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DECEMBER 19, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Office Hours:
We are open for walk ins on
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
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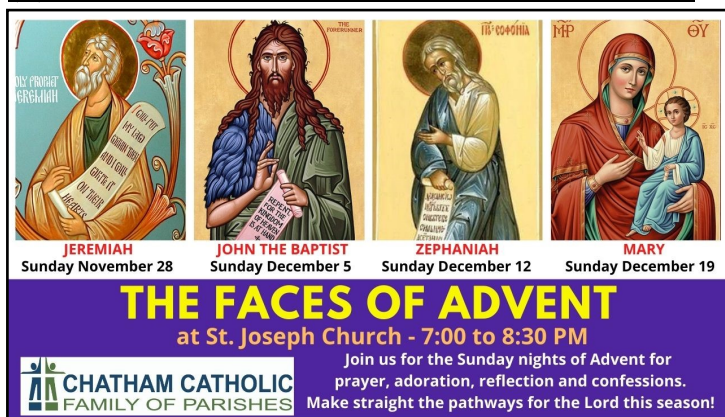
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FAMILY UPDATES FROM FR. JOHN

(1) ADVENT 2021 SERIES – THE FACES OF ADVENT



Everyone is invited to attend our special Advent Series in preparation for Christmas. Join us for the final Sunday night session from 7:00 to 8:00 PM (December 19) at St. Joseph Church reflecting on our Blessed Mother Mary, who helps us make straight the pathways for the Lord. Confessions will take place from 8:00 to 9:00 PM. Each night of prayer is 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 (8:00 to 9:00 PM)

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.

(2) SEEKING TRUTH & RECONCILIATION



This past week, members of the pastoral team had an online meeting with St. Clair Catholic District School Board leaders and local Indigenous leaders beginning the path of truth

and reconciliation for us in our family of parishes and for all of Chatham-Kent. It was an opportunity to introduce ourselves and discuss what our hopes were for the journey. It was a chance to seek guidance, support and wisdom from local Indigenous leaders while also connecting with the amazing work and resources our Catholic school board has developed over the last number of years.

I was very moved and thankful for the honesty, openness and sharing that took place. We had initial discussions about the residential schools, role of the Catholic Church past and present, the various

systemic and societal barriers that still exist and the need to re-learn the true history of our Indigenous people.

We all agreed that this was the first meeting along a long road of listening, discovering the truth, healing, reconciliation and friendship. My hope is that over time we build long lasting partnerships with our Indigenous brothers and sisters working together to make our world a better place seeking change in the Church and society together. This is a powerful opportunity for transformation. How will this take place?

(A) DIALOGUE - After this initial meeting, we agreed to further meetings in the new year discussing more practical steps that will help the pastoral team and all parishioners grow in mutual understanding. Along the journey we will be involving members of the Pastoral Council and the faithful to help us move forward.

(B) EDUCATION - In order for us to seek healing and reconciliation while moving forward together, we need to understand the truth of the past and present circumstances for our Indigenous brothers and sisters. This includes reading the Truth & Reconciliation Report (especially the 94 Calls to Action), listening to the survivors of residential schools and compiling resources that will help us understand the truth.

(C) ACTION - As we journey forward we will develop real and tangible actions that help with healing and reconciliation while building new partnerships with our local Indigenous communities. This will forge new friendships and bonds that will foster change.

These are some initial thoughts and steps. We need to slowly and patiently walk the road together. I admitted to everyone at our meeting this past week that I simply do not know enough about the past and how we can best move forward. We as a family of parishes and the Church need guidance, help and direction from our local Indigenous leaders and experts at the school board to help us. Thankfully they agreed to walk with us and support us! I also shared that we as a pastoral team and family of parishes are committed to real actions and change.

After Christmas, we will share resources via the bulletin and family website that will help us embark on this sacred journey. I assure you that there is more to come.

Let us pray that the Prince of Peace gives us the courage to be instruments of true reconciliation and healing in our world. May the Light of the World that comes to us at Christmas show us the path of hope and grace.

