

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 24, 2019

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12 noon 1.00 4.2

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

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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

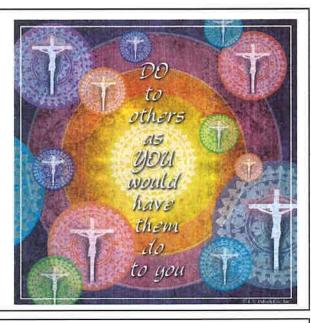
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WEEKDAY MASSES

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 Merciful and gracious is the

Slow to anger and abounding in kindness

Psalm 103:8



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Readings for March 3

Sirach 27: 4-7. 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58. Luke 6: 39-45

FEBRUARY 24, 2019
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father Don and I had a wonderful time at the Spirit and Life Centre last Monday serving at the Soups On Event. It was a fantastic gathering of the community

raising funds for Hope Haven. The Knights of Columbus Councils of our Family of Parishes as well as the Catholic Women's Leagues of our Family of Parishes were the main instigators of this event. They worked very hard to make this happen. The support of the Real Estate Agents of our community as well as the church communities of the surrounding area helped to make the event a far reaching community affair. A special shout out to Steve Brent and Michelle Lauzon for heading up the Committee.

We begin our Celebration of Lent with Ash Wednesday on March 6. This is a day when all Christians are called to dispose ourselves to a period of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. We have ash placed on our foreheads as a sign of our willingness to enter into a time of penitence and look forward to the mystery of the Paschal Sacrifice that we celebrate in Easter.

When most of think about Lent we ask ourselves what can I give up for Lent this year. So many of us think of the sugar that we can go without; the beer that we can give up; the chocolate that we can avoid. I am suggesting a few alternatives here. What to give up...

Give up complaining . . . focus on gratitude. Give up pessimism . . . become an optimist. Give up harsh judgements . . . think kindly thoughts.

Give up worry . . . trust Divine Providence. Give up discouragement . . . be full of hope. Give up bitterness . . . turn to forgiveness. Give up hatred . . . return good for evil. Give up negativism . . . be positive. Give up anger . . . be more patient. Give up pettiness . . . become mature. Give up gloom . . . enjoy the beauty that is

all around you.

Give up jealousy . . . pray for trust.

Give up gossiping . . . control your tongue.

Give up sin . . . turn to virtue.

Give up giving up . . . hang in there!

This list of fasting might just make a few of us sit up and notice that we can grow from these Lenten practices.

Now That's A Good Question How many days of Lent are fast days?

"The 40 days of Lent" has always been more of a metaphor than a literal count. Over the course of history the season of preparation for Easter Sunday has ranged from one day (in the first century) to 44

(today in the Roman church). Officially since 1970, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sunset on Holy Thursday.

Already at the Council of Nicea in 325 the bishops spoke of the quadragesima paschae (Latin for "40 days before Easter") as the well-established custom. At that time Lent began on the sixth Sunday before Easter and ended at dusk on Holy Thursday—40 days. But the council also forbade fasting, kneeling, and any other acts of sorrow and penance on Sundays, even in Lent. So only 34 of the 40 days were for fasting.

Since Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days after his Baptism, Christians in the fifth century wanted literally 40 days of penance before Easter. The first step was to add Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the "paschal fast," to make 36 fasting days.

The second step occurred over the course of the next few centuries in Rome. In addition to baptizing new Christians at Easter, the practice of welcoming back on Holy Thursday those who were baptized but who had committed serious sins became popular. Just as those to be baptized entered into final and intense preparation during Lent, those to be reconciled were expected to do likewise. But the first day of Lent—a Sunday—was already full, with Eucharist, a penitential procession through the city, and the rite of election for those to be baptized.

So those to be reconciled on Holy Thursday gathered on the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent. Wednesday (along with Friday) was already a day of fasting throughout the year, so it was appropriate to gather the penitents on that day. Borrowing a sacred sign from the scriptures, the bishop sprinkled ashes on the heads of the penitents, which they wore (without washing) until Holy Thursday as a sign of their sorrow.

This sacred sign was so attractive that even those who were not in a state of serious sin began to ask for ashes on the Wednesday before Lent. By the 11th century the pope recommended to all the bishops that ashes be distributed to anyone who sought them on that day, which became, of course, Ash Wednesday.

