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Next live streamed Masses: Thursday, February 11 at 9 am Sunday, February 14 at 9 am

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Readings for February 14

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46. 1 Corinthians 10: 31 - 11:1.

Mark 1: 40-45.

FEBRUARY 7, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORIDINARY



UPDATE FROM BISHOP FABBRO

As directed by the Province of Ontario, as well as Bishop Fabbro, 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".

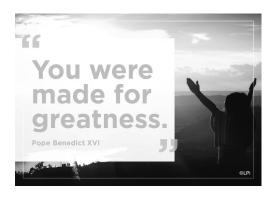
Please note that as of January 29, Bishop Fabbro extended the dispensation from the Sunday obligation until the end of the Easter Season; that is, up to and including Pentecost Sunday (May 23).



SUNDAY FRIENDS Children's Liturgy of the Word

While we cannot meet in person to celebrate Mass, it is our role as a parish family to support parents as you hand on your faith to your children. Our Sunday Friends Children's Liturgy of the Word has been an important part of Sunday Mass at all of our parish sites for many children ages 3-7. Our adult and student volunteers have been dedicated and instrumental in providing the Gospel stories to your little ones when they were able to meet in person. Because of our current restrictions due to Covid 19, you are invited to watch Sunday Friends Children's Liturgy of the Word virtually beginning January 31, 2021 for a 15-20 minute lesson on the weekly Gospel. You will find it on our parish website at www.ccfp.dol.ca by going to the Prayer and Worship section and scrolling down to Online Sunday Friends.

This is an opportunity to share time with your child to hear God's Word adapted to their developmental level, learn new prayers and sing songs and responses. You can access a children's bulletin and print it out so they can review the Gospel story, do fun activities and learn about the saints. You can access this bulletin at www.thekidsbulletin.com.



DEACON'S PEN

In last week's Gospel, we encountered Jesus teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. The Gospel tells us that Jesus taught as one having authority. Jesus was a poor carpenter from Nazareth, who would have had no access to formal Jewish teaching from such renowned teachers as Gamaliel or Hillel (leading authorities and teachers in the Sanhedrin the early first century AD). And yet, there He was, teaching the people as one having knowledge, understanding, and authority!

The Gospel goes on to tell the story of a man with an unclean spirit. Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' Immediately, the unclean spirit came out of the man. In the presence of all the witnesses, Jesus gave them and us a glimpse of the power and authority that He possesses.

This week's Gospel tells us that "In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed" (Mark 1:35).

So very often, people believe that to pray, we must recite voluminous prayers - this is simply our ego seeking to be in control!

Jesus tells us "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matthew 6:7-8).

There are, of course many very efficacious forms of prayer that we can and should offer: prayers of petition; prayers of thanksgiving; prayers of repentance; prayers of worship and adoration; devotional prayers (the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Rosary, numerous other Chaplets); and other prayers.

However, one of the most important and most effective ways in which we are all called to pray is silent, Contemplative prayer where we sit quietly, clear our minds, and open ourselves to the action of the Holy Spirit deep within our souls - and then simply listen!

This is what Jesus did when He "got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed" (Mark 1:35).

May our Risen Lord richly bless + you and all those you love!

Deacon Steve



Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Weekday Mass Intentions for the week of February 8 - 13

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

Monday, Feb 8 - Our Lady of Victory intentions

~ People of the parish

Tuesday, Feb 9 - St. Agnes intentions
~ People of the parish

Tuesday, Feb 9 - St. Ursula intentions

~ Antonio Branco

~ Delores Taylor

~ Kay Labadie

Wednesday, Feb 10 - Blessed Sacrament intentions
~ People of the parish

Wednesday, Feb 10 - St. Joseph intentions
- In honour of the Holy Family

Wednesday, Feb 10 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
~ People of the parish

Thursday, Feb 11 - St. Agnes intentions

~ Intentions of Doug & Marilyn Gutteridge & Family

~ Intentions of Cory & Lisa Gutteridge & Family

~ Intentions of Carolyn & Derek Stepniak & Family

Thursday, Feb 11 - St. Ursula intentions

~ John Tomecek

~ Robert Jubenville

~ Intentions of the Kwik families

Friday, Feb 12 - Blessed Sacrament intentions

~ People of the parish

Friday, Feb 12 - St. Joseph intentions

~ In honour of St. Anthony

Saturday, Feb 13 - Our Lady of Victory intentions

~ People of the parish



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

Please pray for those from those who are currently sick in our parish family, especially Eva Beausejour.

