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Third Sunday of Lent  
March 24, 2019

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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

### DAY OF CONFESSIONS

This year's diocesan Day of Confessions is being planned for Wednesday, April 10. This special opportunity helps us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Frances reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus.



† Confession times at our Family of Parishes are:

9:00 am until noon at St. Ursula,

12 noon until 3:00 pm at St. Joseph,

3:00 pm until 6:00 pm at St. Agnes and

6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament

Our diocesan website ([www.dol.ca](http://www.dol.ca)) offers some excellent resources and information about Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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### Readings for March 31

1 Samuel 16: 1b,6-7,10-13a. Ephesians 5: 8-14  
John 9: 1-41

**MARCH 24, 2019**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**





"Spring has sprung. The grass is risen. I wonder where the flowers is?" Thus goes the old rhyme about Spring. I don't know about you but I am glad that Spring has finally arrived and that we are going to enjoy better weather. The winter clothes can be closeted and we can start bringing out the clothes more appropriate to the climate. Friends of mine from San Diego, California sent me a picture of their garden and showed tulips in full bloom. I wrote back and said a polite thank you and told them that the high temperature that day was going to be -8 C. They replied with the question - "what's that?"

Last Sunday at St. Joseph I enrolled a family into the formal process of Preparation for Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. They will be going through the scrutinies that are a part of their preparation and will take place on the next three Sundays. Please remember all the catechumens of our Church during these last weeks of preparation before Easter.

This Friday Joe Bezzina from the Diocese and I will be meeting with Father Bogdan and his three representatives to discuss the process that is part of Our Lady of Victory coming on board with the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. We will formally welcome Our Lady of Victory as part of the Family of Parishes on July 2.

Make sure to take advantage of the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Dinners being held on Fridays in Lent. Great food and service with a smile.

### NOW THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

*What is Laetare Sunday?*

Laetare Sunday is the popular name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. The name comes from the first word of the Introit or entrance antiphon of the Mass for that day: In Latin, the entrance antiphon (Isaiah 66:10 -11) begins "*Laetare, Jerusalem*" ("Rejoice, Jerusalem").

Since there are six Sundays in Lent, Laetare Sunday falls just past the midpoint of Lent. For that reason, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened; the organ is played, flowers are allowed on the altar, and the purple vestments of Lent, signifying penance, are set aside and, as on Gaudete Sunday in Advent, rose ones are used instead.

### How Is the Date of Laetare Sunday Determined?

As the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday is always three weeks before Easter. But because the date of Laetare Sunday depends on the date of Easter, and the date of Easter changes every year, Laetare Sunday falls on a different date each year.

## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

*Share the journey with the Rohingyas of Myanmar*



Facing persecution and violence, 723,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar since August 2017 and taken refuge across the border, in neighbouring Bangladesh. Development and Peace's long-time partner Caritas Bangladesh is working hard to restore some dignity to these people who simply yearn to live in peace. Thanks to your donations, Caritas Bangladesh has been able to provide temporary shelters, access to clean water, safe latrines and showers for women and girls, and hygiene kits, and to raise awareness among refugees about safety issues.

Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of the Rohingya!

Donations to Development and Peace may be made by calling 1-888-234-8533 or by visiting the organization's website at [devp.org](http://devp.org).

### TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST.....

Rules? God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar.

They tire of seeing the backs of other's heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priests, altar servers, choirs etc.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behaviour by copying you.

If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome in church directly affects the way we respond to the Church, to God,

and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

To the members of our parish...

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.



## CWL NEWS

### CWL GARAGE SALE

The St. Joseph CWL's are having a Garage Sale on Saturday, March 30 at Spirit & Life Centre from 8:30 - 11:30 am. Looking for kitchen items, sheets, towels, books, tools and toys. No TV's or large furniture. Call Beth at 519-352-7479. Tables are \$25 each or 2/\$40.

### ST. JOSEPH HARWICH CWL

St. Joseph Harwich CWL next meeting will be held on Monday, April 1 at the home of Rebecca Martin (109 Cottage Place, Chatham) at 7 pm.



