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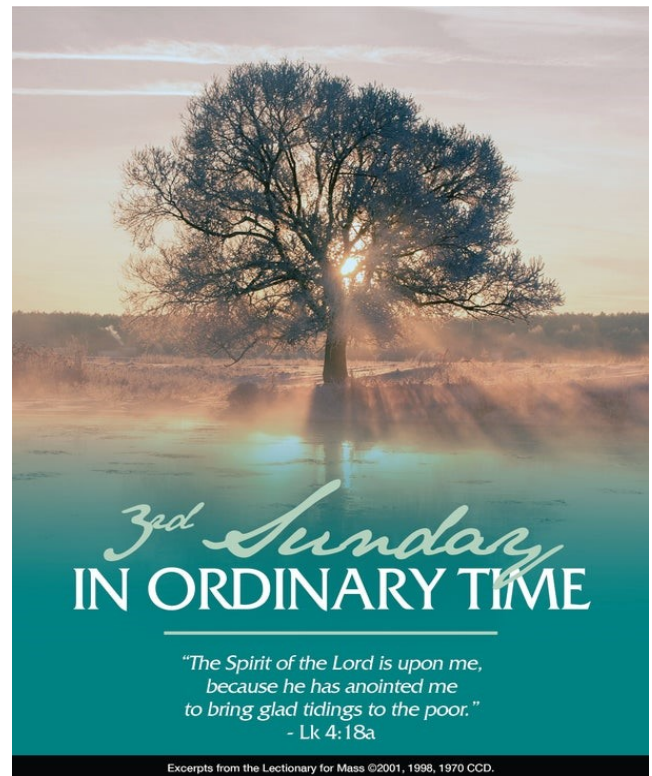
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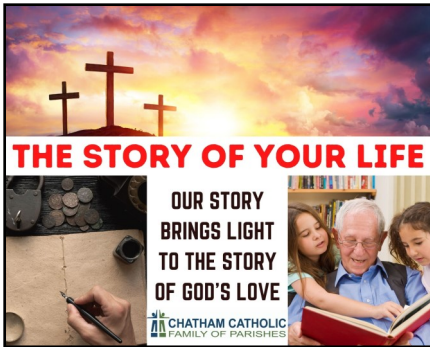
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THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND OUR STORY



We continue this latest message series that takes a look at our own life story and how it fits in with God's bigger story of love, mercy and salvation. By the end of this series I hope that we can

all take a step back from the busy-ness, chaos and challenges of our lives to see how the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit really guides our lives in the bigger story of God's love. May we realize that we are part of a much bigger story that brings joy!!

HOMILY #1 REVIEW

(1) The story of our lives is important and meaningful. Our own personal story and journey matters. It matters to ourselves and those whom we love but they are even more important when seen in our faith perspective.

(2) We are not the central characters in our story.

God does not work for us to make sure we have a great story. God is the central figure of our story and we are called to help live out that bigger picture of God's saving work in our daily lives.

(3) We can only understand our lives fully in light of God's bigger story. We will only find fulfillment, happiness and grace when we realize that our lives are parts of the bigger story of salvation—we play a prominent role in sharing God's love that should influence the choices we make each day.

HOMILY #1 REMINDER

God accompanies us in our story as part of the bigger story of salvation. He does not remain separate from us but helps us along the journey. God has given us unique gifts through the Holy Spirit that are to be shared so that we can assist, support and encourage others in God's story of love. We bring people closer to Christ and one another.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME

In this second homily of the series, the readings remind us that we are called, anointed and empowered to help make the story of God's love real, tangible and transforming. God invites each of us to make His story our own—conversion is really allowing

our story to flow into God's and embracing the mission of grace in our daily lives. Again, we can only understand our lives and our story when we see the bigger story of God's love and how we become key figures in His journey of salvation.

We see this quite clearly in the first reading from this weekend's Mass from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah when we read, *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."*

Isaiah is a prophet of hope bringing light to the people of Israel but he is also speaking about the Messiah to come—Jesus. I think Isaiah is also speaking about each of us, who are called, anointed and empowered through our baptism to share the Good News and live the new story of eternal life.

WE ARE ONE BODY—LIVING ONE STORY

In the second reading this weekend, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, we hear him say, *"For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many."* This connects with last weekend's reading where St. Paul mentions that we all have different gifts to share.

