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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. Ursula Parish
Sunday at 10:00 am

Our Lady of Victory
Parafia Matki Boskiej Zwycieskiej
Sunday 9:30 am
Sunday 11:00 am (Polish)

Cancelled until further notice

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday
8:00 am at Our Lady of Victory

Tuesday
8:00 am at St. Agnes
7:00 pm at St. Ursula

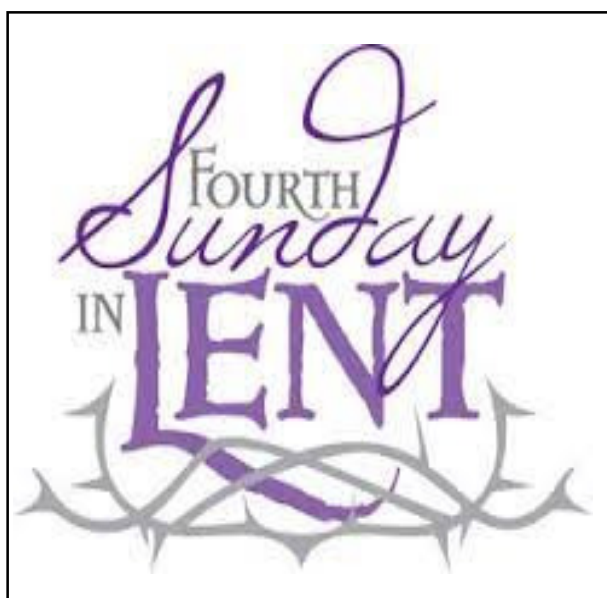
Wednesday
8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament
12:00 noon at St. Joseph
7:00 pm at Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

Thursday
8:00 am at St. Agnes
9:30 am at St. Ursula

Friday
8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament
12:00 noon at St. Joseph

Saturday
9:00 am at Our Lady of Victory

Cancelled until further notice



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Readings for March 29
Ezekiel 37: 12-14. Romans 8: 8-11. John 11: 1-45

MARCH 22, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



This has been a hectic week to say the least. Last Wednesday I became sick with a bad cough and congestion and decided to self-isolate myself for a week or until the cough had subsided. We planned to have someone come in from London to cover my Sunday Masses but then on Saturday the directive came out cancelling weekend Masses at all churches. Then on Monday the directive came out cancelling weekday Masses. The Bishop has made some very difficult decisions in the protection of all of us as well as slowing down the spread of COVID-19. Please pray for him and our whole diocese in this time that the blessings of God will be with you and your family as well as those directly impacted by the virus.

Myself as well as our entire Parish Team are earnestly praying for you as well as concerned for your spiritual being. This is not business as usual for sure. We are limited in the ways that we can reach out to you but there is always an opportunity of opening ourselves to what God can do for us. In my Lenten reflection today I was reminded of St. John Vianney who prayed daily - "Lord, I am open to your amazing possibilities." Perhaps this prayer might bolster in you that gumption to deepen your personal resolve to do God's will and allow Him to transform you in new and wonderful ways.

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION INTIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
As a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are
confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with protecting the
health and safety of others and for those who are tending
to the sick and seeking a cure.
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of
the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took
upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as
to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the
Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Source of light

Reading I 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a
(Samuel anoints David)
Reading II Ephesians 5: 8-14
(duty to live in the light)
Gospel John 9: 1-41
(the man born blind)

Key Passage: For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as Children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. (Ephesians 5: 8-9)

Adult: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Child: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for other to see?

OUTREACH FOR HUNGER

Dear Friends in Christ,

I would like to thank the families of Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes for the recent donation to Outreach for Hunger. Your continuing support is a blessing to so many of our struggling families. May God bless you all as we continue to serve His people.

Sincerely,
Brenda LeClair
Executive Director

DEVELOPEMENT AND PEACE

The *seringueiros*: protectors in peril



On reserves created by the Brazilian state, the *seringueiros* tap rubber trees and gather nuts and fruits for subsistence. But their lands are now coveted by powerful loggers, hunters, ranchers, soybean farmers, etc. They are facing increasing threats, intimidation and persecution. Despite these hardships, the *seringueiros* prefer remaining in place to tend their beloved forest. Development and Peace's partner, the Pastoral Land Commission (CPT), supports the *seringueiros* by documenting violations of their rights and by helping them legally contest the seizure of their lands.

