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FAMILY UPDATES

By: Fr. John Jasica

2021 FINANCIAL REVIEW



You can find the full 2021 Financial Review at our family website. It was inserted into the bulletin last weekend as well. I am also posting a video presentation of the review that will be released shortly. The review offers a snapshot of where we are financially in the context of our mission to form disciples who reach out to all. I will be presenting brief summaries of the review after each of the Masses within the family on the following weekends:

Our Lady of Victory - Sunday March 20, 2022
St. Joseph/St. Ursula - Sunday March 27, 2022
Blessed Sacrament/St. Agnes - April 9/10, 2022

There will not be a lot of time to ask questions at these presentations as I have to get to my next celebration but I will do my best. More information and communication about finances and pastoral visioning is on the way!! Thank you for your support!

RETURN TO MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

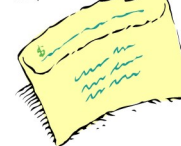
With the lifting of most COVID-19 restrictions, we can now plan to slowly resume many of the various ministries and programs that stopped due to this global crisis. All of this will take time so that we can make sure we continue to be as safe as possible and reflect on how we can grow and improve the many different ways we serve God and others.



The pastoral team is planning meetings with various groups after the Easter weekend to restart, resume and renew the many ministries we have seeing who will return, recruit new volunteers and dialogue on how we do things in the midst of a post-pandemic world. Things have changed and we all need to seek ways to increase our impact. This will take some time but I know we will get there together. Stay tuned for more information in the bulletin next weekend.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes



Over the course of the Lenten season I have met many people coming back for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. There is great joy and a great welcome offered when greeting someone who has truly come back to their spiritual home after two long difficult years. I have also noticed many people visiting before and after Masses—reconnecting after a long separation. This is so wonderful to see and what a powerful grace!! Please continue to reconnect and introduce yourself to Fr. Dariusz, Fr. Robert and me!! We are still getting to know new people each week.

While many are coming back to church, they are also looking for their offertory envelopes—I want to thank Deacon Steve and the Knights for organizing and coordinating the delivery of all the left over envelopes for our family of parishes. So over the next little while, most people will receive their box of envelopes at their home. If for some reason you have not received yours, then please call the family office and we will make sure it gets to you.

One of the other effective ways to financially support the family is to use our Pre-Authorized Donations plan which allows you to donate directly from your bank account to a parish in our family monthly. For more information go to the family website or call the office.

POPE'S PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE

Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on us sinners!

Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of
bombs falling on Kyiv,
have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's
arms in a bunker in Kharkiv,
have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to
the frontlines, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who still behold armed
hands in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!

Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which we
crucified Your hands, as we continue to slake our thirst with the
blood of those mauled by weapons.

Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend have been
transformed into instruments of death.

Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother;

Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up the stones of our
fields to kill Abel.

Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty with our labors, if
we legitimize the brutality of our actions with our pain.

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You!
Hold fast the hand of Cain!

Illumine our consciences; May our will not be done;
Abandon us not to our own actions! Stop us, O Lord, stop us!
And when you have held back the hand of Cain,
care also for him.

He is our brother.
O Lord, put a halt to the violence!
Stop us, O Lord!
Amen.



EASTER IS COMING—SPREAD THE WORD!

The Easter Triduum schedule is found in this weekend's bulletin. There is no need to register for any of the celebrations and there is no physical distancing requirements. As I write this, the only restriction is to wear a mask. Please spread the news and invite those you know to any or all of our celebrations. A personal invitation is a powerful way to share and live the Good News!

Thank you to those who have delivered a Lenten Bag during our DOOR TO DOOR campaign. There are still some bags left so if you want to share more then please do!! This is a small way for us to be disciples in our world today supporting one another.



