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Please remember to click Subscribe to become one of our followers. Spread the word and let others know about our Youtube channel!



Next live streamed Masses: Thursday, January 21 at 9 am

Sunday, January 24 at 9 am



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Readings for January 24 Jonah 3: 1-5, 10. 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31. Mark 1: 14-20.

JANUARY 17, 2021 SECOND OF ORDINARY TIME



UPDATE FROM BISHOP FABBRO

As directed by the Province of Ontario, as well as Bishop Fabbro, beginning December 26, all Masses and parish activities are cancelled until further notice.

Bishop Fabbro's update can be found on the Diocesan website at www.dol.ca. Look under "Covid-19 Update from Bishop Fabbro - update #15".

Please remember that Bishop Fabbro has extended the dispensation from the Sunday obligation up to and including Easter Sunday.

A MESSAGE, FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. JIM HIGGINS



After much prayer and deliberation I have decided to step down from being Pastor of the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. However, I am not retiring, but assuming a different position - that of being a Parochial

Vicar or Associate Pastor. I will be serving in the East Windsor Family of Parishes - which include the Parish of the Atonement, St. John Vianney, St. Vincent.

The announcement happens now so that the new pastor of the Family of Parishes can be announced for Chatham. The new pastor is Father John Jasica. He was ordained in 2001. This transfer will happen on July 1, 2021.

To see the most recent Pastoral Appointments and Changes visit www.dol.ca and look under "Diocesan News".



2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NUMBERS

Before submitting 2021 donations to any of the parishes, you need to obtain your 2021 offertory envelope number. Please do not use your 2020 offertory envelope number as numbers have been reassigned for 2021. This would include donations sent thru the mail, dropped off to the office, e-transfers etc. that you want to include your offertory envelope number with your donation. Donations should also include donor's name and address.

To obtain your 2021 number, if you have not picked up your 2021 offertory envelopes yet, simply call the office at 519-352-9483 or 519-352-8530 or email lcadotte@dol.ca or bbutler@dol.ca.

Please note that at this time, we cannot hand out 2021 offertory envelopes at the office. Watch the bulletin as to when they can be picked up in the future.

What are you looking for?

This is a question that Jesus asked Andrew and the other disciple. It is also a question that Jesus asks us today. He is asking us to look deep into our hearts and become aware of what we really want for our lives.

Many people are looking for an ideal, a vision that gives meaning to their lives. They search, but what do they find? A world where material success has become the most important thing in life. Many would like to break through the competition, rivalry, greed and corruption that they see and hear everywhere. They are often shocked by the way our government leaders function, by the way our earth is treated and by the continued armed conflicts and family dysfunctions. Some slip into a world of drugs, etc. searching for an experience that takes them away for a few moments.

People, in general, are waiting to meet men and women who are actually living what they are saying. They are looking for authentic models and witnesses who will lead them from a road of sadness, lies, despair and death to a path of truth, hope and life where they can live a true experience of God.

Our deepest desires hold great power. If we can name them and channel those desires toward God, then our lives will be transformed. We will begin a journey toward God, enter into the mystery and peace of God and become servants and friends of God, even during those times in our life that are very challenging.

Covid-19 has placed many hardships on us and we are forced to take a deeper look into what we believe when we say that Jesus is Lord of the living and the dead. We try to keep some sense of a normal life but it isn't easy. We find ourselves searching for a new understanding of this Jesus who can make huge demands on our lives. It takes great courage to say, "Lord, where are you staying?" If we can truthfully say that we are looking for Jesus, that we want to be with Him, that we want to follow Him, we can trust that He will invite us to join Him on His journey and lead us to where He lives, for He will say to us, "Come and see."

Deacon Jerry



Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Weekday Mass Intentions for the week of January 18 - 23

Please note these Mass Intentions will be celebrated privately on the specified date by our priests.

