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

#### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturday ~ 5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church Sunday ~ 9 am (live streamed) at Blessed Sacrament Church Sunday ~ 10 am at St. Ursula Church Sunday ~ 12 noon at Blessed Sacrament Church (Bilingual - English and Polish)

\*\*\*\*AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES YOU WILL STILL HAVE TO RESERVE A SEAT ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS ON LINE AT www.ccfp.dol.ca OR BY CALLING 519-352-9483 from 9 am until 5 pm

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES (FIRST COME FIRST SERVE)

Tuesday ~ 9 am at St. Ursula Church Thursday at 9 am ~ Blessed Sacrament Church (live streamed)

Confessions (individual) following weekday Masses on July 14 and 16.

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## Readings for July 19

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19. Romans 8: 26-27. Matthew 13: 24-43.

July 12, 2020 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME From the

We have been working hard during these Party pandemic times to make sure that the Family of Parishes is operating smoothly. One of the elements of life moving on is

that transitions are inevitable. Our secretaryreceptionist at St. Agnes, Michelle Elgie, has come to the decision to retire at the end of this calendar year after giving 24 years of service to the parish. Huge kudos to Michelle for making this decision to bow out graciously and enjoy her life. However, she wanted to ensure that the work that she has carried will not be let go. I have decided to ask that Maureen Foster, our receptionist-secretary at St. Ursula to work along side of Michelle for the next six months to learn the ins and outs of the work that Michelle does and balance it with the work that Maureen already does at her post. This means that people who visit Maureen in her office at St. Ursula will have to go to St. Agnes for any need they may have. I apologize for this inconvenience but as time marches on we at times have to adjust to new circumstances. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Fr. Jim Higgins, Pastor



Yes, I have missed everyone throughout this new normal created by a pandemic. I have missed our celebrations together, but I have also prayed privately. I spend my time writing prayers, poetry and stories that reflect positive thoughts during a time that could be filled with immense loneliness. I share one with you that reminds me to be better than I am. I pray this often. Maybe you will find comfort in it and include it in your personal prayers. God Bless. Deacon Chris

#### A Prayer

Help me be meek So that I will seek God in everyone. Thy will be done!

Help me to be kind So I will find God in everyone. Thy will be done.

Help me to give love So I will put others above -God in everyone. Thy will be done.

Help me to have humility So that I will see

God in everyone. Thy will be done.

Help me to be just So I will trust -That God's in everyone. Thy will be done.

> Help me to believe So I will perceive God in everyone. Thy will be done.

Help me to be calm So I will see in each psalm -God's in everyone. Thy will be done.

> Help me to have hope So we will all cope -God's in everyone. Thy will be done.

With all, help me share And show that I care -God's in everyone Thy will be done.

Help me know that all As God's children, are equal -God's in everyone They will be done.

> Chris J. Masterson April 16, 2020



#### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Seeds of faith

Isaiah 55: 10-11 Reading I

(triumph of God's word)

Reading II Romans 8: 18-23

(destiny of glory)

Gospel Matthew 13: 1-23

(parable of the seed)

Key Passage: Jesus said, "Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, hundredfold, a some sixty, thirty." (Matthew 13: 7-8)

Adult: How do you provide "good soil" for the faith of othes to grow?

Child: What are you doing to help the seeds of your faith grow each day?

**Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Weekday Mass Intentions** for the week of July 13 - 18

Monday, July 13 - Our Lady of Victory intentions ~ For the People of the parish

ALL TUESDAY MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9:00 AM MASS AT ST. URSULA

Tuesday, July 14 - St. Agnes intentions

Evelyn Jubenville ~ Anteo Padovan

~ Deceased members of the Lurdes Branco Family

Tuesday, July 14 - St. Ursula intentions

~ Giovanni Ruggiero

~ Deceased members of Luciano & Grace Magliaro ~ Intentions of Deacon Steve Cartier & Family

Wednesday, July 15 - Blessed Sacrament intentions

~ Emily Van Damme ~ Chris Gutteridge

~ Nicola & Nicoletta Marzicola

Wednesday, July 15 -St. Joseph intentions

~ Anna Doto ~ Henry Raaymakers ~ John Bochino

Wednesday, July 15 - Our Lady of Victory intentions

~ For the People of the parish

ALL THURSDAY MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE **CELEBRATED AT 9:00 AM MASS AT BLESSED** SACRAMENT

Thursday, July 16 - St. Agnes intentions

~ Victor Ferreira ~ Trevor Wintjes ~ Joe Balango

Thursday, July 16 - St. Ursula intentions

~ Tony Matteis ~ Anna & Frank VandeHogen

~ Intentions of Fr. Peter Amszej

Friday, July 17 - Blessed Sacrament intentions

~ Marjorie Laevens ~ Denis Cazabon

~ Nicola & Nicoletta Marzicola

Friday, July 17 - St. Joseph intentions

~ Claire Foster ~ Intentions of Guy & Anne Foster

~ Sister Julma Dries

Saturday, July 18 - Our Lady of Victory intentions

~ For the People of the parish

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday intentions will continue to be celebrated privately by the priests for now.

We are not taking any new intentions at this time. Please be patient with us as we reorganize and make sure all intentions get said.

