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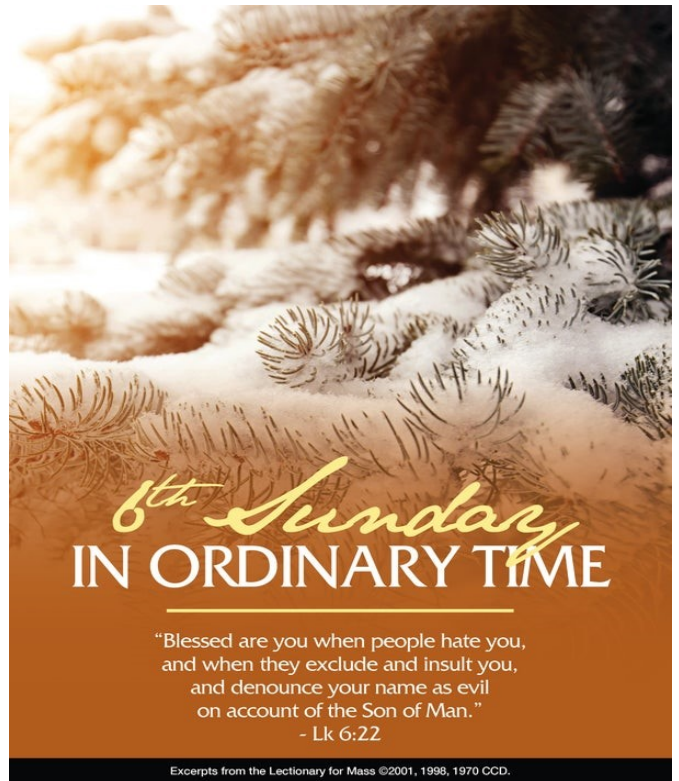
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FAMILY UPDATES

By: Fr. John Jasica

(1) LENT IS COMING



As we reach the half way point of February this week, Lent is on the horizon with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. Over the last few weeks the Pastoral Team has been working on some special plans during this sacred journey. Lent 2022 will include the following:

(a) CONFESSIONS - We will have additional confession times at all five churches so that we can experience the generous mercy of Christ

(b) "THE CROSS SPEAKS" - This will be a special 7 week reflection series on Friday nights during Lent at Blessed Sacrament Church focussing on the Seven Last Words of Christ. The evening will include Mass, the reflection and the Stations of the Cross. These evenings will be live-streamed.

(c) STATIONS OF THE CROSS - We will be celebrating stations over Lent on Friday nights at Blessed Sacrament but also at different times at our four other churches.

(d) "WORD ALIVE" SERIES - This will be an online/call-in scripture reflection series open to everyone each week during Lent. We will look at the upcoming Sunday readings sharing how we can help each other preparing for Easter.

(e) "LENT: DOOR TO DOOR" - We know that there are so many people who feel disconnected from our family of parishes due to the pandemic and being homebound or in long-term care facilities. It has been a long journey for all of us. We are preparing a small way for us to reach out and support those who are not coming to church or feel distant right now. More info on the way!!

(2) MONTHLY STAFF GATHERINGS

From January to June 2022, the entire staff is gathering on the last Fridays of each month spending time team building. With



three new priests and a great need for serious post-pandemic planning, I thought it was important for us to take some time getting to know one another and to develop a vision for ministry and service for the people of our faith community. We know that we have to adapt and pivot as a family so that we can grow and serve better. These "Game Plan" sessions will require us to

cancel the 12 noon Mass at St. Joseph Church on those days. Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

(3) PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

(a) Pastoral Council - The Pastoral Council continues to meet monthly online discussing ministry, outreach and post-pandemic planning. Over the next few months we will increase the numbers of council members making sure that we have two people from each church. Those who completed their terms in the spring of 2021 were not immediately succeeded by new members. I am thankful to the current council members for their support, wisdom and dedication to the family.

(b) Finance Committee - The Finance Committee continues to meet monthly. At the January 2022 meeting, Bill Craven was acclaimed as the new Finance Chair who succeeds Stephen Kubica, who will remain as a member and committee secretary.

The committee membership has also increased with two members from Our Lady of Victory (**Eugene Saklak** and **Kaz Petrykowski**) and an additional member from Blessed Sacrament, **Tom Venne**. This committee will soon also have two members from each church as we plan for the future.

(c) 2021 Financial Report - Since Rodger retired in the fall, I have taken the time, with the support of the Finance Committee, to understand the financial position we are in as a family. I am currently reviewing and preparing a year end report that I will share very soon in document form, with presentations at each church and an online video. Thank you for your support and patience during this time of transition. More information will come soon.

(d) Building Updates - Again, since Rodger's retirement, I have been slowly working with the family custodial team, Finance Committee and diocesan personnel to get caught up with all the upcoming building and maintenance projects.

This includes a needed new flat roof at Our Lady of Victory (we are awaiting new quotes on different roofing options) and the upper portions of the two towers at St. Joseph Church (which need work from a July 2018 study). More information will be coming soon.

