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Our parish office is closed.

Please call and leave a message and we will return your call.

IMPORTANT Information

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Due to the 15% capacity allowed in the Church, for the time being we are asking parishioners to register and attend Mass every other week. We will not have a waiting list and unfortunately, we cannot take any walk ins.

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Readings for April 18
Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19. 1 John 2: 1-5.
Luke 24: 35-48.

APRIL 11, 2021
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DEACON'S PEN

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. Our Lord told St. Faustina that "The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy" (*Diary*, 699).

The depths of our Risen Lord's unfathomable Love and Mercy are all available to all of us, especially this Sunday if only we will turn to Him with complete trust!

During the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See has granted special indulgences. This is a wonderful gift that I pray everyone will regularly take advantage of! Details in this regard appear in this bulletin, on the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes website and Facebook page.

As Jesus told St. Faustina, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

May this Easter Season be a time of joy and blessing for Christians everywhere and may our Risen Lord richly bless you and all those you love.

Yours in Christ, Deacon Steve



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

BELIEVE

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29BC

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

EASTER FLOWERS AND DÉCOR

St. Agnes Church

♥Elizabeth Vink in memory Jerry (husband) and Myles (grandson)



MASS SCHEDULE

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 ~ 9 am at Our Lady of Victory Church (Polish)

Sunday ~ 10 am at St. Ursula Church

Sunday ~ 11 am at St. Agnes Church

Sunday ~ 11 am at Our Lady of Victory Church (Polish)

****To reserve for Saturday or Sunday Mass, registration is on Wednesdays and Thursdays ONLY from 9 am to 5 pm both days.**

Register easily online (www.ccfp.dol.ca) or by calling the parish office.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday ~ 9 am at St. Ursula Church

Wednesday ~ 7 pm at Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

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

****There is no need to register for weekday Mass. It is on a first come first serve basis.**

CONFESSION TIME

Saturday ~ 10 - 11 am at Blessed Sacrament Church



UPDATE FROM BISHOP FABBRO

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).

MASS ON LINE

If you are not comfortable returning to in person Mass, consider watching the Mass on our YouTube Channel on Sunday and Thursday at 9 am or any time after that. Simply search Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes.



K OF C - Blessed Sacrament #1412
50/50 Online Raffle
Draw date: June 30, 2021
100 tickets - \$40 40 tickets - \$20
15 tickets - \$10

Early Bird Draws:
April 23 at 9:00 am
1st draw for \$500, 2nd draw for \$250
3rd draw for \$250

May 14 at 9:00 am
1st draw for \$500, 2nd draw for \$250
3rd draw for \$250

June 4 at 9:00 am
1st draw for \$500, 2nd draw for \$250
3rd draw for \$250

To purchase your tickets from Council #1412
please visit www.kofcontario5050.com.
When asked for what organization
"Chatham Blessed Sacrament 1412"



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. To donate, there are some options such as e-transfer, mailing or dropping off a donation, pre-authorized debit and an easy, online option. For more details, go to our parish website at ccfp.dol.ca and select the "Giving" tab and then "How to donate".

If you wish to drop off donations, please drop them into the white locked mail box at St. Agnes parish office. The mail box is checked daily.

We are so thankful for you continued support throughout these changing times.



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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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**Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes
Weekday Mass Intentions - April 12 - 17**

The following will be celebrated in a Private Mass:

Monday, April 12 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
~ People of the parish

The following will be celebrated at 9 am Mass at St. Ursula:

Tuesday, April 13 - St. Agnes intentions
~ Brian McMath
~ Shirley Mae Gilbert
~ Lionel Richie

Tuesday, April 13 - St. Ursula intentions
~ Dennis Lindsay
~ Gerarda Sullo
~ Joaquim Borges

The following will be celebrated in a Private Mass:

Wednesday, April 14 - Blessed Sacrament intentions
~ People of the parish

Wednesday, April 14 - St. Joseph intentions
~ Manuel Cavacas

The following will be celebrated at 7 pm Mass at Our Lady of Victory:

Wednesday, Apr 14 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
~ Intentions of Teresa & Tad Gorecki
~ Intentions of Henry J. Wrotkowski

The following will be celebrated at 9 am Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church:

Thursday, April 15 - St. Agnes intentions
~ Douglas & Martha Lloyd
~ Lionel Richie
~ Brian McMath

Thursday, April 15 - St. Ursula intentions
~ Gary Allin
~ Jenny Farraro
~ Intentions of Rebecca Martin

The following will be celebrated in a Private Mass:

Friday, April 16 - Blessed Sacrament intentions
~ Denis & Patricia Cazabon

Friday, April 16 - St. Joseph intentions
~ Carlos Borges

Saturday, April 17 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
~ People of the parish

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

Please pray for those who are currently sick in our parish family especially Roger Leclair and Pauline St. Pierre.

"a time to die..."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners especially Dolores Summerfield, Claire Meriano, Alfons Hereygers, Solange Dubé and Karl Lachine.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Rev. John Johnson; Catholic Health Care Workers in the Diocese of London; Deacon Joseph Ryu; Deacon Andrew Always; Rev. Hoang Nguyen, O.F.M. Cap.; High School Campus Ministers; Rev. Eugene Roy.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 12 Acts 4: 23-31. John 3: 1-8.
Apr 13 Acts 4: 32-37. John 3: 7b-15.
Apr 14 Acts 5: 17-26. John 3: 16-21.
Apr 15 Acts 5: 27-33. John 3: 31-36.
Apr 16 Acts 5: 34-42. John 6: 1-15.
Apr 17 Acts 6: 1-7. John 6: 16-21.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Following the example of Jesus**

Reading I Acts 4: 32-35
(life of the Christians)

Reading II 1 John 5: 1-6
(belief in Jesus Christ)

Gospel John 20: 19-31
(appearance to the disciples)

Key Passage: Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul; no one claimed private ownership of any possessions; everything they owned was held in common. (Acts 4: 32)

Adult: What could you do this week to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more closely?

Child: What could you and your family do to help others who are in need?



Congratulations to Doug Johnston who celebrates his 90th birthday on April 15.

EYE HAS NOT SEEN

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss – not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all – Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist – when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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CHURCH CHUCKLE

When my little brother Noah was in Beavers, a junior level of Boy Scouts, one of his leaders was introduced as "Hawkeye."

Noah came home after his first meeting all excited and at the top of his voice said, "Mom, I had so much fun today! My leader, 'hot guy', said we are going hiking next week."

HISTORIC RESTORATION PROJECT UNDERWAY

In honour of their 160th anniversary, the Ursuline Sisters have begun a historic restoration project to be completed in May of this year.



The Sacred Heart statue was erected at the Pines in 1935 and was originally dedicated to honour the 50th Jubilee of Mother Mary Theresa McGregor - the first woman to enter the Ursuline order in Chatham. Most significantly, she was the first religious to take vows in the Diocese of London.

Donations to support the Sacred Heart Restoration Project and to preserve our Catholic history are most welcome and can be sent c/o:

Chatham Ursuline Charities
20 Merici Way
Chatham ON N7L 3L8

For more information visit their website at:
ursulinesisterschatham@ursulines.org

INFORMATION ABOUT WEARING OF MASKS

We are taking every 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.

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*

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