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We are open for walk ins on
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
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Readings for August 15

Revelation 11: 19a-12: 1-6a, 10ab.
1 Corinthians 15: 20-26. Luke 1: 39-56.

AUGUST 8, 2021

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you so much to those who have stepped up and responded to help host at our weekday and weekend Masses. We are still looking for more in addition to volunteers to host at baptisms, funerals, weddings and other special celebrations. No experience required and we will train you in everything that you need to know. If you are interested please contact Colleen or Ali at the family office.

TED ONLINE RETREAT HAS BEGUN!

We have just about 150 people registered and participating in the latest TED retreat. There is a great mix of people from London, Chatham and other parts of the world!! Although registrations are closed, you will be able to access the retreat and take the journey on your own or with some friends in September. Previous TED retreats on happiness, forgiveness and suffering can be accessed now under the PRAYERS & RETREAT section of the www.revjj.ca website.



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH UPDATES

Sound and live-streaming upgrades continue at St. Joseph Church. As I mentioned a few weeks ago while celebrating Mass there - - things will get worse before they get better. We will soon be able to live-stream/record Masses, weddings, funerals, baptisms and other celebrations and devotions. This will help us serve those who cannot attend Mass, connect families from all over the world who cannot attend family events in Chatham and use the gift of technology to proclaim the Gospel bringing people to our family of parishes. The live-stream costs have been completely covered by benefactors from St. George Parish in London.

The sound system is slowing getting into shape. In order to make sure everyone hears clearly with reduced echoes and reflections, we will be installing two smaller speakers on each of the pillars - one pointing to the centre set of pews and one to the pews along the wall. By aiming the speakers directly down to the pews we can reduce sound bouncing off the walls while also reducing the overall volume of each set of speakers which will improve clarity. The first three pairs of speakers are a donation from me to help the project move forward. If you are interested in supporting the audio improvements please email me at jjasica@dol.ca or call me at the family office. Thank you for your patience during the upgrade - - it will take time to make things as perfect as possible.

REFLECTION

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God's generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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**Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes
Mass Intentions - August 9 - 14, 2021**

Tuesday, August 10 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ Shurley Cadotte
- ~ Vianney Martin
- ~ Mary Boogaart

Tuesday, August 10 - 7:00 pm - St. Ursula

- ~ Mario DeVito
- ~ Antonio Branco
- ~ Intentions of Fr. Dariusz Lewandowski

Wednesday, August 11 - 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Connie Harwood
- ~ Gerard Heuvelmans
- ~ Marie Lemire

Wednesday, August 11 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Intentions of Rebecca Martin
- ~ Intentions of Antonio & Connie Viega
- ~ All infants who lost their lives due to abortion or miscarriage

**Wednesday, August 11 - 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Victory
(This Mass will be in Polish.)**

- ~ Zbigniew Piesiak

Thursday, August 12 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ Intentions of Brenda Everingham & family

Thursday, August 12 - 9:30 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Tony Nugent

Friday, August 13 - 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Nancy Leigh Blonde

Friday, August 13 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Vianney Martin
- ~ Increase in Vocations
- ~ Intentions of Peter & Christine Nantais

**Saturday, August 14 - 9:00 am - Our Lady of Victory
(This Mass will be in English.)**

- ~ Karl Lachine
- ~ All Souls in Purgatory
- ~ Intentions of John & Jen Quirion

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 Alice DeCou.

"a time to die..."

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners especially Sr. Rita Lavoie, Matthew McMahon and Sandy Easton.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.



DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Deacon Morgan Treacy; Ms. Katherine Marsh, Pastoral Minister/Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Thomas Blondin; Rev. Lawrence (Larry) Brunet; Deacon Alex Litt; Mrs. Catherinanne George, Campus Minister; Mrs. Stephanie McGuire, Coordinator of Youth Ministry.



WEEKDAY READINGS

Aug 9 Deuteronomy 10: 12-22. Matthew 17: 22-27.

Aug 10 2 Corinthians 9: 6-10. John 12: 24-26.

Aug 11 Deuteronomy 34: 1-12. Matthew 18: 15-20.

Aug 12 Joshua 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17.

Matthew 18: 21 - 19: 1

Aug 13 Joshua 24: 1-13. Matthew 19: 3-12.

Aug 14 Joshua 24: 14-29. Matthew 19: 13-15.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Life for the world

Reading I 1 Kings 19: 4-8
(Elijah's flight to Horeb)

Reading II Ephesians 4: 30-5:2
(vices to be avoided)

Gospel John 6: 41-51
(discourse on the bread of life, continued)

Key Passage: Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John: 6:51)

Adult: When has the bread of life given you the strength you needed to face a difficult situation in your life?

Child: What will you ask Jesus to help you with when you receive Holy Communion this week?



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
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, August 11 & Friday, August 13 at 8 am
Sunday, August 15 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.

MIGRANT WORKERS MINISTRY

A BIG THANK YOU!! The CK Migrant Workers Ministry Support Committee would like to thank all those who so generously donated toward the cost of *WELCOME PACKAGES* for our CK migrant workers. We also wish to thank the farm owners who participated in this endeavor by allowing us to visit their farms and their workers. Over 150 *WELCOME PACKAGES* have been distributed to date to workers in CK Deanery.



More information about the Migrant Workers Ministry of the Diocese of London may be obtained by contacting Teresa at 519-350-7816 or www.dol.ca, Outreach Ministries tab.

Again, thank you and may God bless you abundantly for your kindness.

Migrant Workers Ministry of the Diocese of London



CHURCH CHUCKLE

A sweet little boy surprised his grandmother one morning and brought her a cup of coffee. He made it himself and was so proud. He anxiously waiting to hear the verdict on the quality of the coffee. The grandmother had never in her life had such a bad cup of coffee, and as she forced down the last sip, she noticed three of those little green army guys in the bottom of the cup.

She asked, "Honey, why would three little green army guys be in the bottom of my cup?"

Her grandson replied, "You know Grandma, it's like on TV, 'The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup.'"

WHAT'S THE SCOOP



Youth (grades 9-12) and Young Adults are invited to participate with 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. Please save the date 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 performer (music), or participant, please contact familyandyouthministry@dol.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.

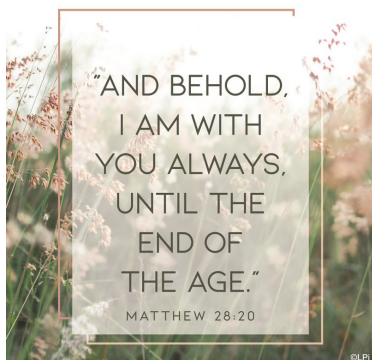
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If you wish to make a change to your PAD or stop your PAD please contact one of our financial secretaries.

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.



INFORMATION ABOUT WEARING OF MASKS

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:

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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