Monday, Jan 18 - Our Lady of Victory intentions ~ People of the parish

- Tuesday, Jan 19 St. Agnes intentions ~ Margaret & Harry Kahue ~ Joaquim Borges ~ Frances Elizabeth Gazarek
- Tuesday, Jan 19 St. Ursula intentions ~ Giovanni Ruggiero ~ Maria & Antonio D'Aliasi ~ Intentions of Interfaith Caring Kitchen
- Wednesday, Jan 20 Blessed Sacrament intentions ~ Josephine Sullivan
- Wednesday, Jan 20- St. Joseph intentions ~ Evelyn Marentette ~ Intentions of the Couture & Richie families
- Wednesday, Jan 20 Our Lady of Victory intentions ~ Marianna Bilski
- Thursday, Jan 21 St. Agnes intentions ~ June Russell ~ Doug & Martha Lloyd ~ Intentions of Rene & Dureck Culverwell
- Thursday, Jan 21 St. Ursula intentions ~ Irene Vella-Zarb ~ Yvonne Colley ~ Family & friends of Ruth Nagle
- Friday, Jan 22 Blessed Sacrament intentions ~ Licia Dodok ~ Teresa Soares
- Friday, Jan 22 St. Joseph intentions ~ Intentions of Fr. Paul Kim ~ Intentions of Fr. Steve Eckert ~ Intentions of Fr. Phil Guimaraes
- Saturday, Jan 23 Our Lady of Victory intentions ~ People of the parish

MASS VIA PHONE

We realize that some members of our parish family do not have access to the internet and therefore cannot watch Mass or pray the Rosary on line. Good news, you can listen to Mass or pray the Rosary from St. George Parish in London



by calling 1-226-781-7977 and following the prompts. Don't worry, we tried it and it works!

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

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

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners especially Stanley Botterill, Lillian Buis, John Trinca, Frank Kwik Jr. and Robert Jubenville.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 18 Hebrews 5: 1-10. Mark 2: 18-22 Jan 19 Hebrews 6: 10-20. Mark 2: 23-28 Jan 20 Mark 3: 1-16. Mark 3: 1-6 Jan 21 Hebrews 7: 25 - 8: 6. Mark 3: 7-12 Jan 22 Hebrews 8: 6-13. Mark 3: 13-19 Jan 23 Hebrews 9: 2-3, 11-14. Mark 3: 20-21



DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Rev. Martin Nyland; Deacon Reginald Q:uesnel; Deacon Mark Castanier; Rev. Jose Montepeque; Rev. John Comiskey; Rev. Paul Kim; Rev. Paul Nicholson.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Time Come and See

- Reading I 1 Samuel 3: 3-10 (revelation to Samuel)
- Reading II 1 Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-20 (against sexual immorality)
- Gospel John 1: 35-42 (the first disciples)

Key Passage: They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying and they remained with him that day. (John 1: 38b-39)

Adult: What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?

Child: What does it take to be a follow of Jesus?

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER!

Our pastoral team has been brainstorming ways we can work together on an outreach project in our community, to support those in need during this very difficult time and stay safe while doing so. We have decided that one safe but effective way to do this is with gift cards.

We are inviting you to take part by making a donation to our "Gift Card Outreach Project." Once sufficient funds are collected, we will make the purchase of enough cards to be distributed through our St. Agnes Soup Kitchen, Interfaith Caring Kitchen and St. Joseph and St. Ursula St. Vincent de Paul Bag Lunch Program.

These groups and their volunteers continue to make and distribute take out meals to those who need them. The numbers in need continue to grow but the donations we usually get during Mass or through fund raisers are not happening due to COVID. We - You can help by making a donation towards the purchase of gift cards for our guests that are coming for these meals and can use for needed items.

IMPORTANT: We will be purchasing the cards through the Gift Card Fundraising program at St. Ursula Parish. Please note that cheques and/or donations are to be made payable to St. Ursula Parish with the notation <u>"Gift Card Fundraising Project" clearly</u> marked on the cheque or envelope. On the envelope please include your name and address. You can mail your cheque to the CCFP office, 52 Croydon St, Chatham ON N7L 1L3. Another option is to E-transfer. Please include "Gift Card Fundraising Project" and your envelope number. E-transfer only to St. Ursula by using email: stursula@dol.ca. One final option is to drop your donation in the white secured mailbox at St. Agnes office. We will be making our initial gift card purchase on February 2. If you are unable to contribute to this project monetarily, please pray for this important ministry.

Thank you for your support as we work to be missionary disciples reaching out to all! Working together we can make a difference!



UPDATE FROM ST. AGNES SOUP KITCHEN

To our amazing St. Agnes Soup Kitchen Volunteers and Donors: As we enter our 18th year of providing meals to our community neighbours in need, we continue to experience the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID19 Pandemic. We understand that our volunteers are anxious to get back to work and need to know what is happening with food preparation and distribution. We miss and appreciate our dedicated volunteers but during this time it is of utmost importance to keep everyone safe.

