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DECEMBER 5, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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We are open for walk ins on
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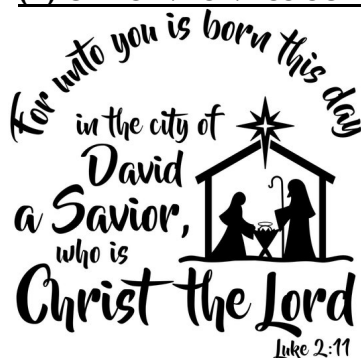
FAMILY UPDATES FROM FR. JOHN

(1) THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS—DECEMBER 10TH

Everyone is invited to Blessed Sacrament Church for a special outdoor celebration to light up the outdoor Christmas lights and Nativity scene on **Friday December 10th from 6:30 to 7:15 pm.** The celebration will include snacks, carols and a brief time of prayer. Invite the whole family for this free event!! Let's get ready to welcome Jesus—the Light of Christmas!!



(2) CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE & REGISTRATIONS



Please be attentive to the Christmas and New Year's Mass schedules and registration times that are included in the bulletin this weekend. We have a number of celebrations planned to ensure as many people as possible are able to attend.

It is important that you register for these Masses as we want to make sure everyone has a seat. Provincial government regulations still limit seating capacity for our Masses. We as a staff have reviewed and made some adjustments to ensure the maximum use of seating can be used while following current restrictions. At this time, we cannot use halls for overflow without verifying full vaccination.

(3) CLOSING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

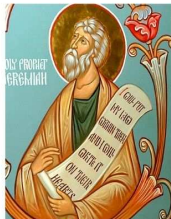
Everyone is invited to conclude the Year of St. Joseph at a special prayer service that will take place on **Wednesday December 8, 2021—7 PM** at St. Joseph Church.



Pope Francis declared the Year of St. Joseph from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 as an opportunity to draw close to the patron saint of Canada and the universal Church. Pope Francis describes St. Joseph in his apostolic letter declaring the special year as a beloved, tender, loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous and a hard working father who was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father for Jesus.

Pope Francis writes, *“Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust.”*

(4) ADVENT 2021 SERIES — THE FACES OF ADVENT

 JEREMIAH Sunday November 28	 JOHN THE BAPTIST Sunday December 5	 ZEPHANIAH Sunday December 12	 MARY Sunday December 19
THE FACES OF ADVENT at St. Joseph Church - 7:00 to 8:30 PM Join us for the Sunday nights of Advent for prayer, adoration, reflection and confessions. Make straight the pathways for the Lord this season!			
CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES			

Everyone is invited to attend a special Advent Series in preparation for Christmas. Join us each Sunday night of Advent from 7:00 to 8:30 PM (December 5, 12, 19) at St. Joseph Church reflecting on the special biblical figures who help us make straight the pathways for the Lord. Each Sunday night of prayer will be live-streamed via our family of parishes YouTube channel (www.chathamcatholic.tv) for those who cannot join us in person.

Each evening of the series will include:

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- A scripture reading & reflection
- Music and quiet time
- Litany of the Eucharist & Benediction
- Sacrament of Reconciliation

There is no need to register for this series as seating will be on a first come/first serve basis. What a wonderful way to make our Advent journey truly special.

(5) ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Fr. Robert, Fr. Dariusz, Fr. Frank Leslie and I are offering a number of different opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent. One of the most powerful ways we can make straight the pathways for the Lord so that Christmas becomes a time of conversion, hope and grace is to let go of our sins.

We literally can make room in our hearts for the Lord this Christmas—in a time of many challenges and difficulties. See the bulletin for particular dates and times.

“Confession is an act of honesty and courage—an act of entrusting ourselves beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God.”

St. John Paul II



Mass Intentions - Dec 7 - 11, 2021

Tuesday, December 7 - St. Ambrose

8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ Mike Matties
- ~ Manuel De Castro
- ~ Intentions of the Baillargeon Family

6:30 pm - St. Ursula

- ~ Marjorie Vere
- ~ Dominic Hanh Nguyen
- ~ Antonio Branco

Wednesday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Diane Carroll
- ~ Gerald Ouellette
- ~ Tony Buchta

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Betty Carruthers
- ~ Tim & Sue Hudson
- ~ Intentions of the Nugent family

7:00 pm - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

- ~ For the people of the parish

Thursday, December 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8:00 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Ben DeVito
- ~ Mario Dos Santos
- ~ Pat Pinsonneault

