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*And this is the name
by which He will be called:
“The Lord is our
righteousness.”*

Jeremiah 23: 6

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Readings for July 25

2 Kings 4: 42-44. Ephesians 4: 1-6.

John 6: 1-15

JULY 18, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAMILY UPDATE FROM FR. JOHN

Thank You for Your Welcome & Support

*Thank
you*

Fr. Dariusz, Fr. Robert and I would like to thank all of you for your wonderful welcome, support and prayers. We are slowly adjusting to our new surroundings and getting to know all of you. We are also thankful to the family staff for their hard work and guidance as we continue to learn about Chatham and the family of parishes. It will take us some time, but we ask for your patience. Each day we learn something new and discover another wonderful thing about the family. There are so many amazing things happening in our family of parishes because of all of you!!!

Updates & Upgrades



We are currently making some minor upgrades to the sound systems at each church installing digital mixers and replacing or adjusting microphones where needed so that the sound is as clear as possible. We are also installing permanent live-streaming equipment at Blessed Sacrament and St. Joseph churches to increase our ministry and outreach online. We know that if we want to reach those who do not attend church and for those who are searching for God, we need to have a strong online presence. This online ministry goes beyond live-streaming Mass but offering ministry, programs and faith formation opportunities through our family website. The costs for the live-streaming equipment are being covered through benefactors from St. George Parish in London who greatly benefitted and appreciated the online ministry developed there and want to see it grow.

TED Online Retreat - BE THE CHANGE

I will be offering an online retreat starting in August (more information at our website) that combines 5 TED talks (Technology–Entertainment–Design) focussed on being real change in our world today. I have changed TED to mean Transformation–Evangelization–Discipleship. This is a free retreat open to everyone that includes a TED talk, video reflection, scripture, prayer and an optional online/call in discussion each week. See the link at the family website for more information.



Keeping Everyone Safe

Although as a province we have entered stage 3 of re-opening during the pandemic, we must still be careful and follow the protocols mandated by the Ontario government and Bishop Fabbro to keep everyone safe. We do not want a fourth wave or another lockdown. I want to thank all of you for pre-registering for weekend Masses, sanitizing your hands and wearing your masks properly at our celebrations. I know that this has been a long and difficult journey but the finish line is so close. We continue to think and care for others and do our part the best we can.

DEACON'S PEN

In today's Gospel, the disciples had just returned from their teaching and preaching in different villages and towns that Jesus had sent them to. We don't know how long they were gone but they were excited and couldn't wait to tell Jesus all about it. As they gathered around Jesus, the Gospel says that so many people were coming and going that they didn't even have a chance to eat. That's when Jesus indicated that they go to a quiet place and rest. Jesus was concerned that the disciples get proper rest for their bodies and he is concerned about the same thing for us. And there is good reason for this concern as we are a people too busy for our own good.

Think about our schedules. We work on our jobs or work trying to find a job. We have a list of things to do around the house. We run our kids all over, taking them to their friends, or to go to practices or other things that they may be involved in. We watch too much t.v. or spend too much time on the computer, cell phones, etc. We've lost the ability to sit down and move closer to God every day, to family and to friends. As a result we have little time to give back to our community. And we wonder why we are spiritually tired or depleted. We wonder why our relationships are so shallow, why we really don't know each other, or why our image is so important to us because it covers up that we are hollow inside.

And the pity is we teach our children that always being active, always being on the go, always being involved in as many projects as possible is the epitome of success. Ultimately, at the end of the day, all too often these so-called successes can't handle their personal lives or lack the spiritual resources to endure pain, suffering and disappointment or the spiritual vision to put compassion, honesty, family and friends first. But spiritual resources are acquired only by taking time out to rest.

