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Wednesday & Thursday 9 am - 5 pm
Friday - CLOSED
(closed for lunch 12 noon - 1 pm each day)
(if you come to the office, please ring doorbell)

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205 Tweedsmuir Avenue West

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(staff and team are available by phone)

Please note:
Masks are mandatory
at all Masses.
(exceptions made for
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday ~ 5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church
Sunday ~ 8 am at St. Joseph Church
Sunday ~ 9 am at Blessed Sacrament Church (live streamed)
Sunday ~ 10 am at St. Ursula Church
Sunday ~ 11 am at St. Agnes Church
Sunday ~ 11 am at Our Lady of Victory Church (Polish)

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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 (Polish)
Thursday at 9 am ~ Blessed Sacrament Church (live streamed)

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Readings for November 22

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17. 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28.
Matthew 25: 31-46.

November 15, 2020
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP FABBRO

"I am here by extending the dispensation from the Sunday obligation, including the solemnities of the Nativity of the Lord and Mary, Mother of God, until Easter. It seems unlikely that our situation with respect to the Covid-19 pandemic will change in the near future."



DEACON'S PEN

In our Gospel reading this week, Jesus continues His teaching about Heaven. This time, He compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a man who was going on a long journey. The man summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them. He expected that each would manage that which had been entrusted to them according to their individual abilities.

Note:

This message should most definitely not be construed in a discriminatory way. Jesus values every human being with unconditional love and respect. Jesus lived among us during a profoundly patriarchal time, so He spoke about "men", since that was how His listeners thought and believed. This message applies equally to men and women; to young and old; and to people of every level of talent and ability!

Note also:

Jesus did not expect all three people to produce the same results. He expected each to apply their specific talents and abilities in a productive and meaningful way, and to produce positive results.

Upon his return, the man praised the one who then had four talents every bit as much as the one who then had ten talents. However, when it came to the one who proved lazy, and had buried his master's talent in the ground (producing no results), the master had clear condemnation.

The lazy slave, because of his extremely poor choice, lost even what little he had, and was "thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth". It is also important to note that the lazy slave knew better - he openly admitted that he "knew that his master was a harsh man..."

I believe that the message here is that no innocent person will be condemned because they innocently did not "know" what was expected of them. The guilty - those who reasonably should know what is expected of them but produce no positive results anyway will be the ones who will be condemned.

It is clear here that Jesus is referring to all of us as the people to whom He entrusts His "property" - the world and all that is in it. We are all expected to apply our respective talents and abilities for the good

of the earth, the good of the environment, the good of society and the good of every other person. We are not all expected to produce the same quantity of results, nor are we all expected to produce the same quality of results.

We are, however, expected to do our best with what we have been given! **Salvation (spending eternity in our Lord's Kingdom of light and love) will be the same for each person who lives a genuinely faith filled, genuinely hope filled, genuinely love filled life!** However, the consequences that will accrue to those who refuse to live that way will be catastrophic!

May our Risen Lord richly bless you and all those you love.

Deacon Steve



THE GIFT

The Gift is inside all us.

An epic event is making its way to Chatham-Kent that aims to make sure every person in the municipality has a Merry Christmas during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Gift will be taking place on November 21 at noon. Residents across Chatham-Kent are encouraged to place a gift, any gift on their doorstep. "It could be a can of pizza sauce all the way to 20 new bicycles!" Then an event volunteer will come and pick it up and it will be donated to a community member in need.

Volunteers will be going to every home in the municipality to collect items and no registration is required. There will also be drop off depots for those living in rural areas.

A variety of groups and organizations will come together to put on the event including the Chatham Goodfellows, Salvation Army as well as several local Christmas hamper programs.

"Everyone has that gift in them. The question is, will you share your gift?" Tim Haskell, President the of Chatham Goodfellows.

For more information, please visit thegiftck.ca.



2020 FISH FRY TICKETS

If you still have your tickets, or know of someone who does from the 2020 Fish Frys that were to be held at Blessed Sacrament during Lent this year and have not yet been reimbursed for them, please call Carl and Julie Sterling at 519-352-8365 to arrange to get your reimbursement.



Registrations for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes are being accepted. Registration forms can be accessed on the parish website (www.ccfp.ca) or by contacting Ali Chinnick (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



*Beware of half truths.
You may have gotten the wrong half.*

Unknown

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ST. AGNES

“Stretch out your hand to the poor.” (Sir 7:32).

