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#### Please note: Masks are now mandatory at all Masses.

(exceptions made for medical reasons)

#### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturday ~ 5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church Sunday ~ 8 am at St. Joseph Church Sunday ~ 9 am (live streamed) at Blessed Sacrament Church Sunday ~ 10 am at St. Ursula Church Sunday ~ 11 am at Our Lady of Victory Church (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 or 519-352-8530 from 9 am until 5 pm

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

Tuesday ~ 9 am at St. Ursula Church Wednesday ~ 7 pm at Our Lady of Victory Thursday at 9 am ~ Blessed Sacrament Church (live streamed)

Confessions are on Saturdays from 10 - 11 am at Blessed Sacrament

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## Readings for August 23

Isaiah 22: 15, 19-23. Romans 11: 33-36. Matthew 16: 13-20

August 16, 2020
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Deacon's Pen

Well it is hard to believe it is four weeks since I last wrote an article, and so much has happened in those four weeks. More of our churches have opened, COVID 19 restrictions are still in place although easing up a little. I have had my left knee totally replaced and am doing well. Deacons are starting to minister at the altar. We now have a site for the new Catholic Elementary School in South Chatham. Plans for the opening of our schools are in place, although that could change at a moments notice.

While all of this is going on here in Canada, I cannot help but think of the struggles people in other countries are facing. Hong Kong, with the Chinese Government slowly and systematically removing their civil liberties. Beirut Lebanon, where over 150 people died and more than 6,000 were injured. This in a country that has to import most of its food, an economy in ruins and like the rest of the world, struggling with the pandemic. We rely on windows to keep bugs and dirt from entering our homes, and take them for granted. According to The National on CBC, there are no glass manufacturing facilities in Lebanon, something to think about.

We may ask; "Where is God in all of this?"

I would like to suggest that God is telling us that we are still quite well off; others have it a lot worse than we do. Maybe God is offering us an opportunity to help others less fortunate than we are. I know we have people and situations even here in Chatham that need help. An overused excuse not to help, is that we don't know how much of our contributions actually make it to those who need help. Yes funds and goods do get syphoned off by corrupt people, but there are organizations that guarantee that 100% of donations arrive where they are supposed to. Save A Family Plan, is one of them. Canadian Food for Children, with a group right here in Chatham is another one.

I recall Matthew 25: 31-46. To paraphrase: Lord, when did we see you hungry and not feed you, or thirsty and not give you something to drink ......, And Jesus told them; "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."

There was a sign that hung over the entrance to the doctor's office when I was growing up in Liverpool; "I grumbled that I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet."

We are still better off than most.

Have a great week.
Peace and May God Bless you all;
Deacon Morgan



#### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All are welcome

Reading I Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7.

(the Lord's house open to all)

Reading II Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

(Israel's final conversion; the triumph of

God's mercy)

Gospel Matthew 15: 21-28

(faith of the Canaanite woman)

**Key Passage:** For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Isaiah 56: 7)

**Adult:** The woman in this story was persistent in prayer. For what do you pray insistently?

Child: For what do you ask God to give you most

often?



#### THANK YOU!



Thank you to those who donated sewing machines. We received a few vintage machines that will be put to use by our refugee families. The surplus one will be donated to Canadian Food For Children to assist

their cause. With the help of many, this became a very successful effort. Sincere thanks and many blessings.



#### THANK YOU!!!

I would like to thank the many parishioners and parish groups who have generously supported my upcoming mission with NET Ministries of Canada. Thanks to you, I have just reached and exceeded my fundraising goal! I begin five weeks of training in Alberta in September, followed by nine months of preaching the Gospel to youth in parish and school settings. Please pray for the many students I will meet, myself and fellow missionaries, and all Catholic missions. May God bless you with the joy of His Gospel.

Sincerely, Pierre Caron.

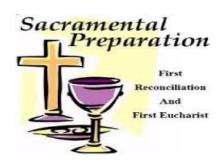
#### Church chuckle

Our fourth grader celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. I asked our sixth grader, Noah, to help his brother carry them in.

"I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to."

Spotting a teachable moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?"

Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes."