In order to ensure this, a team of 5 volunteers have put together COVID19 procedures for "grab and go" bagged lunches made available to our guests each week. For everyone's safety this will continue until COVID19 is under control and conditions are in place to call our volunteers back.

We will keep you informed of any changes. We also wish to extend our sincere appreciation to our parishioners who so generously donated in this time of need. Thank you. Until we are together again, be safe and God bless.



E-BULLETIN

Are you interested in receiving the bulletin by email. If so, contact Maureen at the parish office at 519-352-8530 or 519-352-9483 or by email at mfoster@dol.ca or you can view it on the Family of Parishes website at www.ccfp.dol.ca.

PRAYER CHAIN

We have people who want to pray for whatever request comes to them. If you need prayers, please contact Maureen at the parish office at 519-352-8530 or 519-352-9483 or by email at mfoster@dol.ca.

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

OUR NATIVITY



"St. Angela Merici Elementary Catholic School staff and students are grateful for the donation of the nativity from the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. It held a special place of honour in our foyer alongside our Christmas tree that was decorated with hand made ornaments from all of our students. It is a special gift that we will treasure each year as we place it in our foyer for our students to see."

Juli Faubert, Principal



GROWING IN GOD'S STORIES

Children learn best through storytelling, especially when it appeals to all their senses. *Growing in God's Stories* gives children the opportunity to enter into the stories in scripture using their imaginations and wondering beyond the stories themselves. Through God's Word and the use of manipulatives, children are asked to listen with their ears, watch with their eyes, keep their bodies quiet, and listen with their hearts to what God is trying to tell them. They are challenged with a series of questions to wonder and place themselves in each story so that it becomes a part of them. At the same time, they learn the language and symbols of our rich faith traditions.

Within our parish family, *Growing in Gods' Stories* is used during pastoral classroom visits and by parish catechists to enhance the Sacramental Preparation of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

You can see some of God's stories by going to our parish website at www.ccfp.dol. Click on "Prayer and Worship" and go down to "*Growing in God's Stories*" Stories will be added in the months ahead.



CHURCH CHUCKLE

I was at the customer-service desk, returning a pair of jeans that were too tight.

"Was anything wrong with them?" The clerk asked.

"Yes," I said. "They hurt my feelings!"



We are taking every reasonable precaution to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our churches and protect



parishioners. Those who attend Mass or other services without a mask and without a valid exemption are violating municipal and provincial COVID-19 restrictions and putting fellow parishioners at risk.

Per Bishop Fabbro, starting January 1, 2021, if you have a medical exemption for wearing a mask, you will be required to bring to the pastor evidence from your physician, nurse practitioner, social worker, psychologist or occupational, respiratory or physical therapist attesting to your condition. Once you do so, you will be provided a document to bring to Mass each time. When you register for Mass, please let them know you have been granted an exemption, so that you can be seated in a designated area.

We will still ask that you wear a mask briefly to enter and exit and to receive Communion, unless your disability prevents you from doing so. Those who refuse to comply with this diocesan regulation will be asked to leave and will not be permitted to attend Mass until they agree to wear a mask.

We are aware that this new protocol does go beyond the requirements in most health unit orders and local by-laws, but they are required to protect the safety of our parishioners, parish teams and volunteers while on church property. Infections continue to increase in our communities and small sacrifices like wearing a mask can slow the transmission of the virus, and are a sign of our love for our neighbours and help prevent people from taking advantage of the exemptions for personal reasons.

Footnotes: Above information was taken from December 1, 2020 COVID-19 Update from Bishop Fabbro (Update #13) - found at www.dol.ca.

Please note that face shields and/or plastic masks are not an appropriate replacement for a face mask. From the Ontario.ca website regarding face shields:

Face shields do not replace masks or face coverings.

A face shield is used to protect the eyes of the person wearing it. Using a face shield without a mask won't protect:

- You from potentially inhaling infectious respiratory droplets exhaled by others
- Others from your infectious respiratory droplets, as they can escape around the face shield





Celebrating 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Canada (January 18 - 25)

Every year, Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

When does it take place?

In the northern hemisphere, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally held every year between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul). In the southern hemisphere, it is often celebrated during the Pentecost season. Your communities are invited to choose the dates that would be appropriate for your context.

Why does it matter?

In the Gospel of John, Christ prays for his disciples before going to the cross. He asks that his followers "may all be one," as he and the Father are one, "so that the world may believe" and have life in his name (John 17). Christian unity is here made central to the very being of the church and to its mission and witness.