Mass Intentions - Dec 21 - 23, 2021

Tuesday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ Shurley Cadotte
- ~ Jeffrey Farquharsen
- ~ Manuel De Castro

6:30 pm - St. Ursula

- ~ Lionel Richie
- ~ Hilda & Joe Gleason
- ~ Francis & Imelda Couture

Wednesday, December 22

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Barbara Reaume
- ~ Maria Qua Tran
- ~ Denis & Patricia Cazabon

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Betty Carruthers
- ~ Deceased members of the Lindsay & Geneau families
- ~ Intentions of the Michaud, Emery & Letourneau families

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

- ~ Michal Czuczola

Thursday, December 23 - St. John of Kanty

8:00 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Joan Gavin
- ~ Mario Corso
- ~ Anita Carpanzano

6:30 pm - St. Agnes

- ~ Victor Ferreira
- ~ James Swope
- ~ Intentions of Ernest & Elaine Tellier

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.

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

Psalm 17:6

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 mfoster@dol.ca or you can view it on the Family of Parishes website at www.chathamcatholic.ca.

*To Everything there is a season...
"a time to be healed..."*

Please pray for those who are currently sick in our parish family especially Clarita Litschko and Paula DeVito.

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners especially Jack Gleason.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for: Deacon Daniel Lemire, Rev. Matthew George (deceased), Mrs. Christa Mailloux, Coordinator of Children's Ministry, Deacon Joseph Manzara, Rev. Michael Ryan and Rev. Steven Huber, C.S.B.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Obedience to God's will

Reading I Micah 5: 1-4a
(restoration through the Messiah)

Reading II Hebrews 10: 5-10
(the second covenant)

Gospel Luke 1: 39-45
(the visit to Elizabeth)

Key Passage: Elizabeth said, "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." (Luke 1: 45)

Adult: When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?

Child: When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?

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.



CHATHAM CATHOLIC 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* (full) & St. Agnes (full)

6:00 PM - St. Joseph* (full)

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 21
Tuesday December 22
(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* (full)

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

8:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament (full) & St. Ursula

10:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament*

Midnight - Our Lady of Victory (full)

December 25, 2021

10:00 AM - St. Ursula (full)

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

* indicates Mass is live-streamed

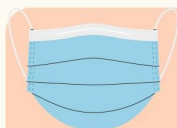


When can I register to attend St. Ursula,
Blessed Sacrament or Our Lady of Victory for
Christmas Eve or Christmas Day?

From 9 AM to 5 PM on:
Tuesday December 21
Wednesday December 22
(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?

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 FOUR



ADVENT IN THE FAMILY-WEEK 4

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, help us remember that the things we get for Christmas will not last as long as the things we get from Christmas. We will finish our Christmas treats, get bored with our toys and even grow out of our Christmas clothes. But the things we get from Jesus this Christmas and always are the best gifts of all—hope, peace, joy and especially LOVE. These will go with us all our lives.

Hearing God's Story

An angel named Gabriel comes to tell Mary she will be the mother of Jesus. Mary listened carefully to God's messenger and even though she was afraid, she said "Yes" to God.

I wonder if God has asked you to do something difficult? How did you answer him? Talk about it

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

Last week, we lit the Advent candles of hope, peace and joy (light candles) Today we light the last purple candle. This is the candle of LOVE. (light last purple candle)

God our Father, during this fourth week of Advent, we ask you to fill our hearts with LOVE for others and for Jesus. As we light this Advent candle, help us accept your holy will and say 'yes' with LOVE! 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 LOVE in your light
Open our hearts to say "Yes"
As your Mother who is blessed
Advent candle shine so bright
Let us see LOVE in your light.





How to:

- use some construction paper or draw and colour a hat and nose and cut them out
- paste on the googly eyes and buttons
- put the heart sticker on the centre of the body
- tie the bowtie around the neck
- if you want to put him on your Christmas tree, put a small hole through his hat and use some yarn
- if you want to give him to someone special, ask your mom or dad to help you make gingerbread cookies and you can give that someone special your creation and some cookies.

You will need:

- a foam or paper gingerbread person shape
- googly eyes
- a nose
- a heart sticker for the centre
- a bowtie
- some buttons
- glue, construction paper, scissors

YUMMY GINGERBREAD
COOKIES

INGREDIENTS:

You will need:

- 3 cups of flour
- 2 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ¼ tsp. ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ¾ cup of butter, softened
- ¾ cup of firmly packed brown sugar
- ½ cup molasses
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla

**BAKE,
BAKE
AS FAST AS
YOU CAN!
THEN HAVE
A TASTE OF
THE**



*Let's
Create!*

*My
Gingerbread
Prayer*



Dear Lord, Put in me the right ingredients that best reflects Your love. Don't let me allow the world to seep into my life.