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners especially Paul Evans and Ruth Nagle.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.



DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Deacon Ronald Vermette; Mrs. Rita Butler, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Mrs. Leonia Downie, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Gerald Craig, O.F.M. Cap.; Rev. Arthur Hathaway, C.S.B.; Mrs. Christine Toffolon, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Glen Ball.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Feb 8 Genesis 1: 1-19. Mark 6: 53-56

Feb 9 Genesis 1: 20 - 2: 4a. Mark 7: 1-13

Feb 10 Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-17. Mark 7: 14-23

Feb 11 Genesis 2: 18-25. Mark 7: 24-30

Feb 12 Genesis 3: 1-8. Mark 7: 31-37

Feb 13 Genesis 3: 9-24. Mark 8: 1-10



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Comfort for the sorrowful

Reading I Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

(Job's first reply)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

(Paul's recompense)

Gospel Mark 1: 29-39

(cure of Peter's mother-in-law

and other miracles)

Key Passage: That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons. (Mark 1: 32-34a)

Adult: When have you felt the sadness of Job? When have you felt the joy of those who witnessed the healing works of Jesus?

Child: What could you do this week to comfort someone who is sad?



HOLINESS

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident - in the most audacious way - in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS©LPi



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:

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

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax receipts for our entire family of parishes have been mailed. Please check your mailboxes!

DROP OFF OF DONATIONS

Due to the Covid-19 stay at home order, our parish office is closed. If you wish to drop off donations, please drop them into the new white locked mail box at St. Agnes. The mail box is checked daily.

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!

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.

Psalm 17:6

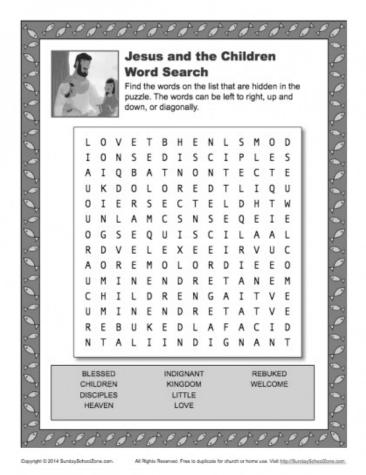
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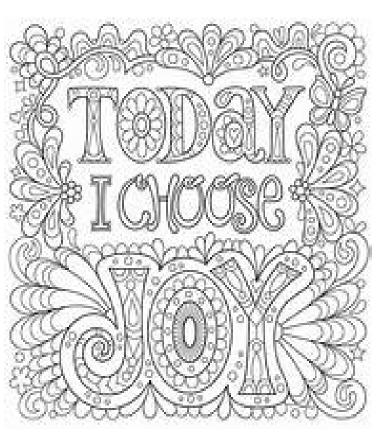
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If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soulsearching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

Question:

Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do. then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and praver after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift - the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

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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.

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St. Agnes - stagnes@dol.ca

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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.

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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"

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We encourage all parishioners to consider signing up for PAD. The form can be downloaded from our website or send an email to either lcadotte@dol.ca or bbutler@dol.ca and a PAD form can be emailed to you. Our PAD form includes not only offertory donations but also special collections taken up during the year. You can stop or change your donations at any time simply by contacting us by the 14th of the month for it to take effect the following month. Once your PAD form is submitted by mail or emailed to Lynda Cadotte or Barb Butler; and your PAD is posted to our secure data system, your donations are automatically withdrawn from your bank account, as well as posted to our data system. There is no need for collection counters to count and deposit your donations or staff to input your donations. All is done automatically once your PAD is posted to our data system.

We are thankful for your support, it is truly appreciated and allows us to continue our ministry to the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. 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.

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