Mass Intentions - March 22 - 26, 2022

Tuesday, March 22

8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ Ermelinda Antunes
- ~ Manuel De Castro
- ~ Gerald Ouellette (2 Anniv)

6:30 pm - St. Ursula

- ~ Irene Douglas
- ~ Jerome Lozon
- ~ Mariano Petruzzi

Wednesday, March 23 - St. Turibius de Mongrovejo

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Tom Rozek
- ~ Oscar Leclair
- ~ Anne Kotek & family members

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Ernie Roesch
- ~ Noella Geneau
- ~ Living & deceased family members of Mary St. John

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

- ~ Irek Dzieciol
- ~ Edward & Aniela Demidas
- ~ Maglorzata & Paulina Wolanski

Thursday, March 24

8:00 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Jack Gleason
- ~ Lionel Richie
- ~ Giovanna Ottaviano

6:30 pm - St. Agnes

- ~ Mike Beuglet
- ~ Eva McKarris
- ~ Carolina Vilaranda

Friday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Frank Sysel
- ~ Ernie Roesch

6:30 pm - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Maria Qua Tran
- ~ Marjorie Laevens
- ~ Jeffrey Farquharsen

Saturday, March 26

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

- ~ Tony Buchta
- ~ Adolfo Meriano
- ~ Roxanna Nakonechny

*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, Paula DeVito, Kathleen Grant and Rebecca Martin.

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners especially Stella Van De Wynckel-Gleason, Nora Sosnowski and Marion Campbell.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for: Deacon David Cummings, Deacon James Panchaud, Rev. Murray Sample, Brothers and Sisters of the Secular Franciscan Order, Mr. Sylvain Patry, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Parish Secretaries of the Diocese of London and the Seminarians of the Diocese of London.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Tempered with humility

Reading I Exodus 3: 1-8b, 13-15
(the call of Moses)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12
(against overconfidence)

Gospel Luke 13: 1-19
(calls to penance;
parables of the reign of God)

Key Passage: The reign of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches. (Luke 13: 19b)

Adult: What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God's loving care?

Child: What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?



LENT 2022

DISCIPLES AT THE CROSS OF MERCY

"THE CROSS SPEAKS" FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES

Everyone is invited to Blessed Sacrament Church each Friday night of Lent for an evening of prayer and reflection. These seven Friday evenings will focus on the "Seven Last Words of Christ" spoken from the cross. This series will be live-streamed with links posted at the family website. Each evening will include:

6:30 PM Mass

7:15 PM Reflection at the Cross

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Session #4 - Friday March 25, 2022

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Session #5 - Friday April 1, 2022

"I am thirsty."

Session #6 - Friday April 8, 2022

"It is finished."

Session #7 - Good Friday April 15, 2022**

(This night begins at 7PM & No Mass)

"Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit."



"The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us—as communities and individuals—to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father."

Pope Francis (Message for Lent 2021)



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

During the Season of Lent, one of the most powerful forms of prayer we celebrate is the "Way of the Cross". May our spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land help us be willing to lay down our lives for others.

Blessed Sacrament Church

Friday March 25, 2022 - 7:30 PM
Friday April 1, 2022 - 7:30 PM
Friday April 8, 2022 - 7:30 PM
Good Friday April 15, 2022 - 7:00 PM
(Part of "The Cross Speaks" series)

St. Ursula Church

Thursday March 31, 2022 - 8:45 AM
Tuesday April 5, 2022 - 7:15 PM



St. Agnes Church

Thursday March 24, 2022 - 7:15 PM
Tuesday April 12, 2022 - 8:45 AM

St. Joseph Church

Friday April 1, 2022 - 12:45 PM
Wednesday April 6, 2022 - 12:45 PM

Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

Every Wednesday night after Mass
during Lent

LENT "DOOR TO DOOR"

During the pandemic we have endured lockdowns, various restrictions and have not been able to pray, meet or celebrate fully as a faith family. There are so many who are isolated, alone or have drifted away from our community.

The Pastoral Team has put together **500 LENTEN KITS** (100 for each church) that we are asking parishioners to pick up on the weekends during Lent and drop off to people they know who cannot attend Mass or need a faith boost from the family of parishes. These bags are filled with various Lenten prayer resources and a little gift from our faith community. Putting our faith into action!