Dear Lord, Bake me with Your love and bring me through the heat and trials of your choosing so that I'm fit for Your service. Let me rely on Your strength so that I won't crumble and fall apart.

Dear Lord, give me eyes to see the needs of others instead of my own. Help me see with Your compassion.

Dear Lord, Give me a nose to tell the difference between what the world offers and what Your Word says. Help me to know right from wrong.

Dear Lord, Give me arms and hands to give and work for Your glory. Help me to uplift others when they need it most.

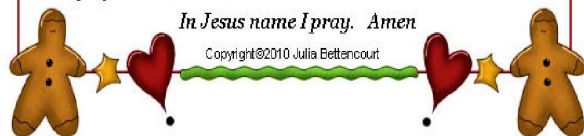
Dear Lord, Give me legs and feet to follow You. Help me spread the news of Your birth and wonderful gift of life that You offer us.

Dear Lord, Give me the sweet smelling aroma of Your love so that others may know I'm Your child.

Dear Lord, Decorate me with Your love and make my life beautiful for You.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen

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FINANCIAL SNAPSHOTS

Nov-21			
	Current Nov 2021	YTD Jan-Nov 2021	YTD Jan-Nov 2020
Blessed Sacrament			
**Operating Revenue	35,680.55	326,742.75	338,773.70
Capital Revenue	323.25	6,185.76	6,433.97
TOTAL INCOME	36,003.80	332,928.51	345,207.67
Operating Expenses	20,821.40	283,706.24	284,029.20
Capital Expenses	0.00	34,660.25	1,301.80
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,821.40	318,366.49	285,331.00
* NET INCOME (LOSS)	15,182.40	14,562.02	59,876.67
* Chequing & Mass Accounts			
** incl. CEWS	3,438.62	37,675.36	42,036.80
Loan Fund Deposit		179,254.13	101,656.05
Thanksgiving Appeal	4,780.00	37,109.00	42,751.00

Nov. 2021			
	Current Nov 2021	YTD Nov 2021	YTD Nov 2020
St Joseph			
Operating Revenue	29,967.19	267,712.11	273,974.73
Capital Revenue	3,960.84	36,134.25	71,511.11
TOTAL INCOME	33,928.03	303,846.36	345,485.84
Operating Expenses	23,105.59	377,946.11	317,329.19
Capital Expenses	0.00	6,954.75	28,558.99
TOTAL EXPENSES	23,105.59	384,900.86	345,888.18
NET INCOME	10,822.44	-81,054.50	-402.34
Thanksgiving	1,655.50	18,083.50	21,477.00
Loan Fund Deposit		201,939.09	477,561.52
CEWS DEPOSIT	4,619.94	37,780.69	34,712.15
(Emergency Wage Subsidy)	Included in Totals		

St Agnes			
	Current Nov 2021	YTD Jan-Nov 2021	YTD Jan-Nov 2020
**Operating Revenue	19,054.35	235,348.06	286,972.37
Capital Revenue	206.77	3,015.02	21,483.08
TOTAL INCOME	19,261.12	238,363.08	308,455.45
Operating Expenses	18,684.79	270,694.06	288,681.76
Capital Expenses	0.00	0.00	20,044.15
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,684.79	270,694.06	308,725.91
* NET INCOME (LOSS)	576.33	-32,330.98	-270.46
* Chequing, Mass & Soup Kitchen Accounts			
**incl CEWS	3,353.85	32,643.54	32,839.43
Loan Fund Deposit		43,551.90	72,138.09
Thanksgiving Appeal	1,205.00	16,289.00	16,509.00

St Ursula			
	Current Nov 2021	YTD Nov 2021	YTD Nov 2020
Operating Revenue	23,306.13	223,606.43	231,976.75
Capital Revenue	1,791.25	37,994.85	31,358.00
TOTAL INCOME	25,097.38	261,601.28	263,334.75
Operating Expenses	17,910.19	284,562.18	219,413.85
Capital Expenses	0.00	27,759.75	26,837.27
TOTAL EXPENSES	17,910.19	312,321.93	246,251.12
NET INCOME	7,187.19	-50,720.65	17,083.63
Thanksgiving	2272.00	21887.65	18328.63
Loan Fund Deposit		349,588.58	339,316.44
CEWS DEPOSIT	4025.78	37381.11	36137.94
(Emergency Wage Subsidy)	Included in Totals		

