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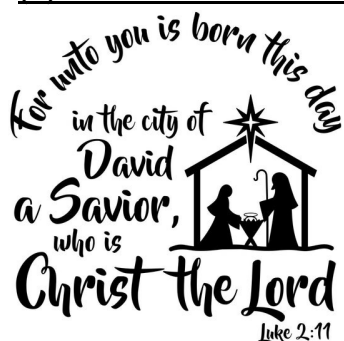
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FAMILY UPDATES FROM FR. JOHN

(1) 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.

| JEREMIAH | JOHN THE BAPTIST | ZEPHANIAH | MARY |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday November 28 | Sunday December 5 | Sunday December 12 | 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

(2) ADVENT 2021 SERIES – THE FACES OF ADVENT

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 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.

(3) 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

(4) SEEKING YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

This past week we sent out our annual Christmas letter to all parishioners in the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. It is one of the ways I can express my Christmas blessings and gratitude on behalf of the entire staff as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour. It is also an opportunity to seek your financial support for our five parishes that form our family.



The pandemic has been an extremely difficult time for all of us. It has gone on much longer than expected and has caused many different burdens for so many people. The parishes in our diocese have also suffered with limited access to Mass and so many other outreach services, social gatherings, ministries and programs that help build and sustain us as faithful disciples in our world today. Due to the reduced ability to attend Mass and not being able to offer a full complement of ministries and programs—our financial contributions have also suffered significantly despite many of the same operating expenses. Even though we are receiving funds from the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy program, all five churches are running deficits. Funding from this special program ends in the next 3 to 4 months.

As we approach the end of 2021 and celebrate Christmas, there may be some who, after prayerful discernment, may be able to give a special Christmas gift for the family of parishes. Thank you for all the many different ways you support and are involved in our family of parishes. It is a great gift for all of us!

Mass Intentions - Dec 14 - 18, 2021

Tuesday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ Odette Clark
- ~ Shirley Feres
- ~ Manuel Cavacas

6:30 pm - St. Ursula

- ~ June Russell
- ~ Gerardo & Maria Grazia Matteis
- ~ All infants who lost their lives due to abortion

Wednesday, December 15

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Shurley Cadotte
- ~ Intentions of Raymond Johnson
- ~ Intentions of Fr. Sebastian Puthenpura

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Tony Nugent
- ~ Tom & Nancy Peseski
- ~ Intentions of Rebecca Martin

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

- ~ Janina Parniak
- ~ Michal Czuczola
- ~ John & Anna Helinski

Thursday, December 16

8:00 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Mario DeVito
- ~ Pauline Holey
- ~ Sigismondo DeVito

6:30 pm - St. Agnes

- ~ Blanche Gauthier
- ~ Garry Sproule
- ~ Manuel De Castro

Friday, December 17

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Vern Jubenville
- ~ Intentions of Mary Deturck
- ~ Intentions of Janine Winkler

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Angie Sedge
- ~ Maria Qua Tran
- ~ Intentions of the Carruthers family

Saturday, December 18

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

- ~ Anne Beuglet & Mike Beuglet
- ~ Lydia Roman Stockus
- ~ All Souls in Purgatory

*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, Dorothy Davidson, Clarita Litschko and Paula DeVito.

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners especially Patricia Hlady, Noreen Burchiel, Jerome Roy and Mary Lou Kuni.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for: Ms. Maria Lange, Pastoral Worker, Mrs. Jean Beneteau, Pastoral Minister, Mrs. Marguerite Hower, Pastoral Minister, Rev. Christophe Mbunzu, O.F.M. Cap., Deacon Brian MacDonald, Ministers to Migrant Workers in the Diocese of London and Rev. Augustine Ogundele.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The joy of kindness

Reading I Zephaniah 3: 14-18a
(the promise of a Saviour)

Reading II Philippians 4: 4-7
(joy and peace)

Gospel Luke 3: 10-18
(John calls the people to justice)

Key Passage: Rejoice in the Lord Always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. (Philippians 4: 4-5)

Adult: To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness could you do this week?

Child: What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?

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.



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.



ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER WEEK THREE

The Third Week of Advent



ADVENT IN THE FAMILY-WEEK 3

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:

Come Holy Spirit! In this third week of Advent, we ask you to fill our hearts with JOY as we prepare for Jesus, who is coming soon! You know that we are excited about gifts, decorations, gatherings, and treats. But may all these things point toward the unending JOY we find in knowing and loving Jesus.

John the Baptist tells the people to get their hearts ready for the Messiah. He shows them that to prepare the way for Jesus, we must change our selfish ways and bring JOY into the lives of other people.

I wonder what brings you JOY in your life? How can you bring joy to others? Talk about it.

