guests came in. There never was that much to clean up but it was the thing we did. I am glad that I don't worry anymore. Have a great eight days before the Feast!

Thanks to everyone who made the Advent Hay Ride Ali Chinnick and her such a wonderful evening. helpers - the Knights and CWL and the Parish Staff and especially Carl Sterling and his crew for the wagon did a wonderful job pulling this family event off with such panache and style. Thank you for the wonderful time enjoyed by all.

The different Churches will be decked out for The Liturgical Environment Christmas this week. Committees have planned this task for weeks now and I am grateful for their dedicated service to our churches. If you happen to know one of the people who work on this ministry please give them a shout out and say thanks for their hard work. Some may say that it isn't Christmas yet and we shouldn't have decorations up yet. I gave them permission to do it early so that they are not spending the day before Christmas decorating rather than being with their I say a huge THANKS for your wonderful decorations and time.

This past week I ran into a reality check about being 68 and to stop pretending that I am younger than my Monday evening I started having back real self. spasms and even after babying it with heat I woke up on Tuesday with a strained back. It forced me to admit that I wasn't going to make into the office that morning. It is terrible to admit that you are not as young as you used to be. Thank you God for the reality check.

A word of wisdom - enjoy the days ahead and cherish the loved ones with you! It will be your treasure and happiness.

NOW THAT IS A GOOD QUESTION

How far was it from Nazareth to Bethlehem?

A newly betrothed couple is forced to register for a census in a town far away. The woman is nine months pregnant. When they finally reach their destination after an arduous journey, there is no place to stay. The woman gives birth in a stable. The world of Mary and Joseph was a difficult and dangerous place, one whose harsh conditions were not fully chronicled in the Gospel accounts of their travails. Writers of the gospels of Matthew and Luke "are so laconic about the event because they assume the reader would know what it was like." Joseph and Mary's hardships would have begun more than a week before the birth of their son, when the couple had to leave their home in Nazareth, in the northern highlands of Galilee, to register for a Roman census. They had to travel 90 miles to the city of Joseph's ancestors: south along the flatlands of the Jordan River, then west over the hills surrounding Jerusalem, and on into Bethlehem.

It is estimated that Joseph and Mary likely would have traveled only 10 miles a day because of Mary's impending delivery. And the trip through the Judean desert would have taken place during the winter, when it's near freezing and rainy. It's nasty, miserable. And at night it would be freezing. protect themselves during inclement weather, Mary and Joseph would likely have worn heavy woollen cloaks, constructed to shed rain and snow. And the unpayed, hilly trails and harsh weather were not the only hazards Joseph and Mary would have faced on One of the most terrifying their journey south. dangers in ancient Palestine was the heavily forested valley of the Jordan River. Lions and bears lived in the woods, and travellers had to fend off wild boars. Archeologists have unearthed documents warning travellers of the forest's dangers. Bandits, pirates of the desert and robbers were also common hazards along the major trade routes like the one Joseph and Mary would have traveled. The threat of outlaws often forced solitary travelers to join trade caravans The hardships did not end when for protection. Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem. normal circumstances, he said, the pair would have expected to stay in the spare bedroom of a relative or another Jewish family. However, an overcrowded Bethlehem would have forced Joseph and Mary to seek lodging at a primitive inn. It is widely agreed that Jesus was born in a cave used for housing



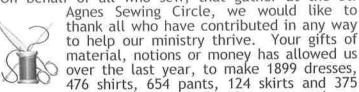
animals. But how realistic are the Renaissance images of Joseph. Mary and the newborn Jesus surrounded by a menagerie of camels, oxen, cows, chickens, pheasants and peacocks?

UCC TICKETS - IN THE HEIGHTS

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GREETINGS FROM THE SEWING CIRCLE

On behalf of all who sew, that gather at the St.



blankets/quilts. We have also made numerous bags, childrens' pajamas and pencil cases. All these items have been distributed to those most in need, in South and Central America and Africa, through Canadian Food For Children. Thank you once again for your generosity. Blessings to all!

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS

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

2019 RIGHT TO LIFE KENT MEMBERSHIP

Family \$30, Individual \$20 and Senior \$15. Please make cheques payable to Right to Life Kent, 39 Grand Avenue West, Chatham. Thank you for your support!!

