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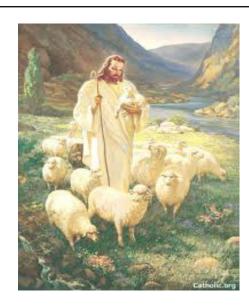
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Blessed Sacrament Parish
Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 9:00 am
St. Agnes Parish
Sunday 11:00 am
St. Joseph Parish
Sunday 8:00 am and 12 noon
St. Ursula Parish
Sunday at 10:00 am

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



The Lord is my shepherd; | shall not want.

Psalm 23

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Readings for April 7

Ezekiel 37: 12-14. Romans 8: 8-11. John 11: 1-45.

MARCH 31, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT





Class:

I was caught with a time line this week and so I decided to take an easy way to share with you. Here are some "funnies" that were shared with me by a parishioner.

Teacher: How old is your father? Kid: He is six years old.

Teacher: What! How is that possible?

Kid: He only became a father when I was born.

Teacher: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

Maria: Here it is.

Teacher: Correct. Now class, who discovered North

America? Maria.

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell 'Crocodile'?

Glenn: KROKODIAL Teacher: No. that is wrong.

Glenn: Maybe, it is wrong but you asked me how to spell

it.

Teacher: Donald, what is the correct formula for water?

Donald: HIJKLMNO

Teacher: What are you talking about? Donald: Yesterday you said it is H to O.

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the

same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Clyde: No, sir. It's the same dog.

Teacher: What do you call a person who keeps on talking

when people are no longer interested?

Harold: A teacher.

NOW THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

What is meant by observing the Easter Duty?

You may be familiar with the term "Easter Duty" and relate it to the obligation to go to confession and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. If you already have a habit of regular confession and Communion, you can fulfill the obligation without much effort. If not, it is worthwhile to recall what the Church requires and why.

When considering our sacramental duties, we should first realize that the Church proposes certain rules and requirements to help us grow in grace and get to heaven.

For those who grew up in a traditional Catholic household, it may be surprising to learn that the term "Easter Duty" does not appear in the Church's canon law, nor is it mentioned specifically in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Rather, the idea stems from two related Church laws: to receive the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season, unless a serious reason indicates another time as preferable (canon 920); and to receive absolution in sacramental confession for any mortal sin at least once a year (canon 989).

Of course, this is the *minimum* required by the Church, and today most practicing Catholics receive Communion during not only the Easter season (broadly defined as the period from the First Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday) but also many other times of the year.

Less popular, however, is the practice of confession, so let us look more closely at that sacrament.

Call it what you will — penance, confession, reconciliation — the *Catechism* teaches that this sacrament has many effects, the foremost of which is "restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship" (1468). Sin damages our relationship with God. Reconciliation rooted in humble contrition restores it. For good reason, the formula for absolution begins with the words, "God, the Father of mercies."

Sin also breaks our bonds with others in the Church. We sow discord and distrust, and disrupt our union with the Body of Christ, when we choose to love ourselves over our neighbours. Reconciliation restores those links that we share with the ones we love and the ones we should love more.

The aspect of the sacrament that many shrink from — the difficult practice of telling my sins to another person — has become one of the most reassuring for me. On my own, I can fool myself and excuse my sins, thinking that at least I haven't killed anybody. But the very act of confessing in the presence of a priest makes my examination of conscience deeper and more honest. In the sacrament, God truly acts through the priest, which makes the parting words, "Go in peace," all the more powerful and consoling.

We don't deserve and cannot earn God's forgiveness, yet he gives it for the asking. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we drink from the depths of Divine Mercy, where God replenishes us with the graces needed to live in and act out of love each day. Considering that we are reborn spiritually in confession and fortified by grace in Holy Communion, we should think of our Easter Duty as an *opportunity* to become the better person God calls us to be.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Share the journey with those forcibly displaced in Colombia



In Colombia, over 6.5 million people have been forcibly displaced due to conflict, violence, natural disasters, and development projects. With your support, Development and Peace's partner the National Agrarian Coordination (NAC) is working with Indigenous women, many of whom

are victims of forced displacement, to help them gain the skills and confidence to be intermediaries with the authorities. By promoting inclusive and participatory democracies, we are addressing one of the root causes of forced migration!