Here then, were four more days of fasting and penance: Ash Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before the first Sunday of Lent, bringing the total to 40. So today, while the season of Lent (Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday) is technically 44 days, the number of days for penance and fasting before Easter is still 40: 44 days minus 6 Sundays equals 38, plus Good Friday and Holy Saturday equals 40.

LENT IS A TIME TO GROW CLOSER TO JESUS

London Diocesan CWL Annual Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 9th 9 am - 3 pm

Spirit and Life Centre Lunch Cost: \$8 per person

Facilitator: Ann Shore is a retired director of the Department of Theology at Assumption University and is a favourite speaker and workshop/retreat facilitator throughout Ontario, Quebec and Michigan, on diverse religious and theological topics. For more information log onto www.cwllondon.ca.

Please contact your Council President if you and/or a friend plan to attend.

ST. JOSEPH CITY CWL

St. Joseph City CWL will meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 1:00 pm at the Spirit and Life Centre.

ST. JOSEPH HARWICH CWL

St. Joseph's Harwich CWL will meet on Monday March 4th at Spirit and Life Centre, 184 Wellington St. W. Chatham, at 7 p.m. Members are asked to bring cake mixes for Meals on Wheels.



ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

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, March 1 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.

Welcome thoughts that raise your heart to God. Open wide the windows of your soul.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

K OF C NEWS



ST. JOSEPH K OF C 50/50 DRAW WINNERS

December 2018 Breakfast Winner - Kathy Lynn - \$72.50 January Breakfast Winner - Zacharie Gagner - \$55.00 February Breakfast Winner - Sharon McDonnell - \$81.00

ST. JOSEPH K OF C COUNCIL BREAKFAST

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will be holding a breakfast on Sunday, March 10 from 9 to 11:30 am at the Spirit & Life Centre. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12 years of age and free for under 6.

UPCOMING FISH FRY DATES

Join us at one or all of the Fish Fries that are being FISHERY sponsored by three of our Knights of Columbus Councils at three of our churches during Lent.

> Time: 5 pm to 6:30 pm Cost: \$18.00 per person \$7.00 children under 12

Friday, March 8 - St. Ursula (Yellow Perch) Friday, March 15 - St. Joseph (Yellow Perch) Friday, March 22 - St. Ursula (Yellow Perch) (RIGHT NOW WE HAVE MAR 8, 15 & 22 TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLY)

Friday, March 29 - Blessed Sacrament (Pickerel/Perch) Friday, April 5 - St. Joseph (Yellow Perch) Friday, April 12 - Blessed Sacrament (Pickerel/Perch)

Let's support the Knights in this effort and observe the ferial days of Lent.

Tickets will be available for all of the dinners at our two family of Parishes Offices St. Agnes - 52 Croydon St St. Ursula - 205 Tweedsmuir Ave W

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> St. Joseph Council #10436

Meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm For information call Carl Evans at 519-359-7179



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

> St. Agnes Council #8739

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Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Mass Intentions Week of February 26 - March 1

Tuesday, February 26 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph ~ Victoria Martins ~ Benedetto Amato (Ann) ~ Intentions of Rebecca Martin ~ Nick & Anne Lucyk

Tuesday, February 26 ~ 7:00 pm ~ St. Ursula ~ Marcella Demers ~ Luigi Magliaro (14Ann) Bruce Bolland

Wednesday, February 27 ~ 8:00 am ~ St. Agnes ~ Ed Daudlin ~ George Lernout ~ Rob Bellefleur

Wednesday, February 27 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph ~ Maria Qua Tran ~ Bruce & George Sternik ~ All tenants of Government of Canada housing

Thursday, February 28 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph ~ Rosemary Zimmer ~ Irene Van Bemmel ~ Florence Dawson

Thursday, February 28~ 7:00 pm ~ St. Ursula ~ Maria DeFeo ~ Ken Brown ~ Anita Carpanzano

Friday, March 1 ~ 8:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament ~ Diane Harwood ~ Joe Van De Hogen ~ Michael Cobb Special intention Nancy Horne

Friday, March 1 ~ 12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph ~ Maria Cresta ~ Louise Burns ~ Intentions of Russell Foy

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Tuesdays at St. Ursula Church at 6:15 pm Wednesdays at St. Joseph Church at 11:15 am Thursdays at Blessed Sacrament Church at 12 noon Fridays at St. Agnes Church at 7 pm



BAPTISMS

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

MARRIAGE

One year notice & preparation course is required

CONFIRMATION 2019 TBA at later date

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

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 the people of the parish.