6:30 pm - St. Agnes

- ~ Alex Weaver
- ~ Giovanni Ruggiero
- ~ Stan Charbonneau (7 Anniv)
- ~ Intentions of Rebecca & Joe Doris

Friday, December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Theresa Curtain
- ~ Alex Weaver
- ~ Intentions of Mary Deturck

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Ed Waddick
- ~ Betty Carruthers
- ~ Paul-Emile Quirion

Saturday, December 11 - St. Damasus

9:00 am - Our Lady of Victory (English)

- ~ All Souls in Purgatory
- ~ Susan Cresta
- ~ Living & deceased member of the Cavacas family

*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, Marion Campbell and Dorothy Davidson.

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners especially Jerome Lozon, Leona Stokes and Michael Harwood.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for: Rev. Dwayne Adam, Rev. Robert Weaver, Deacon Lyle Lalonge, Rev. Bernard Pinsonneault, C.S.B., Mrs. Colleen Keane, Pastoral Minister, Mrs. Christine Coyle, Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Rev. Steve Wlusek.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prayer of repentance

Reading I Baruch 5: 1-9
(Jerusalem consoled)

Reading II Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11
(gratitude and hope)

Gospel Luke 3: 1-6
(John the Baptist)

Key Passage: John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3: 3)

Adult: In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?

Child: What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?



CONGRATULATIONS

Ernest and Elaine Tellier celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 4.

DISPENSATION EXTENDED

The dispensation from the Sunday obligation is now extended up to and including February 27, 2022. The month of March may see lessening of restrictions at which time this decision will be reviewed.

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR SALE

Sunday Missals are available in the parish office for a cost of \$5.00. Please see the front of the bulletin for the office hours.



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FAMILY OF PARISHES



CHRISTMAS 2021 MASS REGISTRATION

Due to limited seating during the COVID-19 pandemic and a high demand to attend Mass, we need everyone to pre-register for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses in our family of parishes.

**I want to attend St. Agnes
or St. Joseph Church**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24, 2021

4:00 PM - St. Joseph* & St. Agnes

6:00 PM - St. Joseph*

8:00 PM - St. Agnes

December 25, 2021

8:00 AM - St. Joseph*

9:00 AM - St. Agnes

* indicates Mass is live-streamed



**When can I register to attend St. Agnes or
St. Joseph for Christmas Eve or
Christmas Day?**

**From 9 AM to 5 PM on:
Tuesday December 7
Tuesday December 14
(These two days only)**

**How do I register to attend a
Christmas Mass at St. Agnes
or St. Joseph?**

**Call the office at 519-352-9483
or online at www.chathamcatholic.ca**

**I want to attend St. Ursula,
Blessed Sacrament or
Our Lady of Victory Church**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24, 2021

4:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament*

6:00 PM - St. Ursula & Our Lady of Victory (Eng)

8:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament & St. Ursula

10:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament*

Midnight - Our Lady of Victory (Pol)

December 25, 2021

10:00 AM - St. Ursula

11:00 AM - Our Lady of Victory (Pol)

* indicates Mass is live-streamed

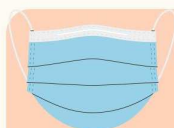


**When can I register to attend St. Ursula,
Blessed Sacrament or Our Lady of Victory for
Christmas Eve or Christmas Day?**

**From 9 AM to 5 PM on:
Friday December 10
Friday December 17
(These two days only)**

**How do I register to attend a Christmas
Mass at St. Ursula, Blessed Sacrament or
Our Lady of Victory?**

**Call the office at 519-352-9483
or online at www.chathamcatholic.ca**



What do I need to attend Mass for Christmas?

Everyone attending Mass will need to wear a mask. Our Mass Hosts will welcome you, confirm your registration and escort you to your seat.

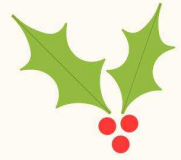
**If you cannot attend Mass in person please join us online for our
live-streamed Masses from St. Joseph and Blessed Sacrament.**

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CHATHAM CATHOLIC
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WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATIONS DECEMBER 2021 & NEW YEAR'S

Due to limited seating during the pandemic and a high demand to attend Mass, we need everyone to pre-register for our December weekend & New Year Masses. Please follow the guide below to know when you can register.

When can I register for weekend Masses at any of the churches in our family of parishes for December 2021?