Nov-21			
	Current Nov 2021	YTD Nov 2021	YTD Nov 2020
Our Lady of Victory			
Operating Revenue	6,268.20	47,591.61	56,367.55
Capital Revenue	326.70	2,857.35	3,115.01
TOTAL INCOME	6,594.90	50,448.96	59,482.56
Operating Expenses	4,393.42	75,622.93	66,262.23
Capital Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,393.42	75,622.93	66,262.23
NET INCOME	2,201.48	-25,173.97	-6,779.67
Loan Fund Deposit		58,036.37	56,331.06

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.



DEACON'S PEN

Our Gospel Reading for the 4th Sunday of Advent reveals our Heavenly Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth even as she was carrying our Lord and Saviour in her own womb.

The Angel Gabriel told Mary that she was to bear a Son outside of wedlock. In Jewish society at the time of Mary, an unmarried, pregnant woman faced the very real threat of being stoned to death. However, Mary's thoughts were not focused on herself, nor were they focused on the very real risk she was facing. Her thoughts were focused on her cousin Elizabeth. She immediately wanted to visit Elizabeth whom the Angel Gabriel had told her was already in her sixth month of pregnancy.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary tells us that love is an unselfish, loyal, and benevolent concern for the good of another, or for the good of others. **Mary certainly is our model par excellence of genuine, unconditional love! She is also our model, par excellence of genuine, unfettered trust in God!**

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, in his weekly reflection on the Sunday Readings, points out that in this week's Gospel, Elizabeth prophesied "**blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.**" Next the prophet John leapt for joy in his mother's womb at the sound of Mary's voice. Immediately following this week's Gospel, we read that in Mary's response to Elizabeth, she prophesied "**all generations will call me blessed**" (Lk. 1:48). However, it is Elizabeth's final words to Mary at the close of this week's Gospel that hold the key to understanding why Mary is to be honored - "**Blessed is she who has believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.**"

Mary's claim to fame is that she simply, lovingly, and trustingly said yes to God! Genuine Christian Faith involves freely and intentionally entrusting ourselves to God, abandoning ourselves and our own free will, and genuinely submitting ourselves to His will!

Mary surrendered her plan for her life and yielded to God's plan, and she did this not once, but again and again, even when her Lord left her to begin His public ministry! And when that ministry led to the horror of Calvary, her faith stood its ground at the foot of the cross!

True devotion to Mary according to the fathers of the Second Vatican Council is the imitation of her virtues, particularly her faith (Lumen Gentium 67)!

Yours in Christ, Deacon Steve

GOSPEL REFLECTION

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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WELCOME

It is with great joy that we welcome visitors and new parishioners to our parish family!

New parishioners please visit our parish website, chathamcatholic.ca and look under the “I’m New” tab. Or call the parish office (519-352-8530 or 519-352-9483) and we can arrange for you to obtain one of our registration forms.

CWL MEMBERSHIPS

Membership dues are \$25.00

There are many ways that you can submit your dues:

- Put them in an envelope indicating your CWL council and place it in the collection basket at Mass, drop it in the white locked mailbox at parish office at St. Agnes or mail it to the parish office located at 52 Croydon St, Chatham, ON N7L 1L3.
- Blessed Sacrament CWL is offering e-transfer. Please use email address: cwlbscouncil@gmail.com.
- St. Joseph Harwich CWL is offering e-transfer. Please use email address: harwichcwl@yahoo.com.

St. Joseph City Council will be holding elections this month for positions on the Executive. If you are interested or know someone who is, please let Beth Lachine know at 519-352-7249.

The Executive from each CWL Council would like to extend a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to all their members.

OUR WEBSITE

Did you know the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes has a website? Take a look at chathamcatholic.ca. Wish to read the current or past bulletins? Curious when the sacraments for your children are taking place? Wondering how to donate? Looking for Mass times for our parishes? Lost your Liturgical Ministry schedule? Need prayers? Would like to volunteer in one of our many ministries? Need to contact one of our staff members? Our website has the answer to many questions - check it out!

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Saturday December 18

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

Sundays, December 19

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

(3 priests hearing confessions)

(following the Faces of Advent Holy Hour Series)

Wednesday December 22, 2021

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

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

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
(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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