This Sunday, November 15th marks the Fourth World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis has chosen the above quotation as our theme this year. He has written a moving and timely letter to all of us as we struggle to support all our brothers and sisters in need.

Covid 19 has had a devastating impact on all of us but especially on those who live on the margins of our society. Due to ongoing safety measures St. Vincent de Paul Society has not been able to serve our community clients in ways we had.

The community of Chatham Kent is doing amazing work in meeting some of those needs through May 16th Miracle and now The Gift. Our conference was given \$240.00 from the May Miracle. Inspired by Deacon Jerry's reflection as Chairperson of the Chatham Outreach for Hunger Board, we purchased personal items and non perishable food for Outreach for Hunger. As well we made a financial donation to Outreach for Hunger. We have also contacted St. Angela Merici Catholic School to offer assistance to needy families. The members of St. Agnes Conference miss our interaction with each other and with those we have served in our local community but we know that as careful stewards of your donations we are continuing to help those in need. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Weekday Mass Intentions
for the week of November 16 - 21**

Monday, Nov 16 - 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, Nov 17 - St. Agnes intentions
~ Margaret Race ~ Yvonne Colley
~ Cam Gilhula

Tuesday, Nov 17 - St. Ursula intentions
~ Jim Horne & Family ~ Timothy Flanagan
~ Giovanni Ruggiero

Wednesday, Nov 18 - Blessed Sacrament intentions
~ Keith Milner ~ Hanh Phung
~ Yvonne Colley

Wednesday, Nov 18 - St. Joseph intentions
~ Albert Boka ~ Jim Milner
~ Ivon & Pat Pinsonneault

Wednesday, Nov 18 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
~ People of the parish

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

Thursday, Nov 19 - St. Agnes intentions
~ Maria Dias ~ Andy O'Neil
~ Michael Korpan

Thursday, Nov 19 - St. Ursula intentions
~ Matthew Reaume ~ Tony DeCola
~ Frank Vajdik ~ Jocelyn McGlynn

Friday, Nov 20 - Blessed Sacrament intentions
~ Irene Vella-Zarb ~ Judith & Raymond Jacques
~ Intentions of Joe & Marie Korpan

Friday, Nov 20 - St. Joseph intentions
~ Ivan Van Den Enden ~ John Van Den Enden
~ Candido Barreira

Saturday, Nov 21 - Our Lady of Victory
~ Intentions of Stella & Jack Gleason

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

Please pray for those who are currently
sick our parish family....

Barbara Taylor

God, grant them your peace.

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased
relatives and parishioners, especially Guy Dumais and
Violet Delanghe.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Nov 16 Revelation 1: 1-4 - 2: 1-5a. Luke 18: 35-43
Nov 17 Revelation 3: 1-6, 14-22. Luke 19: 1-10
Nov 18 Revelation 4: 1-11. Luke 19: 11-28
Nov 19 Revelation 5: 1-10. Luke 19: 41-44
Nov 20 Revelation 10: 8-11. Luke 19: 45-48
Nov 21 Revelation 11: 4-12. Luke 20: 27-40



DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan
ministers: Rev. Pedro Zuniga, F.M.M.; Rev. Benjamin
Raze; Ministers to Refugees in the Diocese of London,
Rev. Steven Eckert; Rev. Dikran Islemeci; Mrs. Faye
Brekelmans, Parish nurse; Rev. Etienne Nadonye,
O.F.M. Cap.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Joe and Marie Korpan who
celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on
November 21.



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.

*People are like stained -glass windows.
They sparkle and shine when the sun is out,
but when the darkness sets in,
their true beauty is revealed
only if there is a light from within.*

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

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

Psalm 17:6

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Using your gifts

- Reading I Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
(the ideal wife)
- Reading II 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6
(the need for preparations)
- Gospel Matthew 25: 14-30
(parable of the silver pieces)

Key Passage: The servant said, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."
(Matthew 25: 20b-21)

Adult: What gift have you not developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?

Child: What gift has God given you? What do you want to do with it?



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE



Get into the Christmas spirit early by visiting the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store located at 80 King Street East. They have a wide variety of gently used and like new Christmas decorations. All items are reasonably priced. Money raised goes towards the needy of Chatham-Kent.

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CHURCH CHUCKLE



"Our other grandfather is in heaven, but I'm glad we have a grandfather who art on earth."

REFLECTION

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

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