CONFESSIONS

Blessed Sacrament Church

Saturdays - 9:00 to 10:00 AM
March 26, April 2, 9

St. Joseph Church

Fridays - 11:15 to 11:45 AM
March 25, April 1, 8

St. Agnes Church

Tuesday March 22, 2022 - 8:45 to 10:00 AM

St. Ursula Church

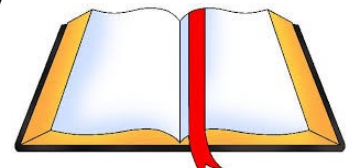
Tuesday April 12, 2022 - 7:15 to 8:30 PM

Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

Wednesday March 23, 30 - 6:00 to 6:45 PM

"WORD ALIVE" Reflection Series

Join us for an online/
call-in weekly
scripture reflection
series **each**



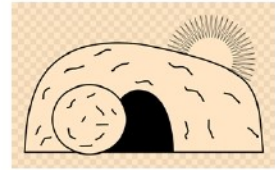
Thursday night of

Lent from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Each week we will review and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings and allow the Word of God to come alive in our hearts and lives. This is a drop in event and there is no need to register. Find the link at www.chathamcatholic.ca or call-in each week by calling toll free at **1-855-212-2015 and enter 873 282 136#**

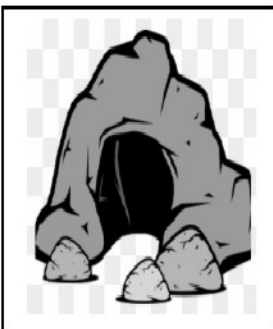
OUR FAMILY LENTEN JOURNEY: WEEK THREE



FASTING



"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." Matthew 6: 16-18



ARE YOU IN A CAVE THIS LENT?

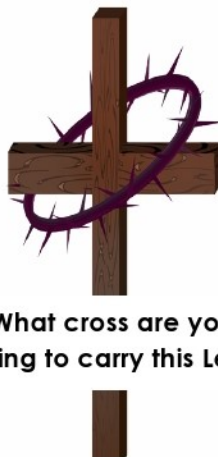
When Pope Francis was travelling to Cuba, a journalist name Noel, asked him what the People of God could do for the Church. Noel was the son of a single mom who remembers when his mother could not afford to buy him new clothes for his First Communion. Pope Francis replied to Noel, saying, "Continue working. I need you to get out of the caves." 'Getting out of the caves' is a phrase used in Spanish to ask someone to leave a comfortable place and take a risk to find something greater. (excerpted from 'Dipping Into Lent' by Alan Hilliard)



Lent is a time "to get out of our dark caves" of selfishness and give up old habits that are not healthy so that we find new ways to become closer to Jesus. PRAYER is one good habit. But, it is not enough. Our prayer must lead us to ACTION. One way we can do this is to FAST. Lenten FASTING is a form of SACRIFICE that connects us to the sacrifice of Jesus made for us on the Cross. Jesus calls us to deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Him.

FASTING teaches us to accept every cross, not just the ones we choose.
What are the crosses you are willing to carry to follow Jesus?

Fasting can be offering up a favourite treat or activity during the 40 days of Lent. It could be giving up selfish ways like wanting our own way, complaining, gossiping, using bad language, talking back to parents or teachers, using our phone at the dinner table.
What can you offer as sacrifice during Lent?



What cross are you willing to carry this Lent?

Fasting can mean doing something intentionally to help us grow in our relationship with Jesus. Maybe we need to turn off the TV and spend time talking to God; take a walk and thank God for creation instead of talking or texting on the phone; going to Mass or confession; spending time with someone lonely; volunteering in the community to help the hungry and homeless; finding ways to help more at home.

PUTTING OUR LENTEN JOURNEY INTO ACTION

Lent is a time for the entire family to be more attentive to the words of Jesus and to each other. It's a time to get out of our caves of selfishness and put Christ's teachings into practice.



Fasting can mean giving up some thing or behaviour OR doing something good we avoid doing. It is a way to let go of the things of the world and LISTEN to where God is leading us.