#### **REGISTRATION**

Registrations for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes are now being accepted. To be eligible:

- •children must be 7 yrs. old or older
- •must be baptized in the Roman Catholic Faith
- attend one of our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes (Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, Our Lady of Victory, St. Joseph, St. Ursula)
- participate in a time of sacramental preparation for both parent and child

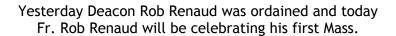
Registration forms can be accessed on the parish website (www.ccfp.ca) or by contacting Ali Chinnick at (achinnick@dol.ca)

Please submit by email to Ali Chinnick or drop off in the mailbox at St. Agnes Office, 52 Croydon St., Chatham, ON., N7L1L3

Registrations are due by September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020



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

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Monday, August 17 - Our Lady of Victory intentions

~ People of the parish

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

Tuesday, Aug 18 - St. Agnes intentions
~ Pierina Ricci

Tuesday, Aug 18 - St. Ursula intentions

~ Tony Matteis ~ Giovanni Ruggiero

~ Living and deceased family members of

Omer, Marianne & John Emery

~ Maria & Albino Branco

Wednesday, Aug 19 - Blessed Sacrament intentions
~ Intentions of Moe & Michelle

Wednesday, Aug 19 - St. Joseph intentions
- Geraldine Ouellette - Candido Barreira
- Michael O'Hara

Wednesday, Aug 19 - Our Lady of Victory intentions ~ Special intention Monica Jedlinski & Jason Cola

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

Thursday, Aug 20 - St. Agnes intentions ~ Joaquim Jese Borges

Thursday, Aug 20 - St. Ursula intentions
- Bernard Myers - Norma O'Rourke
- Dennis Lindsay

Friday, Aug 21 - Blessed Sacrament intentions
- Olga Wellman - Denis Cazabon

Friday, Aug 21 - St. Joseph intentions
- Maurice Formosa - Sister Julma Dries
- Pat Pinsonneault

Saturday, Aug 22 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
People of the parish

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

We are now taking intentions for Blessed Sacrament and St. Agnes ONLY for August and September. St. Joseph and St. Ursula intentions are FULL. Please call 519-352-9483 to book an intention for either Blessed Sacrament or St. Agnes for August and September ONLY for right now.

# 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, Charlie Dorner, 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, Ruth Nagle, Katherine Prout, Bill Reaume, Jen Rumble, Sandra Sonnéveld, Verna Southgate, 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 Josephine Sullivan, Irene VanRaemdonck, Theresa Gagner and Shirley St. Pierre.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.



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

Aug 17	Ezekiel 24: 15-24. Matthew 19: 16-22
Aug 18	Ezekiel 28: 1-10. Matthew 19: 23-30
Aug 19	Ezekiel 34: 1-11. Matthew 20: 1-16a
Aug 20	Ezekiel 36: 23-28. Matthew 22: 1-14
Aug 21	Ezekiel 37: 1-14. Matthew 22: 34-40
Aug 22	Ezekiel 43: 1-7a. Matthew 23: 1-12

#### DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Rev. William Capitano; Mr. Gerard Leroux, Pastoral Minister/Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Richard (Dick) Cartier; Mrs. Natasha Contestabile, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Paul McGill, C.S.B.; R.C.I.A. teams in the Diocese of London; Ministers to the Separated in the Diocese of London.

#### **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.

#### HOW TO DONATE TO THE CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY

As we are all forced to slow down in our current world, We have a new way to make your donations to the unfortunately some things continue along, such as our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes! Parishioners and household bills and expenses. The same goes for our visitors can make donations online using a computer, parishes as well, that operate mainly on donations laptop, tablet or any mobile device, using your Visa and received at Mass. If you normally donate with your Mastercard (credit card, as well as Visa and Mastercard offertory envelope when you attend Mass, there are debit cards) for any type of donation. This includes both some other options—including a new, easy, online one-time donations and recurring donations. We have option.

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On your computer or electronic device, go to Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes website: www.ccfp.dol.ca, then choose the How to Donate button on the home screen, or on the top menu, click Giving/How to Donate, and follow the instructions for the particular parish you wish to donate to.

You will have the option to choose where your donation If you do not use online banking, you can mail a cheque will go, such as Regular Sunday Offertory, Christmas, to the office. Please make your cheque payable to the Building etc. You can also add a comment. Any funds particular parish and on the memo line, indicate which donated through Pllenty will be part of your annual tax receipt from the parish.

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