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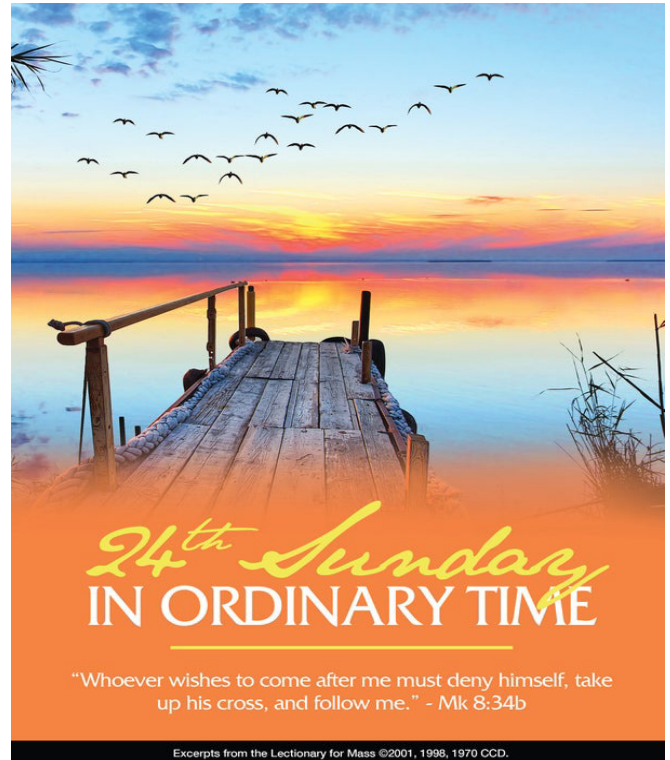
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## Readings for September 19

Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20. James 3: 16-4.3.

Mark 9: 30-37.

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2021  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Here are a few things for all of us to keep in mind especially for our weekend Masses:

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

**SEEKING HEALING & PEACE**



*Above is the statue of Our Lady of Limanova, Poland at the Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica where Fr. John's parents received their sacraments.*

Since the Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis from December 2015 to November 2016, Bishop Fabbro has asked all parishes/family of parishes to remember and pray for victims and survivors of clergy sexual abuse on or around the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Our family of parishes will celebrate this Mass on Wednesday, September 15, 7:00PM at St. Ursula Church followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (which will include quiet time, a brief reflection and prayers) praying for peace, healing and reconciliation. This Mass is open on a first come and first serve basis.

1. We strongly encourage everyone to pre-register via the family website or by calling the family office to ensure a place at one of the 8 weekend Masses.
2. If you come to a Mass that is not fully booked and have not pre-registered, it will not be a problem to register you and find you a seat.
3. If you come to a Mass that is fully booked and have not pre-registered, we ask that you follow the guidance of our Mass Hosts and wait to be seated until just before Mass starts. This allows us to see if there are any "no shows" which makes seating available.
4. If you are pre-registered for Mass, please be sure to arrive early (15 minutes before Mass) so that we have time to confirm your registration and direct you to your seat. This can help avoid any long lines just before we begin Mass.

The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows finds its roots in the seven sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The seven sorrows are (1) The Prophecy of Simeon, (2) The Flight into Egypt, (3) The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem, (4) Mary Meeting Jesus on the Way to the Cross, (5) The Crucifixion of Jesus, (6) Jesus Taken Down from the Cross, (7) The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

**AUDIO/VIDEO UPDATES**

The St. Joseph Church sound system tweaking is coming to completion slowly. The old speakers will be taken down and all the new wiring will be set in place. We are still looking for donations to help with the costs of the speakers purchased. Thank you to all those who have made donations to support this project. The live-streaming system (costs of the video system have been covered by a benefactor) is just about ready. We are finalizing the control surface and soon will be looking for volunteers to stream weekend and weekday Masses in addition to special celebrations. Training and support will be provided.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES—2021**

Earlier in the year volunteers delivered offertory envelopes when we were not able to attend Masses. Some were not delivered because they were out of the city limits or in buildings with no access to mailboxes. Now that our office is open (located at St. Agnes), feel free to drop by to pick up your envelopes if you did not receive them. If you can't come during office hours, contact the office and we can make other arrangements.

# Congratulations!

**to these children who have recently made their First Communion!**

This past week we began upgrades at Blessed Sacrament Church reorganizing the sound system with digital mixers, a new ambo mic and reconnecting some unused mic plugs. We are also installing a new permanent video streaming system (the full costs of the video system have been covered by a benefactor). This work will continue over the next few weeks. Other minor sound system tweaking/upgrades will take place at St. Ursula, St. Agnes and Our Lady of Victory over the next few months.

Kallie Barros  
Reid Campbell  
Emma Dauphin  
Troy Faubert  
Hannah Garneau  
Sloane Husk  
Andrew Logan  
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Luca Matteis

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**May God continue to bless you and your families!**

**Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes  
Mass Intentions - September 14 - 18, 2021**

**Tuesday, September 14 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes**

- ~ Laura Demars
- ~ In honour & thanksgiving to St. Joseph

**Tuesday, September 14 - 7:00 pm - St. Ursula**

- ~ Gerarda Sullo
- ~ Antonio Branco
- ~ Margaret Van Heck

**Wednesday, Sept 15 - 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament**

- ~ Intentions of Ray & Patti Johnson

**Wednesday, Sept 15 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph**

- ~ Palmira Neto (10 Anniv)
- ~ Vianney Martin
- ~ Angela, Tullio & Paula Pranovi