Next week is Solidarity Sunday, when the Share Lent collection in support of the work of Development and Peace will take place. Your generosity has a real impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in the Global South!

Donations to Development and Peace may be made by calling 1-888-234-8533 or by visiting the organization's website at devp.org.

CWL NEWS



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.

ST. URSULA CWL GARAGE SALE



GARAGE DONATIONS ARE NEEDED for St. Ursula 🚠 CWL Annual Garage Sale being held on 🚺 Saturday, May 4. Drop off times are Thursday, May 2 from 12 noon until 6 pm

and Friday, May 3 from 9 am until 5 pm.



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

14th 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."



K OF C NEWS

UPCOMING FISH FRY DATES

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

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



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

ST. JOSEPH K OF C COUNCIL BREAKFAST

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will be holding a breakfast on Sunday, April 14 from 9 am to 11:30 am at the Spirit and Life Centre. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6 - 12 years of age and free for children under 6 years of age.



ADORATION - A GIFT FOR LENT



Give yourself a gift for Lent - Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at Adoration this Friday (April 5) starting after morning Mass until 3:30 pm followed by the Sacrament of

the Sick. Jesus will be waiting at Blessed Sacrament Church - Come and be with the One who loves you unconditionally, it is a chance to give thanks!



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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 519-359-7129

St. Ursula Council #9551



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

St. Agnes Council #8739

Meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm For information email stagnes@dol.ca

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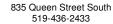
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Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Mass Intentions Week of April 2 - 5

Tuesday, April 2 ~ 12 noon ~ St. Joseph ~ Maria Qua Tran ~ KS Chari ~ William Jakub

Tuesday, April 2 ~ 7 pm ~ St. Ursula ~ Hilda & Joe Gleason ~ Maria DeFeo ~ Jose Coelho & Maria Jose Neves

Wednesday, April 3 ~ 8 am ~ St. Agnes ~ Charles Kelly ~ Stan Moor ~ Maria Qua Tran & deceased family members

Wednesday, April 3 ~ 12 noon - St. Joseph ~ Santa Lucia ~ Ugo DeMattia ~ Carmine DeVito

Thursday, April 4 - 12 noon - St. Joseph
- Ryan VanKerkhoven - Paulette Giroux
- Rosemary Zimmer

Thursday, April 4 ~ 7 pm - St. Ursula ~ Geroge Aitken ~ Intentions of Shawn Christensen ~ Armando DeMattia

Friday, April 5 ~ 8 am ~ Blessed Sacrament ~ Irene Tunstall ~ Virgilio Grison ~ Zulma McGregor ~ Emilio Zimmerman

Friday, April 5 ~ 12 noon ~ St. Joseph ~ Victor Ferreira ~ Alex & Josephine Verbruggen ~ John & Theresa Maier



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

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to prayer for these Diocesan ministers: Rev. Danny Santos; Rev. Alan Dufraimont; Rev. Alan Momney; Dr. Robert Langlois, Pastoral Minister; Rev. John Johnson; Mrs. Francine Visser, Pastoral Minister; Mrs. Virginia Eade, Pastoral Minister.

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 Fernando Fernandes.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS AND SACRISTANS

The new schedules for all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Sacristans will be prepared in the next couple of weeks. They will cover May to August 2019. If you are going to be away for more than two weeks at one time, please contact Cathy Zimmer at czimmer@dol.ca or call either office by Tuesday, April 9.

In order to save on the cost of printing and paper, the schedules are emailed to all those that have provided an email address. Those that receive it by email either write it on their calendar or print it themselves. For anyone that does not use email, I will have a printed copy with their name on it in the appropriate place in each church - Blessed Sacrament on the hospitality desk, St. Agnes in the Sign-In Room, St. Joseph in the Vestry and at St. Ursula in the front foyer. If you wish to begin receiving the schedule by email, contact Cathy Zimmer by calling either office or email czimmer@dol.ca.



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.

BLESSING OF THE FOOD



We would like to invite you to bring your food for blessing on Holy Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m. at St. Ursula Church. Fr. Don will preside.

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.