### 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to take effect the NEXT month. Thank you.

## K OF C NEWS



### UPCOMING FISH FRY DATES

Join us at one or all of the Fish Fries that are being 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 29 - Blessed Sacrament (Pickerel/Perch)

Friday, April 5 - St. Joseph (Pickerel/Perch)

Friday, April 12 - Blessed Sacrament (Pickerel/Perch)

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

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

### MARCH FOR LIFE

Right to Life Kent is sending two buses to Ottawa this May for the March for Life. There are still tickets available for purchase at Refuge Pregnancy Centre. The tickets are \$60 if purchased before April 15th and after this date they are \$65.00. This is an important election year, please help us to send a message that we need protection for the unborn!

### SAVE THE DATE

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fr. Richard's Indian Dinner on Friday June 21 in Alvinston/Watford. Once again we are working on getting bus sponsorship. Wicker baskets are also needed for the Auction. For more information, please call Rosalind or Norm at 519-354-0132.

"So little can do so much."

*"Springtime is the land awakening.  
The March winds are the morning yawn."*

-- Lewis Grizzard

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**Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes  
Mass Intentions  
Week of March 26 - 29**

**Tuesday, March 26 ~ 12 noon ~ St. Joseph**  
~ Victoria Martins ~ Maria Qua Tran ~ Marie Etches

**Tuesday, March 26 ~ 7 pm ~ St. Ursula**  
~ John Chevalier ~ Anita Carpanzano & Ernest Matteis  
~ Intentions of Bob & Gloria Fenlon

**Wednesday, March 27 ~ 8 am ~ St. Agnes**  
~ Cheri-Lynn Crosby ~ George Lernout  
~ Maria Oliveira  
~ In thanksgiving for Fr. Don Pumputis

**Wednesday, March 27 ~ 12 noon - St. Joseph**  
~ Maria Cresta ~ Valerie Pumputis ~ Oscar Gagnier

**Thursday, March 28 - 12 noon - St. Joseph**  
~ Fran Doyle ~ Jim Horne ~ Gerald Gagnier

**Thursday, March 28 ~ 7 pm - St. Ursula**  
~ Linda Diesbourg ~ Maria DeFeo ~ Dennis Lindsay

**Friday, March 29 ~ 8 am ~ Blessed Sacrament**  
~ Christine Pinsonneault ~ Geraldine Duceder  
~ Licia Dodok ~ Oscar Leclair

**Friday, March 29 ~ 12 noon ~ St. Joseph**  
~ Carmine DeVito ~ Domenico Novellino  
~ Maria Qua Tran

**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

Congratulations and best wishes to Donald Smith who celebrates his 86th birthday on March 27.



**DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR**

Please remember to prayer for these Diocesan ministers: Mr. Sylvain Patry, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Ministries to Refugees in the Diocese of London; Mrs. Eva Fodeles-Freund, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Arockiadoss Velanganni, O.F.M., Cap; Rev. John Sharp; Rev. Pierre Wood, O.F.M.Cap.; Rev. Donald Pumputis.

*To Everything there is a Season...  
"a time to be healed..."*

**Please pray for the sick of our parish family**  
Dan Attewell, Gordon (Jim) Baillargeon,  
Eva Beausejour, Larry De Smit,  
Lisa-Rae Desnoyers, Mario DeVito,  
Dario Dodich, Olivia Formosa,  
Rusty Houle, Marilyn Jarczak,  
Bob Kornacker, Genesio Matteis,  
Tony Matteis, Rachel McCord,  
Bernard Myers, Gerald Myers,  
Patrick Myers, Gail Nicolai, Jeanette Pake,  
Ivon Pinsonneault, Bill Reaume,  
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 Leonard Eagen, Robert Horne Jr., Fr. Henry Cassano, Roy Gammage, Ken Marchand and Cecile Reid.

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

**LENT REFLECTIONS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE**

Visit our family of parishes website at [www.ccfp.dol.ca](http://www.ccfp.dol.ca), scroll to the bottom of the home page and you will find daily Lent Reflections. Check back everyday as it will update daily during the Lenten season with reflections from Bishop Robert Barron. While you are there, check out all the ministries available or read the history of each parish, along with much more information about our family.