Today, we live with divisions even as we yearn for the unity promised and commissioned by Christ. The long and often painful history of Christianity has sundered our churches for theological, liturgical, and political reasons. Many Christians now strive to heal these divisions. vet honour our diversity. through ecumenical dialogue, common action, and relationship-building. They also come together to pray for unity, joining Christ in his prayer to the Father.

The worldwide celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is both the seed and and the fruit of this striving for 'unity in diversity'. This time of shared prayer, reflection, and fellowship invites Christians of different traditions to deepen our relationships and to live and witness together throughout the year.

The international resources for 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the **Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland**, a group of religious sisters from different church traditions brought together by a common vocation of prayer, community life and hospitality and by their commitment to Christian unity.

The 2021 theme - Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit (John 15:5-9) - calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) was first proposed in 1908 as an observance within the Roman Catholic Church by Fr Paul Wattson, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Graymoor, New York. Since the founding of the World Council of Churches in 1948, many other Christian denominations around the world have come to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

In Canada, The Canadian Council of Churches and its ecumenical partners, the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, work for 'unity in diversity' by supporting WPCU celebrations across Canada. For over 40 years, our Canadian ecumenical writing team has adapted WPCU materials developed by the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity for the Canadian context. We create additional English and French resources for the use of Canadian communities and share them, as well as information about WPCU celebrations across Canada, on <u>weekofprayer.ca</u> / <u>semainedepriere.ca</u>, and via social media: #WPCU2021 / #SPUC2021.

The Canadian Council of Churches and its ecumenical partners, the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, invite you to support and participate in our work. You can learn more at <u>councilofchurches.ca</u>, <u>oikoumene.ca</u> or <u>pcecumenism.ca</u>.

Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit.

John 15: 5-9

All information from this page was taken from weekofprayer.ca.

HOW TO DONATE TO THE CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

As we are all forced to slow down in our current world, unfortunately some things continue along, such as our household bills and expenses. The same goes for our parishes as well, that operate mainly on donations received at Mass. If you normally donate with your offertory envelope when you attend Mass, there are some other options—including a new, easy, online option.

E-TRANSFER

Using your online banking website or app, add the parish you wish to donate to using the parish email address:

Blessed Sacrament - bsacramentparish@dol.ca

- Our Lady of Victory ourladyv@dol.ca
- St. Agnes stagnes@dol.ca

St. Joseph - stjoseph@dol.ca

St. Ursula - stursula@dol.ca

Create the e-transfer and in the comment/note area, please indicate your envelope number or your address and which fund you are donating to, such as Sunday Offertory, Easter, Building, Share Lent etc.

No password is needed as the parishes are set up for autodeposit.

CHEQUE

If you do not use online banking, you can mail a cheque to the office. Please make your cheque payable to the particular parish and on the memo line, indicate which fund you are donating to. Please mail it to:

St. Agnes Parish 52 Croydon St. Chatham ON N7L 1L3 Attention: "Name of parish you are donating to"

PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit)

If you wish to set up PAD, you won't have to worry about remembering to bring your envelope to Mass or be concerned that you can't donate because you can't attend Mass, such as our current situation.

There is a form available on the website (www.ccfp.dol.ca/how-to-donate or click Giving/How to Donate on the top menu). You can print off the form and fill it out and either scan the form and a void cheque and email it (using the email addresses above), or mail the form and void cheque to the office (using the address indicated above). Please note for this method, the form must be received before the 15th of the month in order to take effect the next month.



We have a new way to make your donations to the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes! Parishioners and visitors can make donations online using a computer, laptop, tablet or any mobile device, using your Visa and Mastercard (credit card, as well as Visa and Mastercard debit cards) for any type of donation. This includes both one-time donations and recurring donations. We have been working with a team of experts from Pllenty Inc. to develop this capability.

Getting Started Is Easy

•Using your mobile device's camera, scan the QR code (see codes below with the particular parish name you wish to donate to), and simply follow the instructions on the screen to make your donation. If you have an older Android smartphone, you may have to install a scanning app — newer androids and all iPhones will scan without the scanning app. You will quickly be directed to the web application.

OR

•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 will go, such as Regular Sunday Offertory, Christmas, Building etc. You can also add a comment. Any funds donated through Pllenty will be part of your annual tax receipt from the parish.

There is no fee to make your donation using this service. Pllenty Inc. runs on Amazon Web services and meets strict Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DDS) for service providers.

This option is currently not available for Our Lady of Victory Parish.



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