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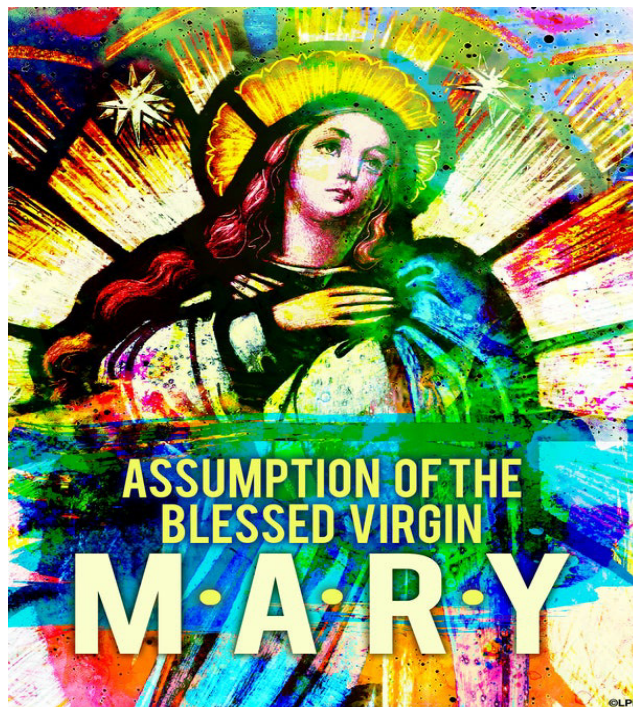
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We are open for walk ins on
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Readings for August 22

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b.

Ephesians 4: 32; 5: 1-2, 21-32. John 6: 53, 60-69.

**AUGUST 15, 2021
THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

FAMILY UPDATE from Fr. John

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM BISHOP FABBRO

The past week Bishop Fabbro released a COVID-19 update. In consultation with the pastoral team we will implement the following changes over the next couple of weeks:

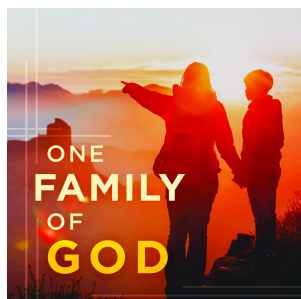
1. Bulletins and other publications/brochures will be available at all churches.
2. Votive candles will be open for use.
3. We will offer more confession times at the different churches which will be published in the bulletin and website. (The option for General Absolution has been withdrawn by the Bishop effective immediately.)
4. Hand sanitizers will be available at all churches but hosts will not be sanitizing your hands.
5. Bishop Fabbro has also extended the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to November 27, 2021.

Please note that we must continue to wear masks, remain physically distanced (at all our celebrations) and require weekly registrations for our weekend liturgies. Procedures for Communion remain the same. None of these requirements have changed. Thank you so much for your support, cooperation and sacrifices to ensure everyone's safety during the pandemic.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH UPGRADES

In the next couple of weeks we will be officially live-streaming Masses and other celebrations from St. Joseph Church as the system is coming to completion and testing has been done. This will allow us to broadcast various celebrations from two locations (Blessed Sacrament and St. Joseph). This will help our outreach ministry sharing the gift of our family or parishes with the world. We will soon be seeking volunteers who will be trained to stream our celebrations.

The sound system is slowly getting into shape. As I have said from the beginning, things will get worse before they get better. Our new speakers have been ordered and we are making the necessary preparations for the installation. Once everything is in place, we enter the next phase of the upgrade - fine tuning. Once all the speakers are positioned and connected, we will tweak and equalize all the system microphones making sure they are set up properly. If you are interested in supporting this project mark your donation as "St. Joseph Sound System." Thank you in advance for your support.



NEW PODCAST STARTS THIS WEEK!

This coming week Meagan and Mary (our summer students) will release the first episode of their new podcast called "M & M Church Talk". They will be interviewing parishioners and staff in addition to covering various faith topics that are important to young people. We will be posting the podcasts on our family website in addition to our Facebook and Twitter feeds. You will also be able to subscribe via your favourite podcast app.

ST. JOSEPH HARWICH CWL MAKES DONATION

I want to thank the St. Joseph Harwich CWL for their donation of \$4,000.00 towards the Spirit and Life Centre. They made an official presentation following the 8 am Mass last weekend (August 8). I want to thank them for their hard work and continued support. I am slowly learning more and more about the family of parishes and the amazing work of so many great organizations and volunteers.



JOB OPENING!

Camp Vincent in Bothwell is seeking a maintenance person who is self-motivated and hard-working. You must have your own transportation and a variety of skills. This could possibly be a full-time position in the future. Hours of pay to be determined.

Email ssvpchathamkent@gmail.com with a cover letter and resume. Can start ASAP. Deadline for applicants is August 20, 2021.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF TURTLE ISLAND

The relationship between the church and the Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island has been fraught for 500 years but rarely acknowledged or discussed within our communities. With the revelations of countless unmarked graves, the Church and our nation is beginning to wake up.

Beginning September 8 until November 10, we will gather to discuss the legacy, which is ours, while calling us beyond ourselves to part of the process of reconciliation and healing. Each week will cover a different topic and speakers present will come from both Indigenous and settler communities. These gatherings will take place in the Parish Hall at St. George's (1164 Commissioners Road West in London), beginning at 7:00 pm and concluding by 9:00 pm. Registration will be required, whether you would like to attend these talks in person or virtually. To register, please contact Allison at apowell@dol.ca. This series is sponsored by Springbank Catholic Family of Parishes and Northern Bridge Community Partnership (northernbridge.org).

**Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes
Mass Intentions - August 17 - 21, 2021**

Tuesday, August 17 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes
~ People of the parish

Tuesday, August 17 - 7:00 pm - St. Ursula
~ Joe & Linda Lemonson
~ Gerarda Sullo
~ Joaquim Borges

Wednesday, August 18 - 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament
~ Intentions of Bob & Sue Quirion

Wednesday, August 18 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph
~ Michael O'Hara (25 Anniv)
~ Clarence & Sophie Zimmer
~ Angelo, Tullio & Paula Pranovi

**Wednesday, August 18 - 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Victory
(This Mass will be in Polish.)**
~ Frank Kwik
~ Rev. Eugene Bugala
~ Novellino Domenico

Thursday, August 19 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes
~ Intentions of Dorothy Davidson
~ Vianney Martin

Thursday, August 19 - 9:30 am - St. Ursula
~ Dennis Lindsay

Friday, August 20 - 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament
~ Denis & Patricia Cazabon
~ Olga Wellman

Friday, August 20 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph
~ In thanksgiving for grace & blessings
~ Yvonne Colley
~ Don Zink

**Saturday, August 21 - 9:00 am - Our Lady of Victory
(This Mass will be in English.)**
~ Pauline St. Pierre

*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 Ilse Willburger
and Thomas Austin.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Aug 16 Judges 2: 11-19. Matthew 19: 16-22.
Aug 17 Judges 6: 11-24a. Matthew 19: 23-30.
Aug 18 Judges 9: 6-15. Matthew 20: 1-16a.
Aug 19 Judges 11: 29-39a. Matthew 22: 1-14.
Aug 20 Ruth 1: 1-2ab, 3-6, 14b-16, 22.
Matthew 22: 34-40.
Aug 21 Ruth 2: 1-3, 8-11 - 4: 13-17.
Matthew 23: 1-12.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Reading I Revelations 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10
(the woman and the dragon)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26
(Christ, the first fruits)

Gospel Luke 1: 39-56
(Mary's visit to Elizabeth)

Key Passage: "God has done great things for
me." (Luke 1:49))

Adult: What do you trust that God will do for you?

Child: What gift of God makes you happy and joyful?

VOTIVE CANDLES

We have been given permission to allow parishioners
to resume lighting the votive candles at St. Joseph
and St. Ursula Church. The cost per candle is \$1.00.
They remain lit for 12 hours.

The top row on each of these banks of candles is for
parishioners who would like to purchase a candle for
the year for someone living or deceased or a
personal. The cost is \$250.00. If you are interested,
please contact Maureen at the family office.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan
ministers: Ministers to the Poor and Homeless; Rev.
William Capitano; Mr. Gerard Leroux, Pastoral Minister/
Coordinator of Youth Ministry; R.C.I.A. Teams in the
Diocese of London; Mrs. Natasha Contestabile, Pastoral
Minister; Rev. Paul McGill, C.S.B.; Deacon Michael Cookson.



DEACON'S PEN

Our Canadian summer is half over. And each year we farmers need to thank God for the weather that helps our crops grow in abundance. Farming has changed substantially since I was a kid 60 years ago. Our families had lots of kids and those kids, myself included, worked long days, every day to make sure crops were planted, grew and were harvested. My brother and I and my cousins all worked together to help our parents farm. There were tractors, but they were small. Most of the work was hard labour - including hoeing, cultivating, and baling. These operations took a lot of time because of the small equipment size - for instance a cultivator did 2 rows at a time. Wagons were small that brought wheat and beans to barns to be shovelled by hand - in and out. Hoeing - I remember basically crawling from one end of a field to the other with my parents to remove grasses, and noxious weeds from bean fields.

But the fun was baling and bringing the bales to the barn - this required all uncles, fathers, cousins to work together for 2 or 3 weeks to bring in 5 or 6 thousand small bales. All hand work for loading and placing them in mows in our barns.

Why do I bring this up in a Deacon's Pen - it was a very positive way to become close to God - working together, building strong family relationships, watching and helping nature, bringing in crops to help feed the world. I learned a good work ethic, being friendly, supportive, co-operative and family love. We could not have survived these summers if we did not love as Christ taught us - just a reminder of the recent gospels - Jesus simple teaching - love everyone and do good for them and with them and you will do the work of God. This type of work is no longer available for most families - but find other important, necessary things to do together that matter - it is such a good way to grow as a family in love.

Deacon Chris Masterson



CHURCH CHUCKLE

A Sunday School Teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot p in the air. "He's an artist!"

"Really? How do you know? The Teacher asked.

"You know, Our Father, who does art in heaven..."



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1. Go to: formed.org/signup
2. Look for the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes when asked for your parish.
3. Enter your email. A link will be sent to your email. Click that to join.
4. Do not log out and you will stay logged in for the next visit to the site.

Staff "Picks" - recommendations from the staff of our Family of Parishes are available to view on our website, www.ccfp.dol.ca. On the main page of the website under the FORMED section, select "click here" and see reviews.

Meagan King and Mary Bondy, our summer students watched a series from FORMED called, "The Search." Here is their review.

"The Search" opened our eyes and hearts to the reality of our journey in life to become closer to God and to follow Jesus' footsteps. As we started watching the first episode, we learned that we are all searching for a meaning, but most of us don't know what that meaning is. To find that meaning, you have to take a step back and examine what you're living for and how your actions will affect your eternal life with God. As the episodes continue, we learned how we're all here for a reason and most of us are still searching for that reason. We are all unique and loved as we all are Gods' creations, yet without God in your heart people find it hard to come to this conclusion.

The show interviews doctors, psychologists and professors to help us understand the different ways God shows Himself in ourselves and our world. If you feel you are struggling to find your meaning in life, and even if you feel you might know what it is, we recommend this show to open your eyes to a new understanding of what you're searching for in life.

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 **November 27**.

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 18 & Friday, August 20 at 8 am
Sunday, August 22 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.

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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