Weekend Masses of December 4 & 5, 2021

Registration takes place Wednesday December 1 & Thursday December 2

Weekend Masses of December 11 & 12, 2021

Registration takes place Wednesday December 8 & Thursday December 9

Weekend Masses of December 18 & 19, 2021

Registration takes place Wednesday December 15 & Thursday December 16

December 26, 2021 (Sunday Masses only - No Saturday night Mass)

Registration takes place Tuesday December 21 & Wednesday December 22

January 2, 2021 (Sunday Masses only - No Saturday night Mass)

Registration takes place Tuesday December 28 & Wednesday December 29



NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31, 2021

5:00 PM - St. Joseph*

7:00 PM - St. Agnes

* indicates Mass is live-streamed



Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00 AM - Blessed Sacrament*

10:00 AM - St. Ursula

11:00 AM - Our Lady of Victory (Pol)

When can I register for New Year's Eve & New Year's Day at any of our churches?

Tuesday December 21

Wednesday December 22

Tuesday December 28

Wednesday December 29



Registration for these Masses are between 9 AM and 5 PM

Call the office at 519-352-9483
or online at www.chathamcatholic.ca



ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER WEEK TWO

The Second Week of Advent



ADVENT IN THE FAMILY-WEEK 2

Gather around your Advent wreath as a family to pray. Ask God to quiet your hearts. Choose someone to lead.

Let us make the sign of our Baptism, †In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Prayer:

Lord, we ask to receive the PEACE of your Holy Spirit throughout this week. Help each of us to make a fresh start this Advent as we share your PEACE in our family and community. Amen.

God sent John the Baptist as a prophet to tell God's people it was time to ask God for forgiveness and to change their unloving ways. God sent John to baptize people and tell them someone greater than he was coming!

It would be Jesus, the Prince of PEACE!

I wonder what ways your family can show PEACE during Advent? Talk about it.

Lighting of the Advent Candles (two purple)

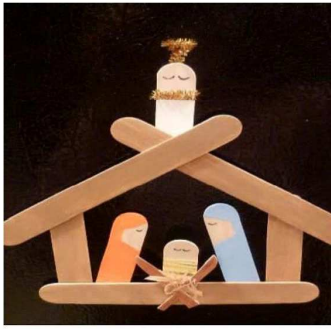
Last week, we lit the first Advent candle..the candle of hope.(light last week's purple candle)

Today we light the next purple candle. This is the candle of PEACE. (light another purple candle)

God our Father, during this second week of Advent, we ask you to fill our hearts with PEACE as we journey toward Christmas. As we light this Advent candle, let us remember that at our baptism, we were called to be PEACEmakers in our world. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Song: Advent Candle Song (sung to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)

Advent candle shine so bright
Let us see PEACE in your light
Help us be kind every day
In our thoughts and what we say
Advent candle shine so bright
Let us see PEACE in your light.



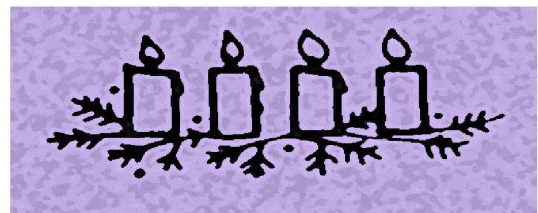
You will need:

- popsicle sticks
- glue
- star sticker
- glitter glue
- bling and beads
- ribbon or pipe cleaner to hang ornament
- markers

Let's create

How to:

- choose some popsicle sticks to lay out the shape you want to make
- glue the sticks in place
- use markers to colour the sticks
- use stickers to decorate
- sprinkle with glitter
- use ribbon to tie on your creation and hang it on your Christmas tree
- ask the Holy Family for a Christmas blessing



**ADVENT ANGEL CHALLENGE
WEEK TWO**

Make a homemade card for a neighbour.

Donate to St. Agnes Soup Kitchen.

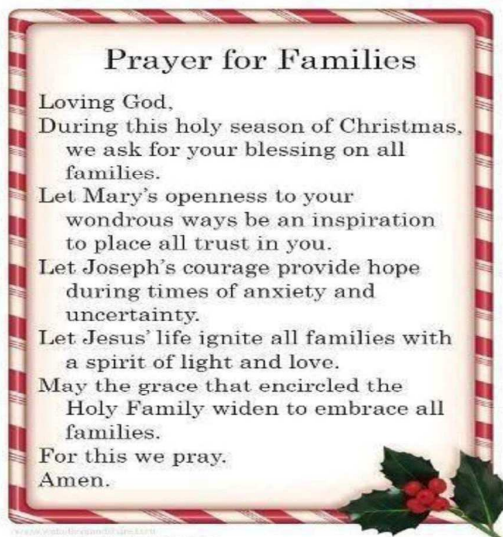
Say 'Thank You' to the cashier at the grocery store.