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, Cathy Bachynski, Eva Beausejour, Giselda Bocchino, Donald Bulley, Deb Carr, Betty Carruthers, Esther Chari, Judy Cudney, Larry De Smit, Mario DeVito, Suzie Devolder, Dario Dodich, Agatha Duff, Tony Follo, Fran Gazarek, Kathy Harkner,

Marilyn Jarczak, Lucianna Letourneau, Clarita Litschko, Audrey Kraemer, Shirley Mailloux, Evelyn Marentette, Genesio Matteis, Emma Matteis, Jocelyn McGlynn, Mark McLaughlin, Nicholas Medeiros, Keith Milner, Ruth Nagle, Katherine Prout, Bill Reaume, Jen Rumble, Sandra Sonneveld,

Verna Southgate, John Taylor, Cora Van Brunschot, Krystal Warnock and Genny Wrotkowska.

God, grant them your peace.

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners, especially Augustine Bose.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.



#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

July 13 Isaiah 1: 10-17. Matthew 10: 34 - 11: 1

July 14 Isaiah 7: 1-9. Matthew 11: 2-24

July 15 Isaiah 10: 5-7, 13-16. Matthew 11: 25-27

July 16 Isiah 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19. Matthew 11: 28-30

July 17 Isaiah 38: 1-6, 7-8, 21-22. Matthew 12: 1-8

July 18 Micah 2: 1-5. Matthew 12: 14-21

#### DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Deacon John Lammers; Sister Teresa Morrison, C.P.S., Pastoral Minister; Ms. Veronica Costa, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Mr. Christopher Laforet, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Deacon Donald McCullough; Mrs. Heather Cushing, Pastoral Minister; Deacon Marcel DeClerk.



#### MASS ON YOUTUBE

Visit our Youtube channel by either go to our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes website (www.ccfp.dol.ca) and click on the link provided or you can type in the following link: https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=TF-6fs8iJfQ

9 am on Sunday and 9 am on Thursday

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The Sisters of the Precious Blood ask for you to remember in your prayers, their two Sisters who made their Vows on Saturday, July 11. Sister Vicky Nguyen pronounced her Final Vows and Sister Phuong her First Vows. The ceremony was presided over by Bishop Dabrowski and was held in the Sisters' chapel. Due to Covid-19 restrictions no other visitors were present.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Are you an enthusiastic individual who would like to get the opportunity to run a YouTube live-stream? Blessed Sacrament Church is now live-streaming weekly 9 a.m. Sunday and Thursday morning Masses. We would like to train interested individuals so that there is always someone scheduled and available to run the equipment for these Masses. If you can navigate a computer, are a problem solver and fast learner, training will be provided to run the video and audio equipment that will live-stream Mass and possibly other events, from Blessed Sacrament, on YouTube, similar to a television news broadcast. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Carl Sterling at 519-352-8365.

#### **PRAYER CHAIN**

We have people who want to pray for whatever request comes to them. If you need prayers, please contact Maureen at 519-352-8530 or Michelle at 519-352-9483.

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayers.

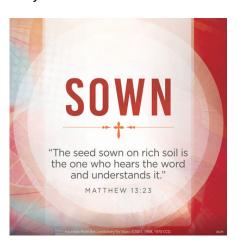
Psalm 17:6



#### ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to John and Sandra Van Raay who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 9.

Congratulations to Fr. Peter who celebrates his 50th birthday on July 16.



#### **CHURCH CHUCKLE**



# The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)

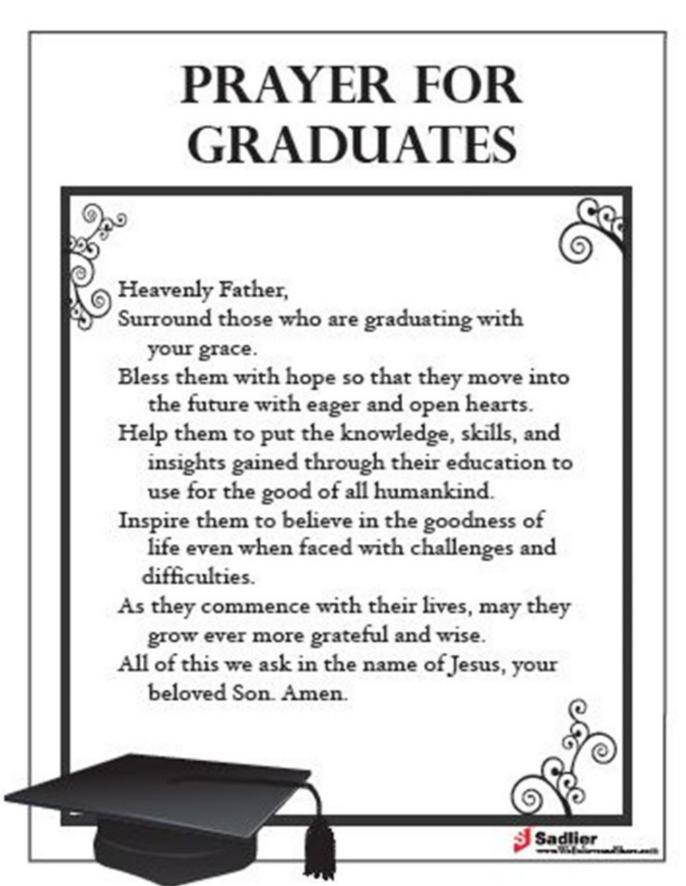


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### **CONGRATULATIONS ALL GRADUATES OF 2020!**

Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes would like to acknowledge all the 2020 Graduates, from grade eight, grade twelve and university as well. We pray that your future endeavours and studies will be blessed and fruitful.



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Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

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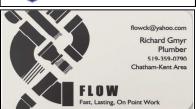


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