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

Mar 25 Isaiah 7: 10-14—8: 10d. Luke 1: 26-38  
Mar 26 Daniel 3: 25,34-43. Matthew 18: 21-35  
Mar 27 Deuteronomy 4: 1,5-9. Matthew 5: 17-19  
Mar 28 Jeremiah 7: 23-28. Luke 11: 14-23  
Mar 29 Hosea 14: 1-9. Mark 12: 28b-34  
Mar 30 Hosea 5: 15b - 6: 6. Luke 18: 9-14

### PRAYER FOR THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Loving Father,  
so many times I turn away from you  
and always you welcome me back.  
Your mercy and love gives me confidence.  
Thank you for the invitation to share, fast and pray  
so that you can form a new heart within me.  
Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses  
leads me to ask for mercy  
and await with great hope  
the Easter joy you share with us.  
Amen.



### BLESSING OF THE FOOD

The Roman Catholic church as we know, is rich in tradition. From its liturgical celebrations, to the simple blessings of homes, vehicles, people etc.



At this holiest time of the liturgical year we have the Easter blessing of food. This blessing owes its origin to the fact that these particular foods, namely fleshmeat and milk products, including, eggs, were forbidden in the Middle Ages during the Lenten Fast and abstinence. When the feast of Easter brought the rigorous Lenten fast to an end, and these foods were again allowed at the table, the faithful would show their joy and gratitude by first taking food to the parish church to be blessed. Moreover, they hoped that the church's blessing on such edibles would prove a remedy for whatever harmful effects the body might have suffered from the long period of self-denial.

Today the blessings of food are still held in many Catholic churches across the world, and we would like to invite you to bring your food for blessing on Holy Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m. at St. Ursula. Fr. Don will preside.

### DAY OF CONFESSIONS ARTICLES

To help prepare for Day of Confessions you can go to the Diocesan website [www.dol.ca](http://www.dol.ca) and under Prayer and Worship there is a section of articles that you can read. Some of these are:

Why should I go to confession?  
God's Gift of Forgiveness  
What makes Sin Grave?  
Three reasons to go to Confession ASAP  
It was a beautiful confession  
And more articles



### FLOWERS AND DÉCOR FOR EASTER

One way to remember a loved one or if you are celebrating a special occasion during Easter is to fill out the form below and submit to your parish. Please include \$25. A list of all names will be published in our Easter bulletin.

#### Flowers and Décor for Easter

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

OR

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

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 25	SU Cards	1:00 pm	Meeting Room - SU
March 25	RCIA	6:00 pm	BS Meeting Room
March 25	Lectio Divina Lenten Series	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Church
March 26	Stations of the Cross	6:15 pm	St. Ursula Church
March 27	BS St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	8:30 am	St. Agnes Hall
March 27	Stations of the Cross	11:15 am	St. Joseph Church
March 27	Alpha	6:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament hall
March 28	Stations of the Cross	12:00 noon	Blessed Sacrament Church
March 28	Sunday Readings Reflection Group	7:30 pm	Counters Room - SU
March 29	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm	St. Agnes Church



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

**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



**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*



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.

**LIFE IN MOTION PRESENTS....**

Are laws allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide  
leading society down a dangerous path?

Please join us on Sunday, April 14 from 2 - 5 pm to  
watch the movie "Fatal Flaws, Legalizing Assisted  
Death". The movie will be shown in the hall at  
Blessed Sacrament Church. Introduction to the  
movie will be by Alex Schadenberg, Executive  
Producer of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.  
There will be a question and answer period to follow  
the movie. Any questions please call Jo at 519-352-  
3611.

**ALTAR SERVERS HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS SIGN UP**

All currently active and formerly active youth Altar  
Servers are invited to sign up for any or all of the  
Holy Week celebrations, including

- The Mass of the Lord's Supper which will  
begin at 7:00 pm at the St. Ursula site on Holy  
Thursday

- The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
which will begin at 11 am at St. Joseph and 3:00 pm  
at Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, St. Joseph and  
St. Ursula

- The Easter Vigil which will begin at 8:00 pm  
on Holy Saturday at Blessed Sacrament site, and

- The Easter Sunday Masses which is the  
Regular Mass schedule

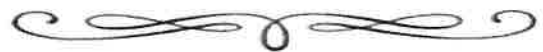
- 8:00 am - St. Joseph
- 9:00 am - Blessed Sacrament
- 10:00 am - St. Ursula
- 11:00 am - St. Agnes
- 12:00 noon - St. Joseph

Sign up sheets are available in the Sacristy at  
Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes and St. Ursula and in  
the Vestry at St. Joseph Church.