Help a family member wrap their Christmas presents.

Clean your bedroom without being asked.

Put a note at each of your family's places at the dinner table to say 'I love you'.

Choose a time when your family can say the Our Father together this week.



St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.



**To the parents of our young children,
may we suggest....**

Rules? God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar.

They tire of seeing the backs of other's heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priests, altar servers, choirs etc.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behaviour by copying you.

If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

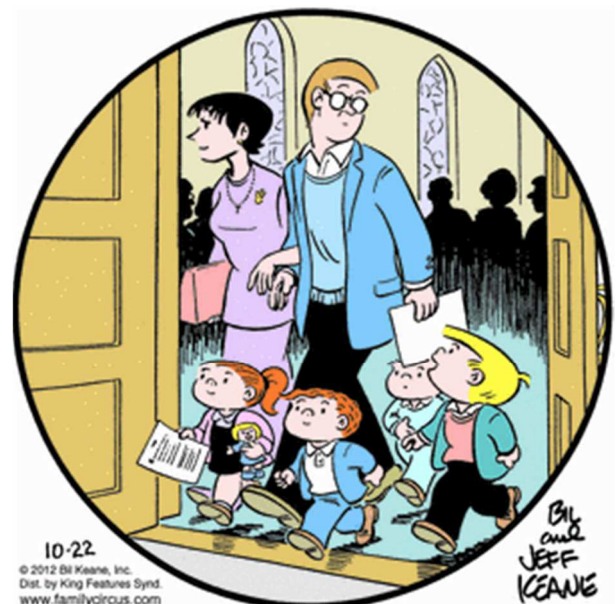
Remember that the way we welcome in church directly affects the way we respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

To the members of our parish...

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

CHURCH CHUCKLE



**"When we sing the hymns,
I think it's best for me
to just be a listener."**

DEACON'S PEN

It is the end of the church calendar year. And the Sacrament of Reconciliation is now available during this time of eased restrictions. The sacrament is a way of reconciling our actions with God in a most profound but calming way. And this may help us end this year and start a new and changed year.

All humans are flawed. We all make mistakes. It is something we have to live with. But at some point we have to be able to face our weaknesses and get over them. Jesus said, "Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven." John 20:23. And Reconciliation is an important, crucial Sacrament of the Catholic Church. We are taught that if we admit our sins to the priest, are truly sorry for them, work at improvement, act on our penance, we are forgiven.

However, sometimes forgiving ourselves is harder than forgiving others. The priest (God) forgives us. As well, others may forgive us our foibles - for all humans are taught to forgive those who trespass against them. But if we can't absolve or forgive ourselves what kind of life does that leave us. We are one mired in pain, in self-loathing - if God can forgive us our trespasses we must too. Forgive yourself and let him cleanse your pain.

Finding peace after sinning is a two stage act: God will forgive us but then we must forgive ourselves. We go to reconciliation and it is a sacrament that is to help us. But it too fails to reduce our pain if we can't find peace with ourselves and know that God forgives.

Every human being is worth more than his worst sin. Put another way, we shouldn't be defined by the worst thing we have done.

Approach Jesus, He is our friend, ask Him for help in not only confessing, but in asking for forgiveness and then ask Him to help remove the guilt from our forgiven soul.

Deacon Chris Masterson



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The Family of Parishes 2022 offertory envelopes are now available for pick up. Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes and St. Ursula have their envelopes available in the parish halls. St. Joseph envelopes are available at the back of the church. Our Lady of Victory offertory envelopes have been delayed and will be ready for pick up by month end in the parish hall. Please stop by and pick up your new envelopes after Mass. Please **do not** use your 2022 envelopes until the new year. And please discard any 2021 envelopes that were not used in 2021 before using your new ones. Everyone at all parishes will now have **NEW Envelope numbers for 2022.**

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS SIGN



Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Council 1412 partnered with the religious study department at UCC and held a Keep Christ In Christmas poster competition. The winning poster is being used to produce yard signs which citizens can purchase for \$20 each. Signs can be ordered by emailing kofc1412@gmail.com and pick up or drop off arrangements can be made.

