



**Fourth Sunday of Advent &
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

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Mon-Fri:
8:30 am-12 noon - 1:00-4:30 pm

OR: Visit our website at www.ccfp.dol.ca and our Facebook page at <https://facebook.com/bssasusj>

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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 PRAYER

Father, we thank Thee for this day.
Bless all we do and all we say.
May we each enjoy Thy blessings
as Jesus' Birth we celebrate.
And may the love that we share here
remain throughout the coming year.
Amen!



*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!*



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Readings for December 30 & January 6

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14. Colossians 3: 12-21. Luke 2: 41-52.
Isaiah 60: 1-6. Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6. Matthew 2: 1-12.

**DECEMBER 23 & 30, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT &
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**



THE EMPTY MANGER

In my homily last weekend on the Third Sunday of Advent I spoke of the image of the empty manger that was on our side lawn at Blessed Sacrament for the first days of Advent. I was drawn into the reflection that our lives are like that empty manger. They need to be straightened up and prepared for the One who is to come. Even my puppy Sadie was intrigued by the image.

We are now into the Feast of the Incarnation and the question is - did the One who is to come find your manger ready and welcoming?

My prayer for all of you has been that it was!

My dear Parishioners:

With this wonderful feast we gather together as family and friends and give thanks for the blessings that we try to be to one another. In my home growing up the house was filled with laughter and song and good food. It was a time that any squabbles were forgotten (or at least put away until the next day) and everyone enjoyed the day. I wish that sense of peace and thanksgiving in your homes and may all you do in your celebration be a reminder of the wonderful gift that you are to one another. My sister Mary one year suggested that for the grace at the Christmas meal that we would give a word of thanks for each person at the table. It was awesome to hear each of us speak our word for the others. Perhaps you could try this.

I was doing some gift shopping last week and I passed by this young woman who was speaking loudly in complaint saying - "I hate Christmas. I wish we didn't have to celebrate it." I thought to myself that that was so sad to be fed up with something that can be great. But we can easily fall into that trap if we allow ourselves to lose focus of what God our Father wanted us to receive by sending us His Son. The Little Drummer Boy song should echo in our hearts and remind us of what gift do I bring to the new born King? Take a moment this Christmas to approach the Manger and pray that you might be a true "present" to Him who has come to give us everlasting life.

With the coming of New Year I find myself reflecting on the past year and realizing all the wonderful things I have received as well as the lost opportunities that passed me by. New Year's Intentions are wonderful things if we are realistic about them. Make the resolution that will allow you to thrive and be happy in 2019. Make the blessing of the days ahead something to be proud of instead of being full of regret.

May you and your family enjoy the blessing of the Christ Child today and always!

Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year!

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION!

Who was the first to make the Christmas Creche a tradition?

St. Francis of Assisi had a special devotion to the Child Jesus, and he is credited with creating the first nativity scene on Christmas Eve of the year 1223.

It is believed that St. Francis was first inspired by this idea after visiting the historical place of Christ's birth on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land—the humble stable in a Bethlehem cave. It is likely this event which deepened his devotion to the Child Jesus, who was born into the world in such poverty, humility, and simplicity. In fact, Francis founded his new religious Order to imitate these very virtues.

THE FIRST NATIVITY SCENE

St. Francis recreated the scene of Christ's birth in a special ritual and Mass he held inside of a cave in Greccio, Italy, inviting both his fellow friars and the townspeople to join in the celebration. Later he told a friend why he desired to create the first nativity scene in his town:

I want to do something that will recall the memory of that Child who was born in Bethlehem, to see with bodily eyes the inconveniences of his infancy, how he lay in the manger, and how the ox and ass stood by." He set up an empty manger (the feeding trough of farm animals which served as Jesus' crib) inside a cave, and even included a live ox and donkey beside the manger just as it was believed to have happened on that first Christmas night. Through these visual aids he wanted everyone to impress more deeply into their understanding how Christ came into the world in such poverty and simplicity. This was a typical perspective of St. Francis' unique charism of simple, poverty-centered spirituality.

It is also said that St. Francis—who was radically devoted to the virtue of evangelical poverty—was inspired to recreate the original nativity scene to overcome the rampant greed and materialism prevalent at that time in Italy.