**Wednesday, Sept 15 - 7:00 pm - St. Ursula**

- ~ Intentions of Victims/Survivors  
of Clergy Sexual Abuse

**Wednesday, Sept 15 - 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Victory  
(This Mass will be in Polish.)**

- ~ Franciszek Mikolajczak
- ~ Intentions of Rev. Stanislaw Kuczaik

**Thursday, Sept 16 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes**

- ~ Manuel & Palmira Cavacas
- ~ Intentions of Madeline Johnson

**Thursday, Sept 16 - 9:30 am - St. Ursula**

- ~ Jerry Uhlik
- ~ Tony Nugent
- ~ Intentions of Jim & Sandy Reaume

**Friday, Sept 17 - 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament**

- ~ Denis & Patricia Cazabon

**Friday, Sept 17 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph**

- ~ Anne Franssen
- ~ Rene Donais
- ~ Intentions of Jimmy Pake

**Saturday, Sept 18 - 9:00 am - Our Lady of Victory  
(This Mass will be in English.)**

- ~ Anna Rodrigues

*We are now taking intentions for Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, St. Joseph, St. Ursula and Our Lady of Victory for 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 Beausejour and Diane Carroll.

***"a time to die..."***

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners especially Irene Douglas, Gloria Benoit and Yvonne Ball.

***Eternal rest grant unto thee.***

**DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR**

Please remember to pray for: Deacon Art Williams; Brother Michael Mascarenas O.F.M. Cap.; Rev. Robert Remark; Ms. Lisa Mullins, Pastoral Worker; Rev. Daniel Vere; Rev. Michael Michon; Deacon Henry King.

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

Sept 13	1 Timothy 2: 1-7. Luke 7: 1-10.
Sept 14	Numbers 21: 4-9. John 3: 13-17.
Sept 15	Hebrews 5: 7-9. Luke 2: 33-35.
Sept 16	1 Timothy 4: 12-16. Luke 7: 36-50.
Sept 17	1 Timothy 6: 2c-12. Luke 9: 18-22.
Sept 18	1 Timothy 6: 13-16. Luke 8: 4-15.

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Faith and works**

**Reading I** Isaiah 50: 4-9.  
(salvation through the Lord's servant)

**Reading II** James 2: 14-18.  
(faith and good works)

**Gospel** Mark 8: 27-35.  
(first teaching of the paschal event and doctrine of the cross)

**Key Passage:** Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. (James 2: 17-18)

**Adult:** Why should faith always lead to good works?

**Child:** What good works can you do to show your faith in Jesus?

**SPECIAL MASS**

On Wednesday, September 15 at 7 pm at St. Ursula Church there will be a special Mass for the Intentions of Victims/Survivors of Clergy Sexual Abuse. Following Mass will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. On this day throughout the Diocese of London, Masses will be taking place for this special intention. We pray for healing for the Victims/Survivors and for the healing of our parish communities and our Diocese.



## DEACON'S PEN

### Three Gospels; Three Choices

Three gospels give us so much good advice;  
If only we practiced these words correct  
We'd follow our saviour, our loving Christ,  
We'd treat our fellow humans with respect.

Should I be clean inside or outside?  
Jesus answers my question with ease!  
Just remember God's law to decide -  
Love others from within and aim to please!

It is from within, from the human heart  
That evil intentions come He has said.  
You can tear your fellow humans apart -  
Not by dirty hands but from hate instead!

"Ephphatha" Jesus said, "Be opened."  
The man could hear; and, he could speak -  
We too should hear the word addressed  
And then live it during the next week!

But, we have one mouth and two ears -  
Shouldn't we listen twice as much as we talk?  
Yes, we all should take advice from our peers,  
Talk far less; follow Jesus in His servant walk!

It is easy to preach the word to the fold  
But it takes much effort to follow it in life;  
We must think as God to help us be told -  
We can't think as a human to avoid strife.

If it's only our human life we care for  
We will lose it - but if we serve Jesus  
In this life we will earn so much more -  
So take up the cross, follow with no fuss.

Life is not easy, it requires so much effort -  
To follow God and love all - is truly religious;  
Don't waste a minute for life is so short -  
Pray, think of Him and always talk to Jesus!

Deacon Chris Masterson

## MASKS ARE REQUIRED



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 have a medical exemption are required to provide documentation (per Bishop Fabbro Update #13—December 1, 2020).

Please see our website ([chathamcatholic.ca](http://chathamcatholic.ca)) for more information.



## 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](mailto:mfoster@dol.ca).

*I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;  
turn your ear to me and hear my prayers.*  
Psalm 17:6

## CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Canadian Food for Children is in the process of moving to their new location. They will be able to receive your items to send to the poorest of the poor once again after the move, October 1.



## CHURCH CHUCKLE



"They named their baby 'Grandma'?"



## GOSPEL REFLECTON ©LPi

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.



## WEEKDAY & WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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Saturday	5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament
Sunday	8:00 am at St. Joseph
Sunday	9:00 am at Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed)
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

### 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)

### REGISTRATION FOR MASSES

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.chathamcatholic.ca](http://www.chathamcatholic.ca), or by calling the parish office. Please register, we cannot take walk ins.

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

Please remember that if you do not feel comfortable returning to Mass, Bishop Fabbro has extended the dispensation of Sunday obligation to **November 27**.

### CONFESSIONS

Confessions take place on Saturday from 9 to 10 am at Blessed Sacrament Church. Our priests are also available to hear Confession by appointment.

### LIVE-STREAMED MASS

Masses are live streamed on our YouTube channel. Visit the parish website ([www.chathamcatholic.ca](http://www.chathamcatholic.ca)) and click the live-stream link at the top of the page.

#### Next Live-streamed Masses:

Wed., Sept. 15, Fri., Sept. 17 at 8 am &  
Sun., Sept 19 at 9 am

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