Lighting of the Advent Candles (two purple and one pink)

Last week, we lit the Advent candles of hope and peace (light last weeks' purple candles)

Today we light the pink candle. This is the candle of JOY. (light the pink candle)

God our Father, as we JOYfully look forward to Christmas, guard us from needless worry and stress. Help us clear out whatever noise and busyness distracts us from Jesus or steals our JOY. 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 JOY in your light
Please forgive us any wrongs
Fill our hearts with JOYful songs
Advent candle shine so bright
Let us see JOY in your light

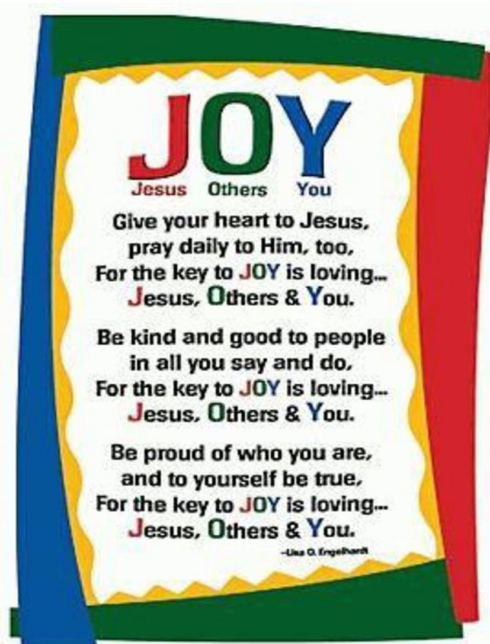
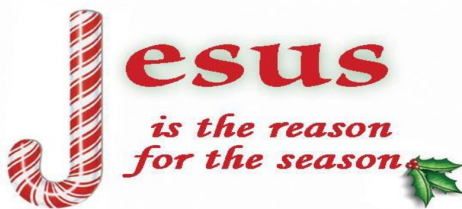




You will need:

- a Christmas tree shape
- a candy cane
- a foam star for the top of the tree
- scissors and glue
- pom-poms, buttons, stickers, bling

*Let's
Create!*



How To:

- decorate the Christmas tree with pom-poms, buttons, stickers, bling
- slide the candy cane through three slots with the curve of the candy cane at the top
- consider making more of these as gifts for family, friends, teachers, classmates
- for more instructions at: <https://onelittleproject.com/candy-cane-felt-tree-gift/>

Legend of the Candy Cane

Look at the candy cane

What do you see?

Stripes that are red

Like the blood shed for me

White is for my Saviour

Who's sinless and pure

'J' is for Jesus

My Lord, that's for sure!

Turn it around

And a staff you will see

Jesus, my Shepherd

Was born for me!



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 once the year ends. Everyone at all parishes will now have **NEW Envelope numbers for 2022.**

LAST DATE FOR 2021 DONATIONS

The last date you can donate for your 2021 income tax receipt for any of the parishes is Friday, December 31. The parish office will have limited hours between Christmas and New Year's but you can always drop off your donation at our office at St. Agnes in the white secure mailbox that is checked daily.

Here is a direct quote from CRA concerning donations:

What is a donation?

The date of donation is the date the gift is actually received by the charity. However, when a charity receives a donation by mail, the Canada Revenue Agency considers the date of donation to be the date of the postmark on the envelope. The charity should keep the stamped envelope as part of its books and records.

An example of this is when a parishioner mails a donation in December to the Parish, but the Parish does not receive the donation until January with a January postmark. The donation would be posted to January, not December. This also applies to December donations that are dropped off to the office in January.

E-TRANSFER

Using your online banking website or app, add the parish you wish to donate to as a recipient, using the parish email address:

Blessed Sacrament - bsacramentparish@dol.ca

Our Lady of Victory - ourladyv@dol.ca

St. Agnes - stagnes@dol.ca

St. Joseph - stjoseph@dol.ca

St. Ursula - stursula@dol.ca

Create the e-transfer and in the comment/note area, please indicate your envelope number or your address and which fund you are donating to, such as Sunday Offering, Easter, Building, Share Lent etc.

No password is needed as the parishes are set up for autodeposit.

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.

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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 mfooster@dol.ca.

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.



ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Friday December 17

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

Saturday December 18

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

Sundays, December 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

CHURCH CHUCKLE

Father Joseph was nervous when he cast Jimmy, the middle school class clown, as Joseph in the annual Christmas pageant. His fears were realized when Jimmy decided to do a little improvisation by pulling out his cell phone in the pageant's opening scene.

The astonished priest, who was narrating, asked, "What are you doing with your phone?"

Jimmy smiled and replied, "This year I'm phoning that inn to make a reservation!"

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

(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. 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.

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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)

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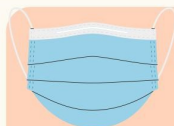


**When can I register to attend St. Ursula,
Blessed Sacrament or Our Lady of Victory for
Christmas Eve or Christmas Day?**

**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
FAMILY OF PARISHES



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

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