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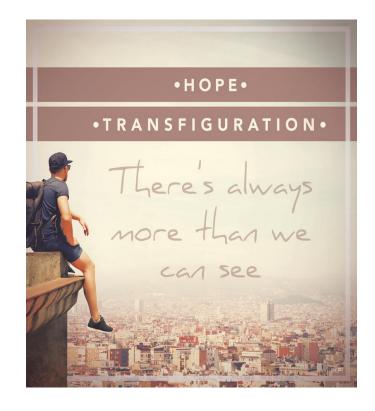
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Readings for August 8

1 Kings 19: 4-8. Ephesians 4: 30-5.2. John 6: 41-51.

AUGUST 1, 2021
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAMILY UPDATE FROM FR. JOHN

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!

We need your help! We are looking for Mass hosts who welcome, register and seat people who come for weekday and weekend Masses. We are also looking for hosts to assist at weddings, funerals and other liturgical celebrations as we are now celebrating Baptisms, Confirmations and First Communions. We will train you and show you everything you need to Your assistance will help the staff who continue to work very hard to serve all our parishioners and sacramental families. vou please contact Colleen Keane or Ali Chinnick the family office. at

LAST CALL - TED ONLINE RETREAT - BE THE CHANGE



The deadline to register for this online retreat is Thursday August 5th. Currently we have 123 people registered. This online retreat starting August 6th (more information at our website) that combines 5 (Technology—Entertainment—Design) TED talks focussed on being real change in our world today. I 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.

MAKING CHATHAM HOME

Fr. Robert, Fr. Dariusz and I are getting more and more settled in our new surroundings and are very happy to call Chatham home. We are slowly getting to know one another, the amazing staff and all of you. We are learning how to get from church to church and where to find everything. Thank you again for your patience as we adjust. I want to thank everyone for their support, kindness and dedication to the family of parishes. I also want to thank you for continuing to follow the COVID-19 safety protocols. This has been a long struggle for all of us but we know that what we are doing helps save lives. We continue to support one another right to the finish line. I hope everyone has a wonderful Civic holiday long weekend!!

A Message from Bishop Fabbro about Residential Schools and Relations with Canada's Indigenous People

All Canadians are deeply concerned and angry about the discovery of children's remains at burial sites of former residential schools in British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Parishioners have written me about the Church's involvement in the residential schools and the demand for a papal apology. At the end of May, when the horrifying discovery was made of the remains of children at the Kamloops residential school, I issued a statement promising our prayers for the families and survivors and expressing our commitment to play "a constructive role in the journey towards healing and reconciliation". I would like to draw your attention to a couple of recent statements that have been published by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The statement on June 10 explains the work the bishops have been doing for several years now with Indigenous Peoples from across Canada. I encourage you to read the statement at this <u>link</u>. It has been important for the bishops to sit down with Indigenous communities, in "listening circles", to hear their stories and to listen to what they need from the Catholic Church for reconciliation. It also is important that Indigenous voices lead the process.

A key initiative arising from these conversations is the pastoral visit of Indigenous Peoples with Pope Francis that will take place December 17-20 in Rome. The group, which will include residential school survivors, Elders and youth, will be able to dialogue directly with the pope, and he will be able to express to them "his heartfelt closeness, address the impact of colonization and the implications of the Church in the residential schools, so as to respond to the suffering of Indigenous Peoples and the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma".

For the bishops, the conversations we have had with Indigenous Peoples, the work we are doing together and the delegation that will visit with the pope are steps on the journey of reconciliation and healing. The hope is that these common efforts will build bridges and new relationships between Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church in Canada, and lead to further action.

All of these statements, including my own, and resources about this important issue are available on the Diocese of London website at this <u>link</u>.

Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Mass Intentions - August 2-7, 2021

Tuesday, August 3 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes

~ Frank Vajdik

Tuesday, August 3 - 7:00 pm - St. Ursula

- ~ All infants who lost their lives due to abortion
- ~ Intentions of Fr. Robert Weaver
- ~ Intentions of Christian & Pauline Quirion

Wednesday, August 4 - 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Theresa Doyle
- ~ Don McGregor
- ~ Intentions of Karen Robert

Wednesday, August 4 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Debbie Barrett
- ~ Intentions of Vicky
- ~ Intentions Fr. Michael Bechard

Wednesday, August 4 - 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Victory (This Mass will be in Polish.)