I want to thank the faithful and the entire staff for your support and patience as I slowly get a better understanding of my new home and family.

Mass Intentions - February 15 - 19, 2022

Tuesday, February 15

8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ Theresa Rozek
- ~ Frank Bonvarlez
- ~ Ermelinda Antunes

6:30 pm - St. Ursula

- ~ Ben DeVito
- ~ Kathleen Labadie
- ~ Deceased family members of Grace & Luciano Magliaro

Wednesday, February 16

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Gilbert Reaume
- ~ Bobi (Barron) Pinsonneault
- ~ Intentions of Diane Caron

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Angie Sedge
- ~ Patrick Burtch
- ~ Intentions of Frances Stewart & family

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

- ~ Jozefa Jankowski
- ~ Teresa Brzuskniewicz
- ~ Tadeusz Bugala

Thursday, February 17 - The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

8:00 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Tony Ferrara
- ~ Alex Weaver
- ~ Manuel De Castro

6:30 pm - St. Agnes

- ~ Cam Cadotte
- ~ Karl Lachine
- ~ Intentions of Marilyn Jarczak

Friday, February 18

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Shurley Cadotte
- ~ Craig & Mary Shaw
- ~ Intentions of Susan Bates

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Jim Comiskey
- ~ Betty Carruthers
- ~ People affected by the tornados in southern United States

Saturday, February 19 - The Blessed Virgin Mary

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

- ~ Paul Goldhawk
- ~ Bill Myslawchuk
- ~ Gerald Ouellette

*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 Jeannine Parsons, Leona Gravel and Steven Galbraith.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for: Rev. Glen Ball, Deacon Anthony Rebkowee, Rev. Philip Joseph, Rev. Clare Coleman, Mr. Mike Travo, Assistant Coordinator for Family and Life, Deacon Jose Viveiras and Rev. Ross Bartley.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Reaching out to others

Reading I 1 Jeremiah 17: 5-8
(true wisdom)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20
(the resurrection and faith)

Gospel Luke 6: 17, 20-26
(the great disclosure)

Key Passage: Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."
(Luke 6: 20)

Adult: In what way are you serving the poor as Jesus did?

Child: When have you helped bring God's love to someone who was sad, or hungry, or whom others made fun of?



Congratulations and welcome to Ron Lloyd who was welcome into our Chatham Catholic Faith and Family through his Profession of Faith, Confirmation and First Communion.

May God continue to bless him on his faith journey.



Congratulations to Michelle Elgie who celebrates her birthday on Sunday, February 13.

DEACON'S PEN

Beatitude in puppy's tail:

Said a puppy to his old uncle dog, "From my short experience in life I have learned that the best thing for a dog is happiness, and that happiness is in my tail. That is why I am chasing my tail, and when I catch it, I shall have perfect happiness."

The old dog replied, "From my research and long experience, I too, have judged that happiness is a fine thing for a dog, and that happiness is in his tail. But I've noticed that whenever I chase it, it keeps running away from me, but when I go about my business, it comes after me."

Here are the examples of three famous women who chased happiness as the puppy did, in the wrong places, and met with tragic ends:

- 1) Anna Nicole Smith (39) - model, cover girl, actress - seeking happiness in drugs.
- 2) Marilyn Monroe (36) - actress, American idol, model - who did the same in 1962.
- 3) Princess Diana of England (36) - who met with accidental death on her way to seeking happiness in the wrong place.

What is our picture of a happy life? According to one study conducted in the U.S. only 20% of Americans claim to be happy. Is the "American dream" our picture of the happy life: the ideal of owning a beautiful home with a two-car garage, having a loving and adjusting spouse, two well-behaved kids, and a dog, enjoying a decent job, and having enough money to enjoy leisure and retired life? Where do we go in search of happiness: the movie theater, the amusement park, a hiking trail, a shopping mall, a good restaurant, a ballpark?

In the *Sermon on the Mount*, as recorded in Matthew, and in the *Sermon on the plain* in Luke, from which we read today, Jesus gives us a rather different picture of a happy life, or blessed life, Jesus tells us that we can find true and lasting happiness in ways we may never have considered.

Peace and May God Bless you all.
Deacon Morgan



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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.

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.

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

Psalm 17:6

CHURCH CHUCKLE

I recently retired from the RCMP after 37 years of service, and my wife bought me a regimental sword, which I mounted on the wall in our rec room. The first time our six-year-old grandson saw it, he turned to my daughter, wide-eyed, and asked who the sword belonged to. When she told him it was mine, he replied, "Grandpa was a PIRATE?"

GOSPEL REFLECTION

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can “turn up the heat” in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening “because they do.” They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It’s easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It’s there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question – that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God’s existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it’s too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life’s ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life’s heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life’s ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God’s friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus’ message so intriguing! Don’t give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one’s faith. But it’s the only way to deepen it.

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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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