We are all members of the one body of Christ—part of the one story of salvation with unique and necessary gifts and stories that must be lived out in faith to bring light and joy drawing those around us to Jesus.

ONE TEAM—ONE ORCHESTRA

To live our lives to the fullest being part of God's story of love means that we need to see ourselves as members of a team. We each have our positions to play, our responsibilities and duties based on our talents and abilities to be the very best we can be together. This means we have to work hard, communicate and allow each team member to do their job so that we can win. We need to accept our roles and give our best effort not for personal gain but for the greater good of the team.

Another way to look at it is musically. It is amazing to hear a wonderful orchestra play together. Each musician plays their own instrument not for themselves but so that together, people may enjoy a wonderful song. Each musician and instrument is needed to make the song what it is.

THE SPIRIT GUIDES THE STORY

How do we stay on track making sure that we always seek to be part of the bigger story of salvation? The Holy Spirit is given to us as a voice of grace, guidance, encouragement and healing. Come Holy Spirit!!



Mass Intentions - January 25 - 28, 2022

Tuesday, January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul

8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ Jerome Lozon
- ~ Manuel De Castro
- ~ Ermelinda Antunes

6:30 pm - St. Ursula

- ~ Susan Cresta
- ~ In thanksgiving
- ~ Angelo & Viola Sullo

Wednesday, January 26 - St. Timothy & St. Titus

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Sister Elaine Flood
- ~ Shurley Cadotte
- ~ Intentions of Lori Arnold

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Jack Gleason
- ~ Patricia Hlady
- ~ Intentions of CK Housing Workers & Tenants

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

- ~ Teresa Bruzkniewicz
- ~ Intentions of Danuta & Leszek Zalewski
- ~ Dziekczynna Za Otrzymanie Laski

Thursday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici

8:00 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Anita Carpanzano
- ~ Jerome Lozon
- ~ Mariano Petrucci

6:30 pm - St. Agnes

- ~ Frank Bonvarlez
- ~ Patricia Hlady
- ~ Maria & João Vilaranda

Friday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Chris Gutteridge
- ~ Joe & Eileen Thibeault
- ~ Intentions of Joanne Bondy

12:00 noon - St. Joseph - CANCELLED

Saturday, January 29

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

- ~ Maria Charron
- ~ Christine Pinsonneault

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, Clarita Litschko and Paula DeVito.

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners especially Mark, McLaughlin, Paul Goldhawk and Rick Francis.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for: Rev. Paul Nicholson, Deacon Richard Heath, Ms. Nives Davies, Pastoral Minister, Rev. Michael Dwyer, Ursuline Religious of the Chatham Union, Rev. Sebastian Pakiyanathan, C.R. and Mrs. Kathyn Heemsherk, Pastoral Minister.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Accepting Responsibility

Reading I Nehemiah 8: 2b - 4a, 5-6, 8-10
(Ezra reads the Law)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30
(analogy of the body)

Gospel Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21
(beginning of Jesus' preaching)

Key Passage: Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." (Luke 4: 17b-18a)

Adult: What do you believe that the anointing you received at baptism requires you to do?

Child: What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?

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.



Congratulations to Assunta Mancini, who celebrates her 101 birthday on January 27.

Congratulations to Janet & Gerry Barnier who celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on January 28.



Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.
Psalm 19



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Session #1 - "On Technology and Faith"

Session #2 - "5 Ways to Listen Better"

Session #3 - "The Magic of Kindness Helped Me Survive"

Session #4 - "Compassion and Kinship"

Session #5 - "Stop Being a Bystander in Your Own Life"

Weekly sessions will be posted on a Friday followed by an optional online/call-in group discussion the following Tuesday.

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DETAILED SCHEDULE

Session #1 - "On Technology & Faith"

February 4 - Posted to website/Group discussion Feb. 8 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM)

Session #2 - "5 Ways to Listen Better"

February 11 - Posted to website/Group discussion Feb. 15 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM)

Session #3 - "The Magic of Kindness Helped Me Survive"

February 18 - Posted to website/Group discussion Feb. 22 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM)

Session #4 - "Compassion and Kinship"

February 25 - Posted to website/Group discussion March 1 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM)

Session #5 - "Stop Being a Bystander in Your Life"

March 4 - Posted to website/Group discussion March 8 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM)



A BIG THANK YOU!