- ~ Karl Lachine
- ~ Zbigniew Piesiak

Thursday, August 5 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes

~ Intentions of Monique & Denis Boileau

Thursday, August 5 - 9:30 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Intentions of the Malo Family
- ~ Sheila Vasicek
- ~ Vianney Martin

Friday, August 6 - 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

~ Theresa Curtin

Friday, August 6 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Michelle Clement
- ~ Ana Margarida Ponte Amaral Pimentel
- Intentions of the Letourneau, Couture & Michaud families

Saturday, August 7 - 9:00 am - Our Lady of Victory (This Mass will be in English.)

~ Roman Pietras

We are now taking intentions for Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, St. Joseph, St. Ursula and Our Lady of Victory for 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 Eva Marie Beausjour.

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners especially Anne Bondy, Linda Corrigan, Allan Rossi, Joe Malo and Ken Brown.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.



DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Deacon Robert Hartman; Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception; Rev. Quentin Johnson, C.S.B.; Rev. Alan Campeau; Rev. Wieslaw (Wes) Gutowski; Rev. Matthew Durham, C.S.B.; Rev. Michael Bechard.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Aug 2 Numbers 11: 4b-15. Matthew 14: 13-21.

Aug 3 Numbers 12: 1-13. Matthew 14: 22-36.

Aug 4 Numbers 13: 1-2, 25-33, 14: 1-2b, 26-29, 34-35. Matthew 15: 21-28.

Aug 5 Numbers 20: 1-13. Matthew 16: 13-23.

Aug 6 Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14. Mark 9: 2-10.

Aug 7 Deuteronomy 6: 4-13. Matthew 17: 14-20.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME The eyes of faith

Reading I Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

(manna in the desert)

Reading II Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

(renewal in Christ)

Gospel John 6: 24-28

(discourse on the bread of life)

Key Passage: So they said to Jesus, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? (John 6: 30)

Adult: When has your faith helped you believe without "seeing signs" from God?

Child: Who helps you believe in things you cannot see?



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



The parish office will be closed on Monday, August 2. We will re-open on Tuesday, August 3 at 8 am.

PRE-AUTHORIZED WITHDRAWLS (PAD)

If you wish to make a change to your PAD or stop your PAD please contact one of our financial secretaries.

Lynda Cadotte - Blessed Sacrament & St Agnes PAD's (Ext 241 or lcadotte@dol.ca)

Barb Butler - St Joseph & St Ursula PAD's (Ext 242 or bbutler@dol.ca)

Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.



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.

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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.

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



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 <u>100</u> 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



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 date 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.



CHURCH CHUCKLE

A nurse on the pediatric ward, before listening to the little ones' chests, would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own heart. Their eyes would always light up with awe, but she never got a response equal to four-year-old David's comment.

Gently she tucked the stethoscope into his ears and place the disk over his heart. "Listen," she said, "What do you suppose that is?"

He drew his eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap - tap - tapping deep in is chest. Then his face broke out in a wondrous grin and he asked, "Is that Jesus knocking?"

MASS TIMES AND REGISTRATION

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 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, August 4 & Friday, August 6 at 8 am Sunday, August 8 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

Confessions take place on Saturday from 9 to 10 am at Blessed Sacrament Church.

DEACON'S PEN

Once there was a young Hindu hermit who lived as an ascetic in a forest. He owned nothing except a pair of loincloths. One morning, to his great disappointment, he found that mice had destroyed one of the loincloths. He bought a cat to kill the mice and then a cow to give milk to the cat. Later, as the cows multiplied, he hired a girl from the nearby village to look after the cows and to sell the extra milk in the village. Finally, his ever-growing material needs prompted him to end his religious life, marry the girl and settle down as a farmer in the village. This little story illustrates how easily the never-ceasing hunger for material things can take over our spiritual life.

As human beings, we hunger for many things besides food and material possessions. We hunger to be recognized and honored, to love and be loved, to be listened to and to be appreciated, to help, console and encourage people and receive gratitude. But only God can satisfy our various forms of spiritual hunger.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises to satisfy our spiritual hunger by offering His Body as our food. Today's readings challenge us to trust in the providence of a loving and caring God and to hunger and thirst for the Bread of eternal life - the Holy Eucharist. St. Augustine said: "O God, You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

Peace and May God Bless you all; Deacon Morgan



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.



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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!!



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