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 Irvin & Juliette Ducharme in memory of Charlene (Ducharme) Drochner.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to prayer for these Diocesan ministers: Rev. Ronaldo (Ronnie) Tagnines; Rev. Joseph Quinn, C.S.B.; Mrs. Maria Mollica, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Pio D'Oria; Deacon Steve Cartier; Mrs. Mary Catherine Bishop, Pastoral Minister; Rev. John Pirt.

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,
Nancy Horne, Rusty Houle, Marilyn Jarczak,
Genesio Matteis, Tony Matteis, Rachel McCord,
Bernard Myers, Gerald Myers, Patrick Myers,
Jeanette Pake, Ivon Pinsonneault,
Bill Reaume, 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 Fr. John Van Damme, Frank Horuczi, Clara Kendall, Louis Daigneault and Mary Wright.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Feb 25 Sirach 1: 1-10. Mark 9: 14-29

Feb 26 Sirach 2: 1-11. Mark 9: 30-37

Feb 27 Sirach 4: 11-19. Mark 9: 38-40.

Feb 28 Sirach 5: 1-8. Mark 9: 41-50

Mar 1 Sirach 6: 5-17. Mark 10: 1-12

Mar 2 Sirach 17: 1-4,6-8,10-15. Mark 10: 13-16

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Do you have question or want to register? Contact Colleen Keane at 519-352-8530 or by email at ckeane@dol.ca.



FLOWERS FOR THE TABERNACLE

If you wish to remember a loved one in a special way, or are celebrating a special occasion, flowers on the tabernacle is a nice way of doing that. Pick any Sunday date, fill out the form below and the office will let you know if that date is available. Special Sundays such as Easter, etc can have many names just like we did at Christmas. Mark your envelope 'Flowers' and which parish you wish the flowers to be at. Please include \$25.

Date of Flowers: OR Easter (Apr 21)Mother's Day (May 12) Father's Day (June 16)	
Name: Phone:	_
In memory of: On the occasion of:	
Blessed Sacrament Church St. Agnes Church St. Joseph Church St. Ursula Church	
\$25 included	

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019

Come, everything is ready! An Ecumenical Service Worship will take place on Friday, March 1 at the Salvation Army located at 46 Orangewood Blvd in Chatham at 2 pm. A luncheon will follow. All are invited to attend.

REQUEST FOR OLD PALMS

During the week of Feb. 25th-Mar.1st, we will be celebrating a prayer service in each of our elementary schools with our grade one and two students to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you have old palms, we would appreciate if you would bring them to Mass on the next two weekends.

E-BULLETIN

Are you interested in receiving the bulletin by email. If so, contact Maureen at the parish office at 519-352 -8530 or by email stursula@dol.ca, or Michelle at the parish office at 519-352-9483 or by email at melgie@dol.ca.

PRAYER CHAIN

We have people who want to pray for whatever request comes to them.

If you need prayers, please contact either parish office at 519-352-8530 or 519-352-9483.

VOCATIONS

The Vocation Team is looking for volunteers **VOLUNTEERS** to help with the Grade 4 Vocation Retreat on Monday, May 13th. This will be from approximately 9:30 to 1:30 and you can join us for all or part of the day. This will be working directly with the children, helping with crafts, directing them through the stations and supporting our speakers. This has proven to be an informative and enjoyable day for all. If you would like help us, please contact Lori Arnold at 519-380-0098 or loriarn@gmail.com. Thanks!















UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Time</u>	Location
Feb 25	Bridge & Pepper	1:00 pm	Meeting Room - SU
Feb 25	RCIA	6:00 pm	Meeting Room - BS
Feb 25	Sunday Reading Reflection Group	7:30 pm	Counters Room - SU
Feb 27	BS SVdP Meeting	8:30 am	SA Hall
Feb 27	Alpha	6:00 pm	BS Hall

Lenten Series
Ministry to the Dying
To be held at St. Ursula Parish

Thursday, March 21, 2019: Wills & Estates

11:00 am – 12:30 pm 12:30 pm – Lunch 1:15 – 3:00 pm

Wills & Estates & P.O.A. Financials with Mark MacKew

RSVP by March 13, 2019



Thursday, March 28, 2019: Caring for the Dying

11:00 am - 12:30 pm 12:30 pm - Lunch 1:15 - 3:00 pm

Dying at Home and Nursing Home with Rose Peseski

Hospice with Steve Cartier

Sacrament of the Sick with Fr. Don Pumputis

RSVP by March 20, 2019



Thursday, April 4, 2019: Celebration of Life

11:00 am - 12:30 pm 12:30 pm - Lunch 1:15 - 3:00 pm

Funeral Planning with Ron Peseski

Funeral Celebration with Fr. Don Pumputis

RSVP by March 27, 2019

LENTEN SERIES MINISTRY TO THE DYING

We hope that you will come out and attend these workshops. Please RSVP by either contacting Deacon Steve Cartier at 519-352-9483 Ext. 29 or Karen Robert at 519-352-9483 at the parish office.

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 new form and attach VOID cheque and return to parish office.

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

WELCOME

It is with great joy that we welcome visitors and new parishioners to our parish family!

New parishioners please fill out a registration form found at the main entrance of all sites. You may also call the offices (519-352-8530) or (519-352-9483) or better yet, come by either of the offices so we can meet you and welcome you personally!

Remember to welcome strangers in your homes.

Hebrews 13: 2



CHURCH CHUCKLE

A three-year-old boy went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, "There were 2 boy kittens and 2 girl kittens." "How did you know?" his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it's printed on the bottom."

5,538.03	-570.28	-570.28	NET INCOME
25,753.16	22,555.88	22,555.88	TOTAL EXPENSES
4,735.60	4,492.33	4,492.33	Capital Expenses
21,017.56	18,063.55	18,063.55	Operating Epenses
31,291.19	21,985.60	21,985.60	TOTAL INCOME
10,362.94	<u>4,138.35</u>	<u>4,138.35</u>	Capital Revenue
20,928.25	17,847.25	17,847.25	Operating Revenue
			St Ursula
151,051.52	507,051.91		Loan Fund Deposit
-33,220.57	-5,234.47	-5,234.47	NET INCOME
72,579.85	37,624.45	37,624.45	TOTAL EXPENSES
2,353.44	<u>7,169.45</u>	<u>7,169.45</u>	Capital Expenses
70,226.41	30,455.00	30,455.00	Operating Expenses
39,359.28	32,389.98	32,389.98	TOTAL INCOME
13,803.58	<u>8,821.03</u>	<u>8,821.03</u>	Capital Revenue
25,555.70	23,568.95	23,568.95	St Joseph Operating Revenue
YTD Jan 2018	YTD Jan 2019 Y	Current Jan 2019	
			Jan-19

Just a reminder that individual Parishes are responsible for their own finances. The obvious exception is the personnel and office expenses that are split in an equitable fashion. Year End Financials will be issued when the Diocese of London has reviewed them.

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201,739.43	148,740.33		Loan Fund Deposit
43,612.11	18,233.81	18,233.81	NET INCOME
34,375.19	25,189.97	25,189.97	TOTAL EXPENSES
0	0	0	Capital Expenses
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77,987.30	43,423.78	43,423.78	TOTAL INCOME
620.17	429.87	429.87	Capital Revenue
77,367.13	42,993.91	42,993.91	Operating Revenue *
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49,443.29	0	0	Loan Fund Payable
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-9,437.15	-7,821.89	-7,821.89	NET INCOME
37,036.31	32,158.32	32,158.32	TOTAL EXPENSES
10	Ю	10	Capital Expenses
37,036.31	32,158.32	32,158.32	Operating Expenses
27,599.16	24,336.43	24,336.43	TOTAL INCOME
610.16	575.14	575.14	Capital Revenue
26,989.00	23,761.29	23,761.29	Operating Revenue
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