Deacon Jerry

**Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes
Mass Intentions - July 20 to 24, 2021**

Tuesday, July 20- 8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ Nicola & Nicoletta Marzicola
- ~ Luciano Marzicola

Tuesday, July 20 - 7:00 pm - St. Ursula

- ~ Tony Nugent
- ~ Antonio Branco
- ~ Angela, Tullio & Paula Pranovi

Wednesday, July 21 - 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Intentions of Fr. Jude Ogbenna

Wednesday, July 21 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Maria Qua Tran
- ~ All Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, July 21 - 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Victory
(This Mass will be in Polish.)**

- ~ Franciszek Zuk
- ~ Intentions of Ivona Dorozynska

Thursday, July 22 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ People of the parish

Thursday, July 22 - 9:30 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Terry & Lee Beecroft

Friday, July 23 - 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Intentions of Fr. Olivet Okoro

Friday, July 23 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Dominice Van Nguyen, Dominice Hoan Nguyen & Dominice Hanh Nguyen

**Saturday, July 24 - 9:00 am - Our Lady of Victory
(This Mass will be in English.)**

- ~ Edward & Marie Labombard
- ~ In honour of all Saints

We are now taking intentions for Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, St. Joseph, St. Ursula and Our Lady of Victory for July, August and September 2021.

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

Please pray for those who are currently sick in our parish family especially Deb Carr, Diane Carroll and Eva Marie Beausjour.

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Deacon Marcel DeClerk; Deacon Jack Grim; Rev. Antoine (Tony) Laforet; Rev. Andrew Sipek; Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.; Rev. Peter Amszej; Rev. Graham Keep.

WEEKDAY READINGS

July 19 Exodus 14: 5-18. Matthew 12: 38-42.

July 20 Exodus 14: 21 - 15: 1, 20-21.

Matthew 12: 46, 48-50.

July 21 Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15. Matthew 13: 1-9.

July 22 Song of Songs 3: 1-4a.

2 Corinthians 5: 14-17.

July 23 Exodus 20: 1-17. Matthew 13: 18-23.

July 24 Exodus 24: 3-8. Matthew 13: 24-30.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Come away and rest

Reading I Jeremiah 23: 1-6
(messianic reign)

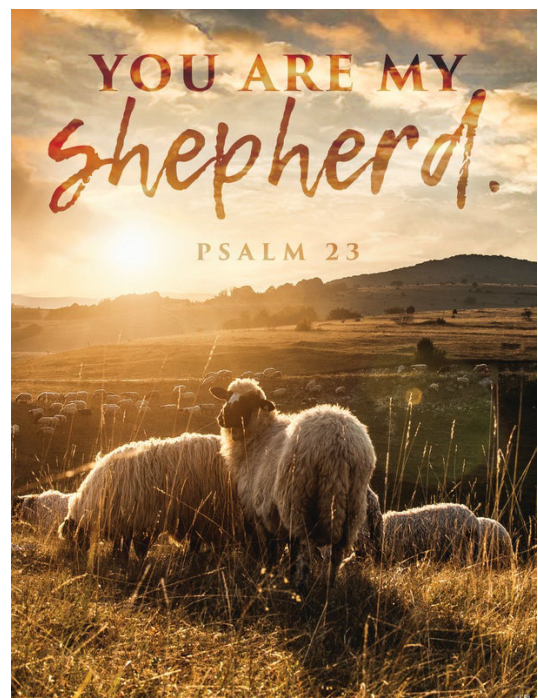
Reading II Ephesians 2: 13-18
(all united in Christ)

Gospel Mark 6: 30-34
(return of the disciples)

Key Passage: The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said, to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." (Mark 6: 30-31a)

Adult: What do you do to rest so that you can return to work refreshed?

Child: When will you take time to stop and pray this week?





TRANSFORMATION **E**VANGELIZATION **D**ISCIPLINSHIP

"BE THE CHANGE"

5 WEEK ONLINE RETREAT

Join us for a wonderful online retreat opportunity seeking to be agents of change lead by Fr. John Jasica.

Each session includes a video reflection, scripture, reflection questions and an optional online discussion group with each session based on a TED talk.



Session #1 - "What Separates us from Chimpanzees?"

Session #2 - "The Genius of the Most Famous Buildings"

Session #3 - "Want to Change the World? Care"

Session #4 - "How to Make Peace? Get Angry"

Session #5 - "Are You an Ideal Team Player?"

Each week the sessions will be posted on a Friday followed by an online group discussion the following Tuesday.

This retreat is open to everyone & is free!!



SESSIONS BEGIN AUGUST 6, 2021



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Go to www.revjj.ca for more information & to register.