"Those who want to help us should immediately come to see what is happening here so that we may keep the forest standing." - Ederson Chaves Dias, *seringueiro*, Angelim Reserve, Machadinho d'Oeste

Watch the *seringueiros*' testimony at devp.org/campaign/seringueiros.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

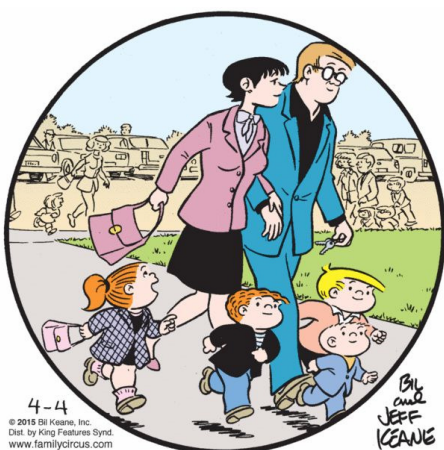
GARAGE SALE

St. Joseph CWL councils will be hosting a garage sale on Saturday, March 25 from 8 am to noon at the Spirit and Life Centre.

If you would like to purchase a table the cost is \$25 for one table or \$45 for two. To purchase a table, please contact Beth Kachur at 519-352-7479.

Donations and pictures for the garage sale can be dropped off at the Spirit and Life Center on Sunday, March 20 and Sunday, March 22 after the 8 am and 12 noon masses. Donations will also be received on Friday, March 27 from 2 until 5 pm. NO electronics will be accepted.

CHURCH CHUCKLE



"I like it when everyone in church sings about that Ollie Louya guy."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



ANNUAL FISH FRY SAVE THE DATE

Friday, April 3 - Blessed Sacrament

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Picnic

Cost: \$18 for adults

6-12 years old - \$7, children under 6 free

Perch

Adults \$22

6-12 years old - \$10, children under 6 free

Mac & Cheese - \$6

Tickets for the fish fry are available at both parish offices.

IF YOU PURCHASED TICKETS FOR MARCH 20, AND DID NOT YET GET YOUR MONEY BACK PLEASE CALL CARL AT 519-352-8365



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT



Please join us on Friday during Lent at St. Agnes at 7:00 pm for Stations of the Cross. Everyone is welcome.

PLEASE NOTE

If you had flowers on the tabernacle or Easter flowers booked or Mass intentions booked in March or April, we will be rebooking them all when we once again open our churches and office.

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St. Joseph Council #10436

Meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm
For information call either parish office.

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St. Ursula Council #9551

Meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm
For information email Gerard Masse at
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Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Rev. Murray Sample; Deacon Brad Lewis; Mr. Sylvain Patry, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Ministers to Refugees in the Diocese of London; Nursing Home Volunteers in the Diocese of London; Rev. Arockiados Velanganni, O.F.M. Cap.; Rev. John Sharp.

*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, Gary Benninger, Giselda Bocchino,
Donald Bulley, Deb Carr, Betty Carruthers,
Esther Chari, Judy Cudney, Larry De Smit,
Lisa-Rae Desnoyers, Mario DeVito, Suzie Devolder,
Dario Dodich, Agatha Duff, Tony Follo,
Olivia Formosa, Fran Gazarek, Kathy Harkner,
Marilyn Jarczak, Francis Kaufman,
Lucianna Letourneau, Clarita Litschko,
Robert Wemigwans Kelly, Bob Kornacker,
Audrey Kraemer, Shirley Mailloux, Evelyn Marentette,
Genesio Matteis, Emma Matteis, Jocelyn McGlynn,
Mark McLaughlin, Nicholas Medeiros, Ruth Nagle,
Gail Nicolai, Katherine Prout, Bill Reaume,
Jen Rumble, Sandra Sonneveld, Verna Southgate,
John Taylor and Genny Wrotkowska.

God, grant them your peace.

"a time to die..."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners especially Irena Leciago.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 23 Isaiah 65: 17-21. John 4: 43-54
Mar 24 Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12. John 5: -16
Mar 25 Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8: 10d. Luke 1: 26-38
Mar 26 Exodus 32: 7-14. John 5: 18, 31-47
Mar 27 Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22. John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30.
Mar 28 Jeremiah 11: 18-20. John 7: 40-53

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary Happy Anniversary to Grace & Len Moore who are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on March 27th.

RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET 2020

We had a call from Jill at Right to Life today and she said they have postponed their Right to Life Banquet which was to be held Tuesday, April 14. She asks anyone with tickets to the banquet to hold on to them as they will reschedule it sometime in the future.