MISSING ENVELOPE OWNERS

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

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the 14 grade two families who helped to deliver Christmas Bags to our homebound parishioners this past weekend. A special thank you also to parishioners and parish staff who helped with this project. The First Communion children decorated over 150 bags which were filled with soup, candy, muffins, cookies and other treats to spread the Christmas spirit. Thank you also to all the people who donated cookies and muffins. You brought many smiles to those who received them.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The Family of Parishes have the 2019 offertory envelopes out now for pick up. Blessed Sacrament and St. Agnes will have their envelopes available in the parish halls. St. Joseph envelopes are found at the back of the church and St. Ursula envelopes are out in the Meeting Room. Please stop by and pick up your new envelopes. Please do not use your 2019 envelopes until the new year. And please discard any 2018 envelopes that were not used in 2018 before using your new ones. You will have new envelope numbers for 2019.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes have a new PAD agreement that includes Sunday Offertory (weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annually), Special Collections (New Years, Share Lent, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, St. Peter's Seminary, Priest Pension Fund, Thanksgiving Appeal, Mission Sunday and Christmas) as well as monthly or annual donations to St Vincent de Paul and Capital Projects.

Your PAD donations will be given to the Parish of your choice. You may access this form on our website: www.ccfp.ca - About - Donate - Direct Deposit Forms or contact either Lynda Cadotte or Mardie Lessard at the office. PAD forms are also available at each church. For those who currently use PAD and would like to make changes please fill in a new form and attach a VOID cheque and return to the parish office.

Please submit PAD form to the parish BEFORE the 15th of the month in order to take effect the NEXT month.

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For information call Carl Evans at

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Meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm For information email Tony Walsh at anthonyll.walsh@gmail.com

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Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Mass Intentions Week of December 18 - 21

Tuesday, December 18 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph
- Intentions of the Barros Family
- Augusto Pinto & Maria Morais
- Living & deceased members of the Michaud,

Couture & Letourneau Families

Tuesday, December 18 - 7:00 pm - St. Ursula ~ Antonio DeCola ~ Alfio Calabrese

~ Living & deceased members of Sylvio & Blanche Letrourneau

Wednesday, December 19 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes

~ Deceased relative/family of Natalia Rolo

~ Marcello Lucente, Rosa & Amedeo

~ Rosa & Amedeo Colaizzi ~ Silva Perini

Wednesday, December 19 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph

~ Intentions of the Charbonneau Family

~ Robert McKnight ~ Joseph Trung & Anna Hieu

Thursday, December 20 ~ 12:00 noon - St. Joseph ~ Mary McKinnon ~ George Aitken ~ Kathleen O'Hara

Thursday, December 20 ~ 7:00 pm ~ St. Ursula ~ Anita Carpanzano ~ Mariano Petruzzi ~ Hilda & Joe Gleason

Friday, December 21 - 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- Amelia Melillo - Barb Reaume

- Intentions of Fr. Leslie

~ Raymond & Judith Jacques and William & Janette Korpan

Friday, December 21 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph ~ Fran Doyle ~ Phil Carruthers ~ Gill Verbeem

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 Maurice & Carol Laevens in memory of Marshall & Helen Van Damme, parents.

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

The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Joseph Church are placed there to the glory of God by Frank Matak in memory of Cecilia & Emil Matak.

The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Ursula Church are placed there to the glory of God by Gladys Charbonneau in memory of Stan Charbonneau.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please keep in your prayers the following diocesan ministers: Deacon Brian McDonald; Rev. Eugeniusz Dziedzic, C.S.M.A.; Rev. Augustine Ogundele; Deacon Daniel Lemire; Rev. Matthew George; Mrs. Lynn Di Pinto, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Deacon Joseph Manzara.

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MISSION OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE HONN (Helping our Northern Neighbours) Fort Severen Christmas project

On behalf of our committee, I would like to thank everyone who donated towards the Fort Severen Christmas box project. We filled all ten boxes and sent them to Fort Severen. We hope they will receive the boxes before Christmas. I will post an update when we hear back from the children and their families.

Tom Venne - chair of Mission Outreach & Social Justice Committee

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, Jerome Lozon, Genesio Matteis, Tony Matteis, Rachel McCord, 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 Gizella Balango and Sister Barbara Hughes, CSJ.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Dec 17 Genesis 49: 2,8-10. Matthew 1: 1-17 Dec 18 Jeremiah 23: 5-8. Matthew 1: 18-24 Dec 19 Judges 13: 2-7,24-25a. Luke 1: 5-25 Dec 20 Isaiah 7: 10-14-8: 10d. Luke 1: 26-38 Dec 21 Zephaniah 3: 14-18a. Luke 1: 39-45 Dec 22 1 Samuel 1: 24-28. Luke 1: 46-56.

CHURCH CHUCKLE

One cold evening during the holiday season, a little boy about six or seven was standing out in front of a store window. The little child had no shoes on and his clothes were mere rags.

A young woman passing by saw the little boy and could read the longing in his pale blue eyes. She took the child by the hand and led him into the store. There she bought him new shoes and a complete suit of warm clothing.

They came back outside into the street and the woman said to the child, "Now you can go home and have a very Merry Christmas."

The little boy looked up at her and asked, "are you Monday, December 31 \sim 5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament God, Ma'am?" She smiled down at him and replied, "No son, I'm just one of His children."