The net proceeds from the sale of the signs will be distributed amongst various food banks within our community to assist them during this Christmas season.

THANK YOU

St. Joseph K of C recently set up the Nativity Scene at the front of St. Joseph Church. Thank you to Fr. Captiano for his blessing and to the 14 Brother Knights who helped. It was a great day!

David Bondy, Grand Knight 10436



Congratulations to

Elliott, Boomsma, Emerson Boomsma, Alice Carroll, Johnathan Carroll, Nathan Chaney, Addison Koehler, Athena Mapili, Archer McKinlay, Logan Plant, Hannah Plante, Aiden Reid, Quinn Rogers, Clara Rylett, Camden Smith & Cooper Youlton

who joined our parish family through the
Sacrament of Baptism
during the month of November.

May they always live out their call to discipleship.



Congratulations to

Jane Loyer and David Rapos
Ryan Rumble and Diane Santos

who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage
during the month of November.

*May God continue to bless them
in their married life.*

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Fridays December 10 & 17

St. Joseph Church - 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM

Saturdays December 11 & 18

Blessed Sacrament Church - 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Sundays, December 5, 12 & 19

St. Joseph Church - 8:00 to 9:00 PM

(3 priests hearing confessions)

(following the Faces of Advent Holy Hour Series)

Tuesday December 14, 2021

St. Agnes Church - 9:00 to 10:30 AM

St. Ursula Church - 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Thursday December 16, 2021

St. Ursula Church - 9:00 to 10:30 AM

St. Agnes Church - 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday December 22, 2021

Blessed Sacrament Church - 9:00 to 10:30 AM

Our Lady of Victory Church - 6:00 to 7:00 PM

E-BULLETIN

Are you interested in receiving the bulletin by email. If so, contact Maureen at the parish office at 519-352-8530 or 519-352-9483 or by email at mfooster@dol.ca or you can view it on the Family of Parishes website at www.chathamcatholic.ca.

Christmas Flowers and Decor

If you wish to have a name(s) added to our list of flowers and décor for Christmas, please fill out the form found below and submit form and \$25 in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office by **Monday, December 13 (deadline date)**.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

In memory of: _____

Blessed Sacrament Church _____

St. Agnes Church _____

St. Joseph Church _____

St. Ursula Church _____

\$25 included _____

Please make cheques payable to the Church you would have indicated above.



WEEKDAY & WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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Saturday 5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:00 am at St. Agnes
6:30 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. Ursula
6:30 pm at St. Agnes

Friday 8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament
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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. You can register easily online through our website, 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.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays - Our Lady of Victory - 6:30 - 6:50 pm

Fridays - St. Joseph Church - 11:15 - 11:45 am

Saturdays - Blessed Sacrament - 9 - 10 am

Our priests are also available to hear Confession by appointment.

LIVE-STREAMED MASS

Masses are live streamed on our YouTube channel (www.chathamcatholic.tv). Visit the parish website (www.chathamcatholic.ca) and click the live-stream link at the top of the page. See Mass schedule above for live-streamed Masses.

MASS VIA PHONE-STREAM

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

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Urgent need! Our new warehouse is open at 281 Inshes Avenue and we have been gifted with new volunteers eager to serve the poor.

We are currently in need of goods to pack - clothing, food, shoes, kitchen and home items, school supplies, sewing supplies, tools, toys and monetary donations to purchase foods in bulk from local suppliers. Covid has increased the suffering of many and we need you to help us serve the destitute of our world.

We are open to receive goods Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Thank you for your generosity!

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL STORE

Our Christmas Wonderland continues! Please come by the store for some Christmas décor to decorate your home for the season. We are at 80 King St E and open Monday to Saturday between 9am-4 pm.

PARISHIONER DATABASE—HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER?

We are continually updating our parishioner database and often people forget to update the church when they are notifying others of their new address. Please let us know if you have moved or changed your email address or if you have cancelled your home phone and only use your cell phone. You can email Cathy Zimmer at czimmer@dol.ca or call the office at 519-352-9483 or 519-352-8530. We only send mail two or three times a year and we NEVER share information from our database. We also can't send your tax receipt without an updated address. We sometimes send email updates for important information and you can sign up for that on our website. If you are NEW to our parish, WELCOME! Kindly fill out the parish registration form found at chathamcatholic.ca (click on I'M NEW/Join Our Family).

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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.

CHRISTMAS ©LPi

Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.



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