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

**WE ARE
WITNESSES**



“Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Luke 24: 46-47

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Readings for April 25
Acts 4: 7-12. 1 John 3: 1-2.
John 10: 11-18.

APRIL 18, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

DEACON'S PEN

The most important work that any Christian will ever do is sharing the story of how Jesus is working in our lives! **Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ of God born into human flesh in fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures!**

Jesus works in the life of every person who welcomes Him, calling us to repentance, to change of heart and mind. He calls us to live with Him in His Kingdom of light and love! The choice is ours, either we open our hearts and our minds to His loving presence, or we go our own way, hoping for the best.

When our hearts and minds have been changed, we can not help but want to tell others about it. This can, of course, be scary - what will people think of me? How will others respond? Will people leave me, and no longer be my friend? After all, that is what happened to Jesus after His Bread of Life discourse in John's Gospel. (John 6:35-67)

The truth is that some people will walk away. However, that is a choice they are making. We should never be afraid to tell others how Jesus is working in our lives. Many faith-filled people are counting on our witness to encourage and support them on their own faith journey. Personally, I prefer to stand with Peter who responded - **"Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."** (John 6:68)

This past Monday, when I was returning my vestments to St. Agnes Church, I stopped in front of the Tabernacle for a brief time of prayer. When I prayed the Divine Mercy salutation "Jesus, I Trust in You" and then said "Jesus, I love You with all my heart", a deep sense of peace came over me. For me, that is a hug from Heaven! I am certainly not afraid of sharing my experiences, I am immensely thankful!

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



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 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

Due to First Reconciliation on April 24, there will be no Confessions that day. The next Confession time will be Saturday, May 1 from 10 - 11 am at Blessed Sacrament Church.



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.

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.

**Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes
Weekday Mass Intentions - April 19 - 24**

The following will be celebrated in a Private Mass:

Monday, April 19 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
~ People of the parish

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

Tuesday, April 20- St. Agnes intentions
~ Maria Qua Tran
~ Eileen Countryman
~ Intentions of the Hartford Family

Tuesday, April 20 - St. Ursula intentions
~ Gerarda Sullo
~ Agnes Woodall
~ Lionel Richie

The following will be celebrated in a Private Mass:

Wednesday, April 21 - Blessed Sacrament intentions
~ People of the parish

Wednesday, April 21 - St. Joseph intentions
~ José Mendonça
~ Patricia Pulcine

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

Wednesday, Apr 21 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
~ Intentions of Henry J. Wrotkowski
~ Edward & Emilia Kaminski
~ Frank Kwik

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

Thursday, April 22 - St. Agnes intentions
~ Benoit Quirion
~ Vincenza Le Donne
~ Rolande Ladine

Thursday, April 22 - St. Ursula intentions
~ Brian McMath
~ Gina Meriano
~ Intentions of the Vesnaver Family

The following will be celebrated in a Private Mass:

Friday, April 23 - Blessed Sacrament intentions
~ People of the parish

Friday, April 23 - St. Joseph intentions
~ In thanksgiving to the Holy Family
~ Adineia Couto

Saturday, April 23 - 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 Wayne Lachine and Eva Beausejour.

“a time to die....”

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners especially Anthony Franssen.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Most Rev. Donald Theriault; Catholic Elementary School Teachers; Rev. Leo Walsh, C.S.B.; Rev. Leonard Desjardins; Deacon Leonard Hughes; Rev. David Furlonger, C.Ss. R.; Rev. David Butler.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada will be meeting to discern their Congregational direction for the next four years and elect new leadership. Bishop Fabbro is asking the people of our Diocese to remember them in our prayers.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 19 Acts 6: 8-15. John 6: 22-29.
Apr 20 Acts 7: 51 - 8: 1a. John 6: 30-35.
Apr 21 Acts 8: 1b-8. John 6: 35-40.
Apr 22 Acts 8: 26-40. John 6: 44-51.
Apr 23 Acts 9: 1-20. John 6: 52-59.
Apr 24 Acts 9: 31-42. John 6: 53, 60-69.



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
The living Christ**

Reading I Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19
(Peter's discourse on Jesus' resurrection)

Reading II 1 John 2: 1-5
(keeping the commandments)

Gospel Luke 24: 35-48
(Jesus appears to the Eleven)

Key Passage: Jesus said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself." (Luke 24: 38-39)

Adult: What questions about Jesus still arise in the midst of your faith?

Child: What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?

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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

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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".

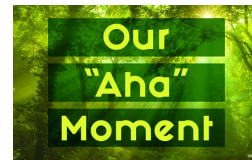
If you wish to drop off donations, please drop them into the white locked mail box at St. Agnes parish office. The mail box is checked daily.

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



CHURCH CHUCKLE

A little girl dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late . . . but please don't shove me either!"



GOSPEL MEDITATION

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News. ©LPi

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORE

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the St. Vincent de Paul Store located at 80 King Street East is closed until May 6. Please save your donations.

Thank you for your continued support!

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Our lease is up! Canadian Food for Children - Chatham Kent is in need of a new warehouse in Chatham. If anyone knows of available ground-level warehouse space, please contact Ron Berlemont at 519-351-3685.

E-BULLETIN

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CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

In the past we have asked parishioners if they would like to contribute towards Mother's Day flowers and it has been well received. This year, Mother's Day flowers will be minimal but if you would like to contribute in memory of a loved one, the extra funds, after the flowers are purchased, will go towards the needy.

If you would like to contribute, please fill out the form found below and drop off the form and \$25 to the parish office in the white locked mailbox or in the Sunday Collection basket. Please make cheque payable to the parish you belong to. The deadline for submission is **Monday, May 3**.

Mother's Day Flowers

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In memory of: _____

Blessed Sacrament Church _____

St. Agnes Church _____

St. Joseph Church _____

St. Ursula Church _____

\$25 included _____

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*
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