The little boy then said, "I knew you had to be some relation."

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.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the ladies that did a wonderful job decorating the hall for our CWL Christmas Dinner. Also those who helped set up and clean up and all who came to make it a special night. We gave Sandra Van Raay \$330.00 for Canadian Food For Children. Thanks to all! Sandy Richie

CHRISTMAS MASS€S

Monday, December 24 (Christmas eve)

4:30 pm \sim 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

& St. Joseph

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	<u>Function</u>	Time	<u>Location</u>
<u>Date</u> Dec 17	BS CWL Cards	12:30 pm	BS Hall
Dec 18	St. Ursula K of C Executive Meeting	7:30 pm	St. Ursula Hall
Dec 19	First Reconciliation	4:30 pm	BS Church
Dec 19	RCIA	6:00 pm	BS Hall
Dec 20	Sunday Reading Reflection Group	7:30 pm	St. Ursula Counters Room

ADORATION Tuesday, December 18

This is your personal invitation to spend time with Our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



Adoration takes place at St. Ursula Church on Tuesday, December 18 beginning at 9:30 am and concluding at 6:30 pm with Benediction which will be followed by the Sacrament of

the Sick. If you cannot spend one hour, come and visit for as long as you can.

"Your faith will help you realize that it is Jesus Himself who is present in the Blessed Sacrament - waiting for you." - St. Pope John Paul II.



Alpha is coming to CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

- Starting Wednesday January 16, 2019
- Blessed Sacrament Hall 6:00pm
- Food, Video, Conversations about life's important questions
- Contact Colleen at ckeane@dol.ca or 352-8530 for more information Or to volunteer for hospitality OR as a Table leader. Table leader supported with a training session prior January 16th.
- Watch the bulletin for more info!



	Current Nov	YTD Nov	YTD Nov
	2018	2018	2017
Blessed Sacrament			
Operating Revenue	39,748.69	368,721.75	351,484.68
Capital Revenue	16,711.59	27,452.66	38,890.71
TOTAL INCOME	56,460.28	396,174.41	. 390,375.39
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Operating Expenses	•	916.66	
Capital Expenses TOTAL EXPENSES	_	377,645.22	
NET INCOME	<u>15,911.18</u>	18,529.19	-33,950.51
Loan Fund Payable		9,226.29	49,443.29
5t. Agnes			
Operating Revenue	28,550.70	315,419.25	353,579.8
Capital Revenue	428.64	7,009.47	11,938.30
TOTAL INCOME	28,979.34	322,428.72	365,518.17
Operating Expenses	23 303 66	5 346,677.08	345,899.72
Capital Expenses		15,950.5	
TOTAL EXPENSES	23,303.66	362,627.63	345,899.7
NET INCOME	5,675.68	3 -40,198.9	1 19,618.4
Loan Fund Deposit		145,248.7	2 199,725.7

	Current Nov 2018	YTD Nov 2018	YTD Nov 2017
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St Joseph	24 100 00	224.057.07	222 012 51
Operating Revenue	31,109.09		
Capital Revenue	<u>11,555.00</u>		
TOTAL INCOME	42,664.09	453,500.18	3 492,135.12
Operating Expenses	32,145.33	362,307.89	348,912.03
Capital Expenses	8,300.00	129,945.54	91,519.31
TOTAL EXPENSES	40,445.33	492,253.43	3 440,431.34
NET INCOME	2,218.76	38,753.25	51,703.78
Loan Fund Deposit		502,320.5	7 149,543.79
St Ursula			
Operating Revenue	23,609.45	5 270,537.7	4 295,165.12
Capital Revenue	7,386.25	94,634.7	117,900.29
TOTAL INCOME	30,995.70	365,172.4	413,065.41
Operating Expenses	18,774.56	5 248,094.4	4 299,196.09
Capital Expenses	8900.00	107,882.1	93,496.01
TOTAL EXPENSES	27,674.5	355,976.6	392,692.10
NET INCOME	3,321.14	9,195.8	20,373.31
Loan Fund Deposit		309,921.4	9 264,602.97

FEAST OF ST. AGNES FESTIVAL BANQUET



Join
Chatham Catholic
Family of Parishes
on Friday, January 18

to celebrate

The Feast of St. Agnes.

All proceeds raised will support the work of our Refugee Committee.

- Social hour, cash bar and hors d'oeuvers from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Ham dinner, including wine and doorprizes at 6:00 pm
- Music and dancing until 11:00 pm

WHEN: Friday, January 18 beginning at 5:00 pm

WHERE: St. Agnes Parish Hall

TICKETS: Available at the Parish Offices

Adult - \$25.00 a person Children under 12 - \$10.00

Tables of eight may be purchased and reserved in advance.

TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT DOOR