Where is God leading you this Lent?



There are 27 days left during our Lenten journey- plenty of time to get out of our caves and connect to Jesus. Consider setting aside time to spend with His Word and act on it.
"Leave your comfortable place to find something greater!"

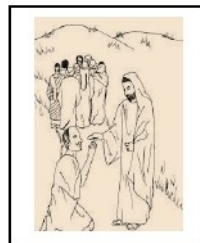


In the next few days of Lent, read the passages below and invite your family to consider the suggested actions of fasting. Maybe God's Word will inspire your family to do even greater things!



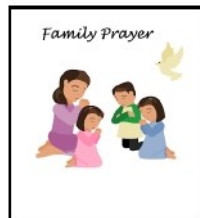
Matt 18:1-5 Bless your children(no matter what age) with the Sign of the Cross on their forehead before they go to bed. Give them a hug!

Matt 25: 34-40 As a family, have a sugarless Tuesday or a meatless Friday. Give the savings to Outreach for Hunger, St. Agnes Soup Kitchen, Caring Kitchen or St. Vincent de Paul



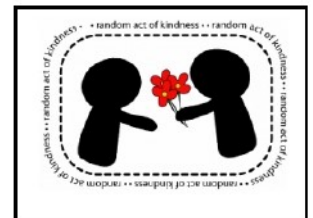
Luke 17:11-19 Say 'thank you' three times a day to either your spouse, child, friend, co-worker or God. Send a thank you card to a doctor or nurse

Matt 5:1-12 Discuss as a family how each person can be a peacemaker during the week at home, school, or work. If you need to ask forgiveness, do it! Bring peace to others in your life.



Luke 11:1-4 Establish a family prayer time each week or day. Turn all technology off. Give each other the sign of peace.

Matt 6:1-4 Instead of Secret Santa, have each person in the family be a Secret Disciple and do intentional acts of kindness for one another for a week.



Exodus 20:8-11 Make time to gather as your little church at home and join your parish family online on Sundays by going to our parish website at www.chathamcatholic.net. You will also find Sunday Friends Children's Liturgy as well. After Mass, talk about the Gospel message with your family. What did God say to you? What do you want to ask God?

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

With the lifting of some of the COVID-19 restrictions we are restarting various ministries! One very important ministry is outreach to nursing and retirement home residents as well as to the homebound. This involves praying with them and bringing them Holy Communion as well as visiting with them. Fr. Robert Weaver is coordinating this ministry for our family of parishes. If you have been involved in this ministry in the past and would like to again or if you would like to start, please phone or email the parish office and provide your contact information.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The power of mobilized citizens



One of Development and Peace's strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity.

That is why our *People and Planet First* campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations.

Sign our petition for this at devp.org/act and spread the word. **Thank you for supporting our campaign!**

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

St. Joseph Traditional Choir is looking for new members. They practice on Thursday evenings at St. Joseph Church at 7 pm and they sing each Sunday at 8 am Mass. If you are interested in joining, please come to practice!

Blessed Sacrament Music Ministry is in need of help as we move forward to once again introduce choirs back into our weekend liturgies. They will need singers every other Saturday (5 pm) and Sunday (9 am) at Mass. They welcome teens, couples of all ages, parents and teenagers, those who have sang with them in the past as well as anyone who would like to give it a try. Maybe you are not ready yet, but would entertain this ministry in the fall; please call the parish office and leave your contact information.



EASTER FLOWERS AND DECOR

If you wish to have a name(s) added to our list of flowers and décor for Easter, please fill out the form found below and submit the form and \$25 in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office by **Monday, April 4 (deadline date)**.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

In memory of: _____

Blessed Sacrament Church _____

St. Agnes Church _____

St. Joseph Church _____

St. Ursula Church _____

\$25 included _____

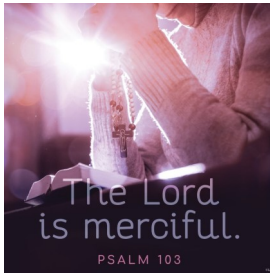
Please make cheques payable to the Church you would have indicated above.



SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

For those who want to donate to support the people of Ukraine and the agencies working on the ground to aid them, two options are recommended. The papal agency the **Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)** was founded in 1926 and for over 90 years has been helping the poor in the middle east and other trouble spots around the world. They are accepting donations in Canada for their people on the ground providing assistance. Canadians can donate to them at this <https://cnewa.org/ca/donate/> and remember to select "Ukraine" from the "Donate To" drop down menu.

Development and Peace - Caritas Ukraine and Caritas SPES are also on the ground aiding those in need. You can make a donation to Development and Peace - Caritas Canada and they will see the funding gets sent to their partners in Europe. To donate go to <https://www.devp.org/en/> then click the red Donate Online button at the top right. Under "I am giving towards" select "Emergency - Ukraine". Please continue to pray for peace. A page on the diocesan website also has these links <https://dol.ca/ukraine>.



DEACON'S PEN

Our Gospel this Sunday can be quite confusing. Is Jesus saying that the Galileans whom Pilot had ordered killed and mingled their blood with the legitimate blood sacrifices of the Jewish people, or the 18 people who died when the tower of Siloam fell on them died without hope? I do not believe that at all! However, I do believe that Jesus is using those occurrences as teaching moments. I believe that He is saying that either we repent of our sinful ways, turn to Him with our whole hearts, ask for His forgiveness, and then do as we promise we will, or we will face significant difficulty in entering His Kingdom!

Every time we confess our sins and make a sincere Act of Contrition, we make a solemn promise that we will **“confess our sins, do penance, avoid even the proximate occasion of sin, and not sin anymore.”** Do we then actually live this way? If we do not, then what do we expect is going to happen?

Jesus' parable of the Barren Fig Tree is a direct reference to our being forgiven when we confess our sins, and then being fed by the Word, and the Body & Blood of our Lord. The Gardener - read the Church - tends to us spiritually, cares for us, and encourages us to produce good fruit. However, like the Barren Fig Tree, we so often do not bear the fruit that we are called to bear.

We are called and commissioned to **“go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you”** (Matthew 28:19-20).

What did Jesus command us to do? To **“love one another as I have loved you”** (John 15:12). This is followed almost immediately with **“You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask Him in my name”** (John 15:16-17).

The choice is now up to us! This, I believe, is the correct way in which we are to understand this Sunday's Gospel!

*Yours in Christ,
Deacon Steve*

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

Starts with a 9 pm Prayer Service conducted by Deacon Jerry Lozon on Friday, April 1, then continues through the night with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers and songs and ends with a 9 am Holy Mass on Saturday April 2, at **Our Lady of Victory Church, Chatham**. Come for the whole night or for a few hours to pray for your intentions, for our Parishes and for our Country. (Entrance, up until 8 am on Saturday, will be the glass door facing St Clair Street.)

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes have a PAD agreement that includes Sunday Offertory (weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annually), Special Collections (New Years, Share Lent, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, St. Peter's Seminary, Priest Pension Fund, Thanksgiving Appeal, Mission Sunday and Christmas) as well as monthly or annual donations to St Vincent de Paul and Capital Projects.

Your PAD donations will be given to the Parish of your choice. You may access this form on our website: www.ccfp.dol.ca/how-to-donate then scroll to the bottom of the page to find the link under the PAD section. You may also contact either Lynda Cadotte or Barb Butler at the office. PAD forms are also available at each church. For those who currently use PAD and would like to make changes, please fill in new form and attach VOID cheque and return to parish office. Please submit PAD form to the parish BEFORE the 15th of the month in order to take effect the NEXT month.

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.





HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 14, 2022

7:00 PM - St. Agnes
 7:00 PM - St. Joseph (live-streamed)
 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15, 2022

11:00 AM - St. Agnes
 11:00 AM - St. Joseph (live-streamed)
 3:00 PM - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)
 3:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed)
 3:00 PM - St. Agnes
 3:00 PM - St. Ursula
 3:00 PM - St. Joseph (live-streamed)
 7:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament- The Cross Speaks
 (live-streamed)

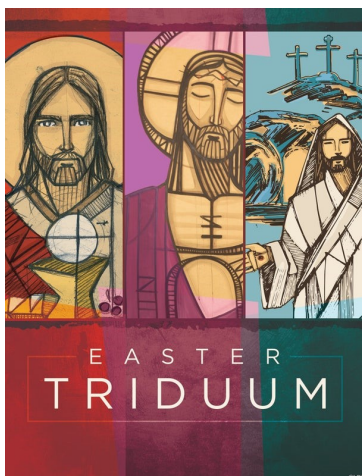
HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 16, 2022

11:00 AM - Blessing of the Easter Baskets
 St. Ursula
 Our Lady of Victory (Polish & English)

8:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed)
 8:00 PM - St. Ursula
 8:00 PM - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17, 2022

6:00 AM - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)
 8:00 AM - St. Joseph (live-streamed)
 9:00 AM - Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed)
 9:30 AM - Our Lady of Victory (English)
 10:00 AM - St. Ursula
 11:00 AM - St. Agnes
 12:00 PM - St. Joseph



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the “I am” of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That’s when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God’s work, the pondering of life’s mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God’s presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn’t rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don’t get lost or confused and stay on course.

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CAMP VINCENT



Camp Vincent is re-opening this summer! They are welcoming all fully vaccinated campers aged 6-15 and staff. Weekly sessions begin July 10 and end on August 26. Their new, improved website is www.campvincent.ca, and their emails are info@campvincent.ca and ssvpchathamkent@gmail.com. The year-round phone number is 519-354-1885. The camp office is located at our Thrift Store, 80 King St. East, Chatham. They will also be needing volunteers of all ages to assist in the spring. Contact Connie at badourcon@gmail.com.

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN C-K LENTEN SHOE DRIVE - MARCH 21 to 27

The annual CFFC "Lenten Shoe Drive" is back this year and will take place from **Monday, March 21 to Sunday, March 27**. Boxes are located at each church and you are asked to donate your gently used shoes that will be sent to our brothers and sisters in Africa. Please check your closets and storage boxes for those lightly used shoes that you do not wear anymore. This simple act of kindness changes lives.

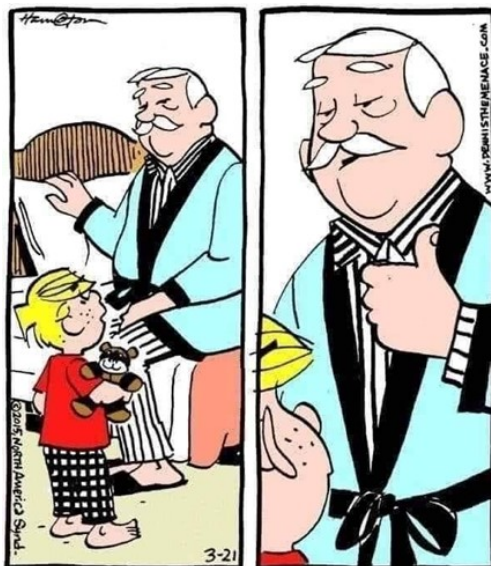


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WEEKDAY & WEEKEND MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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(live-streamed)
9:00 am at Blessed Sacrament
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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 12 noon at St. Joseph
6:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament
(live-streamed)
Saturday 9:00 am at Our Lady of Victory (English)

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.

DISPENSATION EXTENDED

The dispensation from the Sunday obligation is now extended to Sunday, June 5.

E-BULLETIN

Are you interested in receiving an email reminder once the bulletin has been posted (email will include the link to the bulletin on the website). If so, contact Maureen at the parish office at 519-352-8530 or 519-352-9483 or by email at mfooster@dol.ca. You can view it anytime on the Family of Parishes website at www.chathamcatholic.ca.

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