WEEKDAY READINGS

- Apr 1 Isaiah 65: 17-21. John 4: 43-54 Apr 2 Ezekiel 47: 1-9,12. John 5: 1-16 Apr 3 Isaiah 49: 8-15. John 5: 16-30 Apr 4 Exodus 32: 7-14. John 5: 18,31-47
- Apr 5 Wisdom 2: 1a,12-22. John 7: 1-2,10,25-30
- Apr 6 Jeremiah 11: 18-20. John 7: 40-53

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. Meditation (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, 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 1	Blessed Sacrament CWL Cards	12:30 pm	Hall - BS
April 1	St. Ursula Cards	1:00 pm	Meeting Room - SU
April 1	Lectio Divina Lenten Series	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Church
April 1	St. Joseph Harwich CWL Meeting	7:00 pm	109 Cottage Pl (Rebecca's)
April 2	St. Joseph City CWL Meeting	1:00 pm	Spirit and Life Centre
April 2	Stations of the Cross	6:15 pm	St. Ursula Church
April 2	St. Ursula K of C General Meeting	7:30 pm	Meeting Room - SU
April 3	Stations of the Cross	11:15 am	St. Joseph Church
April 3	Alpha	6:00 pm	Hall - BS
April 4	Stations of the Cross	12:00 noon	Blessed Sacrament Church
April 4	Blessed Sacrament CWL Executive Meeting	6:30 pm	Meeting Room - BS
April 4	Sunday Readings Reflection Group	7:30 pm	Counters Room - SU
April 5	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm	St. Agnes Church
April 6	Blessed Sacrament Ushers Meeting	9:00 am	Hall - BS

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2019



On May 4th, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New NEW EVANGELIZATION Evangelization. The event will be held Inspiring Catholics 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!

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COMMUNAL PENANCE CELEBRATION

The deanery wide Communal Penance Celebration will take place on Sunday, April 7 at 3 pm at St. Joseph Church. The priests of the Kent Deanery will be present to help you celebrate your Easter Confession.



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 in our parish 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) offers some excellent resources and information about Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

REFUGEE UPDATE

The Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes, this year, is sponsoring and expecting our last family of Syrian refugees. We await the arrival of Jamal Mourad, his wife and five children ages 6 to 24.

Through your generosity we have on hand some furniture and finances for 10 months. Our sponsorship is for 12 months. We still need finances for two months sponsorship which is approximately \$5,000.00, if we can find a four bedroom house with reasonable rent.

Also we need: three single beds and bedding, vacuum cleaner or electric broom, window curtains and shower curtain, freezer, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and toiletries.

Clothes: boys ages 6, 8; girls age 14 and 19 and three adults.

To avoid duplication of large furnishings and clothes please email eleanor@kent.net indicating your donation. Once we know the arrival date of the family, the larger items will need to be delivered to their house.

For monetary donations: cheques or cash to St. Agnes Church - refugee ministry

Volunteers for house hunting and setting the furniture is always appreciated, let Eleanor know if you feel called to this ministry.

Thank you for your continuous support of refugees.

Our Present Refugee Families celebrated Arabic Mother's Day on March 21, 2019

It is with grateful hearts that these refugees whom the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes welcomed in December 2015, October 2016 and November 2016 wish you many blessings.

They pray for each of you and never stop thanking God for your generosity and their good fortune to be in Canada, in Chatham.



Rima, Houda, Hossam, Tala, Hisham, Sr. Kathleen, Houda Dakak, Sr. Eleanor, Aya, Najem, Mohamad, Taj, Noura, Mulham and Abed in back row. Dima is the photographer and not in the picture.



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-

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. For more information please call Jo at 519-352-3611.

ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL

Please join us each First Friday and Saturday at Our Lady of Victory Church. On Friday, April 5 Holy Mass will be at 9 pm followed by an all-night Prayer Vigil. This will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, hymns and prayers and close with 8 am Holy Mass on Saturday, April 6. For more information please call Marie at 519-352-6913.

CWL GARDEN TEA PARTY SUNDAY, JUNE 2 AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

We want to include the youth of our parish. We are looking for models ages 3 - 12 and model dressers age 12 - 18. The youngest children will be

modeling antique clothes and princess dresses. While the children are modeling, the mothers and grandmothers will be enjoying a lovely garden tea and the children will join them after the fashion show. For more information contact Patti Johnson at 519-359-9528.



CHURCH CHUCKLE



"I think Mother Nature is tryin' to pull an April Fools' trick."