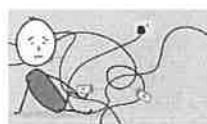
***If you want your petition heard, hear the petition  
of others. When you fast, see the fasting of  
others. If you hope for mercy, show mercy.  
If you look for kindness, show kindness.***

***If you want to receive, give.***

***~St. Peter Chrysologus~***



**CHURCH CHUCKLE**



The priest was wired for sound with  
a lapel microphone, and as he  
preached, he moved briskly about  
the platform, jerking the mike cord  
as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting  
wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before  
jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a  
little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother  
and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"



## NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2019



On May 4th, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada, the US, the UK, and Australia. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class Catholic speakers: Fr. James Mallon, Michael Dopp, Cardinal Gérald Lacroix, Michelle Moran, Fr. Jon Bielawski, and Michele Thompson. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes is incredibly excited to be a host site for NES. This year, the Summit is **FREE** for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation and connect with other Catholics. **There are limited tickets available. Registration is open on a first come first served basis so book NOW!**

Register at [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca)

Where: Blessed Sacrament Church

When: Saturday, May 4, 2019

Doors open at 8:00 - Conference 8:45-4:30

Cost: FREE - Snacks and Lunch provided

Further info contact Colleen Keane @ [ckeane@dol.ca](mailto:ckeane@dol.ca)

### SOUP SAMPLER - ST. AGNES HALL - APRIL 14



Come and savour the tastes of homemade soups at the St. Agnes Soup Kitchen's annual soup sampler on Sunday, April 14, 12:00 - 2:00 pm. In the church hall we will be offering an assortment of soups for your tasting pleasure. The price is only your presence and a free will offering if you please. The proceeds will go to the St. Agnes Soup Kitchen.

### COR - CHRIST IN OTHERS RETREAT

Join us for a retreat to reconnect and refocus! COR is a retreat for all high school students to get rid of distractions for a weekend and find community, faith and fun. COR will be held at St. Michael's Parish, Ridgetown on the weekend of March 29th-31st. For more information please contact Sara & Paul Taylor at [taylor9141@gmail.com](mailto:taylor9141@gmail.com).

### ST. JOSEPH & ST. URSULA SVDP FOOD DRIVE



St. Joseph and St. Ursula SVDP Food Drive will take place at all masses at our Family of Parishes on Sunday, April 7. Boxes will be available at each parish in which to place your articles. We are in great need of these items: *peanut butter, canned meat, toothpaste, deodorant for men and women, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, cereal, canned fruit, crackers, soup, toilet paper.*

## LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT

Lectio Divina is a form of meditation rooted in our liturgical celebration, which dates back to the Benedictine order, in the early monastic community. It is a method practiced by the monks in their daily encounter with scripture, both as they prepared for the Eucharist, and as they prayed the Divine office or Liturgy of the Hours.

The Latin phrase "lectio divina" can be translated as divine reading. As one reads, one invites the Word to become that transforming lens, which brings the events of daily living into focus. We can then come to live a deeper spiritual life, finding God's presence readily in the events of daily life.

Lectio Divina follows a four step process:

1. Lectio (reading)
2. Meditatio (meditation)
3. Contemplatio (contemplation)
4. Oratio (prayer)

We have the opportunity to have Fr. Danny Santos from Good Shepherd parish in Lakeshore, to lead us in Cardinal Tom Collins style of lectio.

I hope you will be able to join us at Blessed Sacrament Church on:

Monday, March 25 at 7 pm

Monday, April 1 at 7 pm

Come to our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Lenten series "Lectio Divina", enter into, and expand your prayer and spiritual horizons. I look forward to seeing you there.

### 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](mailto:stursula@dol.ca), or Michelle at the parish office at 519-352-9483 or by email at [melgie@dol.ca](mailto:melgie@dol.ca).

### PRAYER CHAIN

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

If you need prayers, please contact Maureen at the parish office (519-352-8530).

### 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