UCC TICKETS - IN THE HEIGHTS

The UCC Theatre Company proudly presents *In the Heights* April 10-13, 2019. Featuring award winning music by Lin-Manuel Miranda, the creative genius of Broadway's *Hamilton* and Disney's *Moana*, this hit musical is sure to delight fans of all ages. Tickets are now available ONLINE @ onstagedirect.com/ucc.

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS

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

MISSING ENVELOPE OWNERS

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MINISTRY TO THE DYING

During the Season of Lent the Family of Parishes will be offering a three day (one day a week for three weeks) series workshop titled: "Ministry to the Dying". Mark your calendars, the scheduled dates for the workshop will be held on Thursday March 21, 2019, Thursday March 28, 2019, and Thursday April 4, 2019 at St. Ursula Meeting Room. More information to follow.

2019 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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Council #10436

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Council #8739

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**Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes
Mass Intentions
Week of December 27-28**

Thursday, December 27 ~ 10:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament
~ Angela Boismier & Tanya Adrian
~ Christine Pinsonneault ~ Valerie Pumputis

Friday, December 28 ~ 10:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament
~ Maria Oliveira ~ Mary Pear ~ Shay Harwood



Week of January 2-4, 2019

Wednesday, January 2 ~ 8:00 am ~ St. Agnes
~ Angela Boismier & Tanya Adrian ~ James Horne
~ Deceased family members of Patrick Heisler

Wednesday, January 2 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph
~ Fernand Grisé ~ Armando Demattia
~ Maria Grazia & Gerardo Matteis

Thursday, January 3 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph
~ Intentions of Norma O'Rourke
~ Antonio Pereira ~ Ugo De Mattia

Thursday, January 3 ~ 7:00 pm ~ St. Ursula
~ Robert Vanderiviere ~ Maria Qua Tran
~ Dennis Lindsay

Friday, January 4 ~ 8:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament
~ Geraldine Duceder ~ Licia Dodok
~ Oscar LeClair ~ Roger Roy

Friday, January 4 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph
~ Intentions of Yvonne Richie & Family
~ Mary Pear ~ Valerie Pumputis

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please keep in your prayers the following diocesan ministers: (Week of Dec 23) Rev. Michael Ryan; Rev. Albert Williams; Rev. Seejo John; Mrs. Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Worker; Rev. Martin (Sam) Johnston; Ministers to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

(Week of Dec 30)

Rev. James Roche; Institute of Secular Missionaries; Sisters of Service; Deacon Rudolph (Rudy) Pflanzner; Rev. Canon Mitchell Kaminski; Rev. Frank Leslie; Deacon Gaston Mabaya.

**FLOWERS ON THE TABERNACLE
(December 23)**

The flowers on the tabernacle today at Blessed Sacrament Church are placed there to the glory of God by Brian & Michelle Elgie & Ellen Labadie in memory of Doug Labadie & Bob & Lenore Elgie.

The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Agnes Church are placed there to the glory of God by Maria N. Rolo in memory of deceased family members.



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

The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Ursula Church are placed there to the glory of God by John & Gayle Corso in memory of Mario Corso.

(December 30)

The flowers on the tabernacle today at Blessed Sacrament Church are placed there to the glory of God by Brian & Shirley Harwood in memory of Shay Harwood.

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INTERFAITH CARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the Interfaith Caring Kitchen Christmas meal such a wonderful time for our over 200 guests and families. Thanks also to all those who donated food, desserts and gift cards especially TekSavvy and Tim Horton's.

The Interfaith Caring Kitchen has existed for eight years. Thanks to over 80 volunteers comprised of parishioners, Muslims and students, the Caring Kitchen has served over 16,000 guests with the average attendance between 80-100. We are blessed with four teams of volunteers, 10 cooks and six dessert makers. The Caring Kitchen is open on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month between 4:30-5:30pm. It runs all year round out of the St. Ursula Meeting Room. Full course nutritious meals are offered each time at no cost.

We are always in need of volunteer servers, cooks and dessert makers. If you are interested please call Janet Wilcox (519-352-2846) or Michael Gavin (519-354-8544). Volunteers are scheduled every two months and cooks and dessert makers 3-4 times a year.