Thank you to Suzanne Simpson, Rose Coatsworth, Mary Tuck and Mary Dunlop for all your hard work decorating and tearing down of the Christmas décor.

Anyone wishing to join in and helps us with the Environment at St. Ursula, we would gladly welcome help, ideas or suggestions. Contact Cathie Luxton or Suzanne Simpson.

ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY - ALL NIGHT REPARATION PRAYER

Starts with a 9 pm prayer service on Friday, February 4 and continues through the night with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers and songs and then ends with 9 am Mass on Saturday, February 5 at Our Lady of Victory Church. Come for the whole night or for a few hours to pray for your intentions, for our parishes and for our country.



ST. JOSEPH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPDATE

On Saturday, January 15 our Brother Knights put away the outside Nativity Scene away to start Ordinary Time.

If you, as a practicing Catholic man would like to do work through the Knights of Columbus, please me for information.

David Bondy, Grand Knight
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CHURCH CHUCKLE

During the pandemic, my two granddaughters - six and eight years old - were being home-schooled by their Mom. One day, the eight year old had a spelling bee with her sister. "Spell 'elephant'," the older one said.

"Let her spell small animals, not big ones," said her Mom.

The older sister paused, then said, "Spell, 'mosquito'."

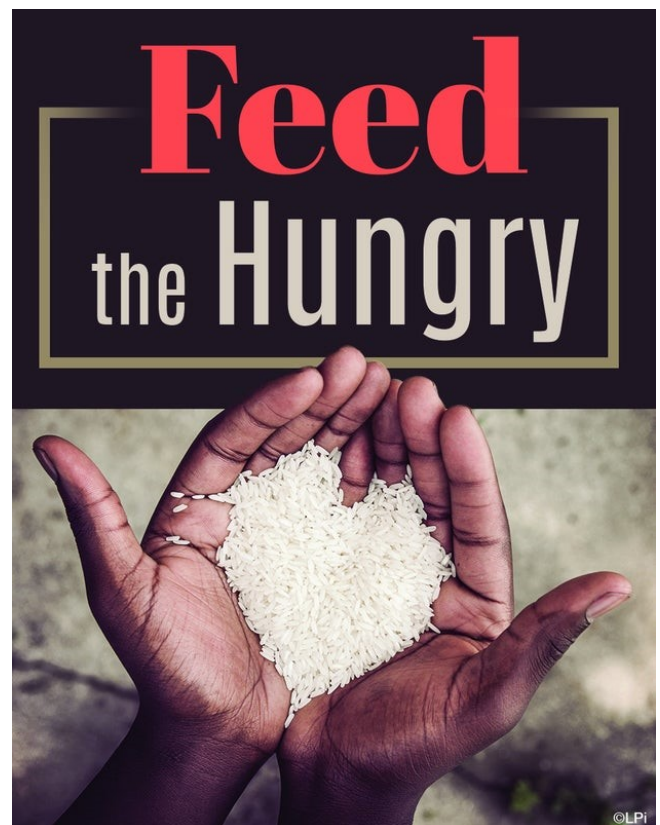
DEACON'S PEN

These are certainly challenging times for all, especially at Outreach for Hunger. Because of covid we have to keep our volunteer numbers to an absolute minimum so as not to be in a position of closing down due to infections. We will also have to come to grips with a growing inflation rate and the slowdown of transportation trucks to bring food into our community as a whole. In spite of the challenges, we continue to do our best at Outreach for Hunger to help those who are in need

Anyway, let me give you a summary of the numbers of people we have served in 2021. We had 289 new households. We also had 5,171 repeat households for a total of 5,360. When we break these numbers down to those under 18 yrs old, we served 1,331 and over 18 amounted to 4,535. So the total population from households amounted to 5,866. We gave out 1,433 lunches and served 628 non sheltered persons. As you can see, there is a great need in our area to help people from going hungry.

Google "Chatham Outreach for Hunger" and take a look at what we have been doing. In the meantime, on behalf of Brenda Leclair and the Board of Directors, I want to thank you all for your continued support of Chatham Outreach for Hunger and wish you all a Happy New Year!

Deacon Jerry



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is – the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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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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