HOLY THURSDAY "IN THE GARDEN"



You are invited to "watch and pray" for one hour on Holy Thursday at 10:00 pm at St. Joseph Chapel. Join our evening meditation with the St. Joseph Contemporary Choir as we spend an hour praying with readings, prayer and music, in response to Jesus' question "Could you not stay awake an hour?"

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

This year's Diocesan Day of Confessions is being planned for Wednesday, April 1. The season of Lent is a time to be renewed and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. An important part of our Lenten call to personal holiness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Pope Francis reminds us, "Confession is where we encounter Jesus." In an effort to highlight this important part of our Lenten journey, every year on the final Wednesday of Lent, parishes all across the Diocese of London have priests available to hear confessions throughout the day and/or evening.

Confession times in our parish are:

7:00 am until 11:30 am at St. Joseph,
12:00 noon until 3:30 pm at St. Ursula,
4:00 pm until 6:00 pm at St. Agnes,
7:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament and
5:00 pm until 6:45 pm at Our Lady of Victory

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

NOTE FROM RODGER

First and foremost, thank you for your understanding and cooperation with the adjustments that have been made to our normal way of worshipping and the amount of cancellations that were necessary for everyone's health safety.

Please remember the parishes still have expenses that are ongoing regardless of the measures we have undergone. The normal expenses incurred still exist. Similar to your personal expenses that continue, so it is with the Family of Parishes and the individual parish sites.

Donations are still welcomed as always! Now may be the time to consider enrolling in "PAD" (Pre authorized debit). PAD is a benefit to the parishes as well as you, the parishioner. You don't have to worry about scrambling before mass to find your envelope or writing the cheque or digging through your purse for the cash. It is convenient, safe, easy, and praised by the volunteer counters. Please consider PAD and thank you for your continued financial support.

BAPTISMS

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

MARRIAGE

One year notice & preparation course is required

CONFIRMATION

2020 date to be determined

RECONCILIATION

Monday - 7:30 to 7:55 am at Our Lady of Victory
Tuesday - 6:00 to 6:45 pm at St. Ursula
Wednesday - 11:00 to 11:45 am at St. Joseph
Thursday - 7:30 to 8:15 am at St. Agnes
Saturday - 11:00 am to 12 noon at Blessed Sacrament

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the sick will take place the First Friday of February & October at Blessed Sacrament Church and the third Tuesday of October and February at St. Ursula Church.

ADORATION (Eucharist)

First Friday 8:30am-10am Blessed Sacrament
(Year round) 9:30pm-1000am Our Lady of Victory
2nd Wednesday 8:00am-11:30am St. Joseph
3rd Tuesday 1:30-6:30pm St. Ursula
4th Thursday 8:30am-noon St. Agnes

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2020



On April 25, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada, the UK, and Australia. This year's Summit is online and featuring world-class Catholic speakers: Scott Hahn, Barbara Mason, Fr. Robert Spitzer, Michael C. C. and Sherry Weddell. The NE was 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. The Summit is FREE for 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 book NOW!

Register at www.newevangelization.ca

Where: St. Agnes Church

When: Saturday, April 25, 2020

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

Cost: FREE - Snacks and Lunch provided

Further info contact Colleen Keane @ ckeane@dol.ca
or at 519-352-8530

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

With the COVID-19 virus evolving rapidly, we are seeking to take all of the necessary precautions that are being given to us by the federal and provincial health authorities.

As Pope Francis stated on Monday, "United to Christ we are never alone, but instead form one body, of which He is the head. It is a union that is nourished with prayer and also with spiritual communion in the Eucharist, a practice that is recommended when it isn't possible to receive the sacrament."

Obviously receiving Holy Communion is the way to participate most fully in the Mass, but it is not always possible to receive Holy Communion. The idea of "spiritual Communion" - inviting Jesus into one's heart and soul when receiving the actual sacrament isn't possible - is a long-standing part of our rich Catholic tradition.

The practice of making Spiritual Communions is well established in the Catholic Church and highly recommended by many saints.

St. Thomas Aquinas defined Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him."

St. Jean-Marie Vianney said that making a spiritual communion is like blowing on a fire that is starting to go out in order to make the fire burn brightly again.

According to the Handbook of Indulgences, Norms & Grants (Grant 15), the Church grants a Partial Indulgence to whomever makes an Act of Spiritual Communion, expressed in any devout formula whatsoever.

'Jesus, I believe with all my heart that You truly are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart.

Confident that You have already come, I embrace You and I unite myself entirely to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