*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 Jean Waddick, Margaret Poppe, Bishop Eugene LaRocque, José Coehlo.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Dec 24 2 Samuel 7: 1-5,8-12,16. Luke 1: 67-69
Dec 25 Isaiah 52: 7-10. Hebrews 1: 1-6. John 1: 1-18
Dec 26 Acts 6: 8-10-7: 54-59. Matthew 10: 17-22
Dec 27 1 John 1: 1-4. John 20: 2-8
Dec 28 1 John 1: 5-2: 2. Matthew 2: 13-18
Dec 29 1 John 2: 3-11. Luke 2: 22-35

Dec 31 1 John 2: 18-21. John 1: 1-18
Jan 1 Numbers 6: 22-27. Galatians 4: 4-7. Luke 2: 16-21
Jan 2 1 John 2: 22-28. John 1: 19-28
Jan 3 1 John 2: 29-3: 1-6. John 1: 29-34
Jan 4 1 John 3: 7-10. John 1: 35-42
Jan 5 1 John 3: 11-21. John 1: 43-51

ADORATION

Friday, January 4, 2019

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



Adoration takes place at Blessed Sacrament Church on Friday, January 4 after 8:00 am Mass until 3:30 pm when there will be Benediction 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

CHURCH CHUCKLE

What gifts did the 3 wise men bring?

Rebecca, five: "They brought Jesus gold and myrrh but I would have brought him a nice warm blanket."

What animals were there when baby Jesus was born?

Hannah, seven: "There was a donkey, a sheep and cow there as well as Mary and Joseph. It sounds quite crowded."

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 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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, December 24 ~ closed at noon

December 25 & 26 ~ closed

Thursday, December 27 ~ regular office hours

Friday, December 28 ~ regular office hours

Monday, December 31 ~ open until noon

Tuesday, January 1 ~ closed

Open again for regular office hours starting January 2

ST. JOSEPH HARWICH CWL



St. Joseph Harwich CWL meeting January 7, 2019 will be held at the home of Pam Sojczynski, 116 Adelaide St. N. Chatham.

THANK YOU!

Thanks! Brian would like to thank all those who offered or came to help remove the 120 bags of leaves at Blessed Sacrament. Your help was greatly appreciated!

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.

RCIA ADAPTED FOR TEENS

We will begin RCIA Adapted for Teens beginning in January. This will include all students in grade seven and above who wish to be baptized or have missed First Reconciliation or First Communion. Those grade eight students who were not Confirmed in November will also be part of this group. We will gather on Tuesdays. The time will be determined once all students have registered. For more information please contact Colleen Keane at our St. Ursula parish office at 352-8530 or ckeane@dol.ca before January 15.



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'oeuvres 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

ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. URSULA'S SVDP



In November we supported 40 adults, 2 which are new and 32 children. We helped them with these services - 51 bags of food, giant tiger food vouchers amounting \$615.00, 3 Shepherds Way Meals and 2 pizza's.

As well on all Friday's in November we handed out bag lunches 350 in total for November.

We are truly grateful for three generous parishioners, who donated 3 Christmas Meal boxes, which we donated to families we provide service too.

This is all made possible through the generosity of St. Josephs and St. Ursula's parishioners. Thank you!

The SVDP is always looking for volunteers. Please call the parish office, leave your name and one of SVDP members will contact you.

Reminder our SVDP office and Friday lunch will resume in the New Year on January 4th, 2019.

PARISHONER IN NEED OF YOUR HELP

If you know a 17-35 year old man or woman, they may be able to assist a parishioner in Chatham. Jocelyn McGlynn has recently been featured in both the Chatham Daily News and the London Free Press because of the bad news she and her family recently received. Jocelyn has Acute Myeloid Leukemia and she will need a stem cell transplant. If you or someone you know is between 17-35, a simple cheek swab will tell us if you have the capacity to help Jocelyn.

To Be a Donor

It's easy to register with OneMatch - just visit onematch.ca or call 1-888-2-DONATE. If you are committed to joining after you have learned more about what it means to be a donor, OneMatch will send you a cheek swab kit by mail with simple instructions and a postage paid return envelope. The cheek swabs are long cotton swabs intended to be rubbed on the inside of the cheek to collect loose cheek cells - a completely safe and painless method of acquiring a tissue sample from you for entry into the OneMatch registry.