SUMMER

FAMILY FAITH FUN KITS

Through the Diocesan Office of Family and Youth Ministry and various Coordinators of Family and Youth throughout the Diocese, we would like to invite families with school aged children up to grade six to register for a FREE Summer Family Faith Fun kit. Every child will receive a special box of fun activities, games and craft material that is rooted in faith and encourages family connectedness. Registration is now open for August by going to our parish website at:

www.ccfp.dol.ca/family-faith-fun-kits

There are only 100 kits available for our parish family so don't wait..register today!

There will be a drive through pick-up of your kits at Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, Aug. 7th, 12:00-2:00
For more info, email Ali Chinnick at achinnick@dol.ca



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



REFLECTION

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Fraser Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

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WHAT'S THE SCOOP



Youth (grades 9-12) and Young Adults are invited to participate in an interactive series during the months of July and August 2021, that combine: live praise and worship music with guest band Found Together and local talents; opportunity to chat with Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA, on the topic of 'Sports and Faith;' and communal prayer.

New special guests will join the conversation each week, please save the dates: July 22, August 5, and August 19 from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

As a tribute to the Diocese's annual summer camp (CCLC) that will not take place in-person this year, participants are encouraged to join the conversation with an ice cream (sundae) in hand!

To register as a live performer (music), or participant, please contact familyandyouthministry@dol.ca.

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Come see us at our thrift store at 80 King Street East. We have a great selection of furniture, lighting, toys, shoes, clothes, blinds, and housewares to suit your needs.

We are open from 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Saturday. To schedule a pick-up of larger donations, please call 519-354-0410. Thank you for your support.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of able-bodied volunteers to help with cleaning, painting, and organizing at Camp Vincent in Bothwell. We are interested in any help at the camp to be arranged on your schedule or on Saturday, August 14 or 21. Please contact Connie at badourcon@gmail.com or 519-359-8455.

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Visit our website at www.ccfp.dol.ca and look under the "Sacrament" tab.

LET'S DO OUR PART

Let's unite in prayer to support our scientific and medical communities' vaccination efforts! Getting vaccinated is an act of love, to protect your community. Covid-19 can be defeated thanks to our joint efforts - so that we may have life and have it in abundance.



To book your appointment visit getyourshotck.com or call 519-351-1010.

If you are in need of transportation to get your vaccination, there are two local services who can assist you.

1. Advantage Transportation - 519-354-6221 - email advantage@familyservicekent.ca
2. CHAP Program - 519-354-6221 extension 243 - email carelink@familyservicekent.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. 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 your continued support throughout these changing times.

CHURCH CHUCKLE Don't let this be you!



MASS TIMES AND REGISTRATION (beginning July 6, 2021)

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament
Sunday	8:00 am at St. Joseph
Sunday	9:00 am at Blessed Sacrament (live-streaming will continue)
Sunday	9:30 am at Our Lady of Victory (English)
Sunday	10:00 am at St. Ursula
Sunday	11:00 am at St. Agnes
Sunday	11:00 am at Our Lady of Victory (Polish)
Sunday	Noon at St. Joseph

REGISTRATION

Registration for Weekend Mass is required and is held on Wednesday and Thursday of each week between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, for the following weekend. You can register easily online through our website, www.ccfp.dol.ca, or by calling the parish office. Please be sure to register, we cannot take walk ins.

Please remember that if you do not feel comfortable returning to Mass, Bishop Fabbro has extended the dispensation of Sunday obligation to **September 5**.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday	8:00 am at St. Agnes 7:00 pm at St. Ursula
Wednesday	8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed) 12 noon at St. Joseph 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Victory (Polish)
Thursday	8:00 am at St. Agnes 9:30 am at St. Ursula
Friday	8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed) 12 noon at St. Joseph
Saturday	9:00 am at Our Lady of Victory (English)

There is no registration for weekday Mass. It is on a first come, first serve basis.

LIVE-STREAMED MASS

Masses are live streamed each Sunday, Wednesday and Friday on our YouTube channel. Visit the parish website (www.ccfp.dol.ca) and click on the link at the top of the page (Live-Streamed Mass).

Next Live-streamed Masses:

Wednesday, July 21 & Friday, July 23 at 8 am
Sunday, July 25 at 9 am

MASS VIA PHONE

You can listen to Mass or pray the Rosary through St. George Parish in London by calling 1-226-781-7977 and following the prompts.

CONFESSIONS There will be no Confessions Saturday July 24 due children's First Reconciliation.

INFORMATION ABOUT WEARING OF MASKS

We 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.

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