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Christmas Flowers & Décor at Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes

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 - In memory of Vajdik & Kys families
 - Betty Radlin in memory of Wayne Radlin
- Marvin & Linda Pettipiece in memory of Donald, Elizabeth & William Mahon
- Stella Goudreau in memory of Vincent Goudreau
- Louis & Mary Fran Giroux in memory of deceased members of Peco & Giroux families
- Carole & Graham Watson & family and Audrey Chevalier & family in memory of Alex Hope & Kay Oland
 - Vera Sadler in memory of Ron Sadler
 - Patricia Pearson in memory of Jack Pearson
- Diane Ceppi & Family in memory of Italo Ceppi
 - Annette Leclair & Family in memory of Oscar Leclair & Judy Newcombe
- Agnes Moon in memory of Richard Moon, husband (10th Anniversary)
- Ron & Jean Bechard on the occasion of Bechard Family Christmas
 - Don McGregor in memory of Zulma McGregor
- Lillian McMath in memory of Lorne McMath with Love, His family
 - Larry & Judy Renaud in memory of Lawrence & Jeannette Renaud
 - Larry & Judy Renaud in memory of Jack & Francis Laslett

ST. URSULA

- Sterling family in memory of Ruth Sterling
- Andy Forget in memory of Barbara Forget
- Fran Lindsay in memory of Dennis Lindsay
 - Adolfo & Maria Meriano in memory of Giuseppe DeCola
- Tony Matteis & Family in memory of Brenda Matteis
- Norma Labadie in memory of the Labadie Family

ST. JOSEPH

- Janet Doyle and Paula Brady in memory of Gill & Adrienne Verbeem
- Debra Payne in memory of Rosemary Zimmer
 - Grace Cimatori in memory of Giuseppe, Maria & Bruna Cimatori & Maria Ravbar
- Marilyn Cadotte in memory of Rose Marie Holek
- Marilyn & Mike Chater in memory of Jennifer Jane Chater



ST. AGNES

- Yvonne Daudlin and family in memory of Ed Daudlin, Louis & Marguerite Cazabon and Marie Anne & William Daudlin
 - Cathy & Dan Laforet & family in memory of Don & Fran Doyle
- Jerry Couture in memory of Arsend & Reta Couture
- Santina Di Sante in memory of Valsesio Di Sante
 - Christine Blazuk in memory of Frank Blazuk, Olga Wellman and Anna Babchenko
 - Alcide Teixeira in memory of Palmira Neto
- Kim Oliphant in memory of Erin Booth (Coholan)
 - Ben & Becky Anne Lawton in memory of Vern & Rebecca Jubenville and Terry & Evelyn Jubenville
- Rina Colaizzi in memory of Rosa & Amedeo Colaizzi
 - Rina Colaizzi in memory of Marcello & Lauren
 - Betty Vink in memory of Jerry Vink & Myles Vink
 - Patrick McMahon in memory of Leon, Margaret & Anne McMahon and Lise Guenette
- Lucia Lucente in memory of Marcello Lucente, Rosa & Amedeo Colaizzi and Lauren Ledonne
- Jane & Alan Gray in memory of deceased members of the Treleaven and Gray families
 - Lurdes Branco in memory of Teresa Soares
 - In memory of the Ursuline Sisters
- RoseAnn Lernout (spouse) in memory of George Lernout on the occasion of First Christmas without him (March 2018)
- Lenora Cavacas in memory of Palmira Cavacas
- Artur Miranda in memory of Americo & Amelia Miranda
 - Velma Malcolm in memory of Eddie Cariveau
 - Velma Malcolm in memory of Cikatricis and Plevza deceased family members
- Michael & Monica Easton in memory of Marie C. Easton
 - Gaiswinkler family in memory of Andrew
 - Gaiswinkler family in memory of Leo
- Anne Bagnell & Family in memory of Tom Bagnell & Paolo & Albina Mondo
 - Keri Parker in memory of Roy & Cecile Minall
- Dave & Maureen Street in memory of Harry & Marjorie Street
 - Dave & Maureen Street in memory of Mike & Mary "Lily" Martin
 - Maria & Helen Nauta in memory of Evangelina Tuazon & Dick Nauta



I'll always feel you close to me
and though you're far from sight,
I'll search for you among the
stars that shine on
Christmas night!