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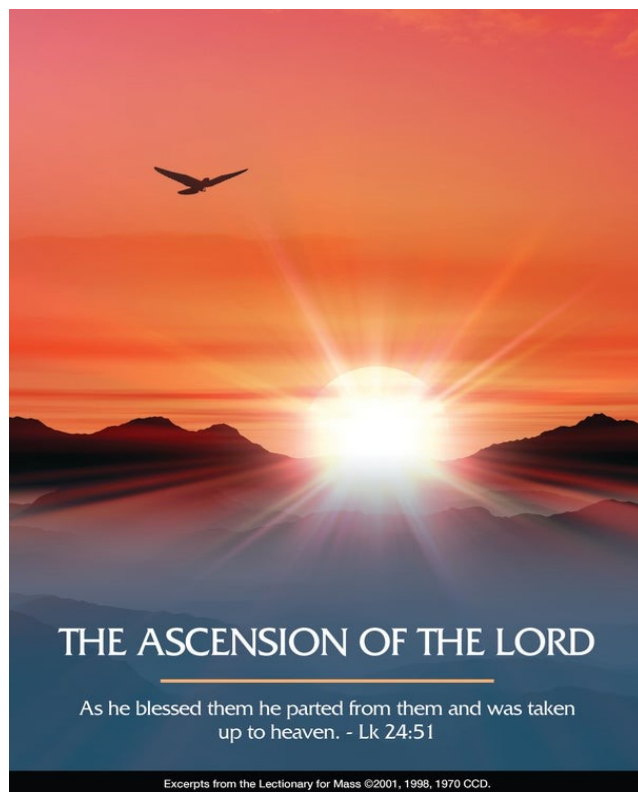
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# MISSIONARIES OF JOY!

By: Fr. John Jasica

## CONCLUDING THIS MESSAGE SERIES

This weekend I conclude the latest message series called **MAKING THE RESURRECTION REAL TODAY**. We are approaching the end of the Easter season (Pentecost Sunday—June 5) which is truly a time of transformation and conversion so that we can be genuine witnesses of the Risen Lord. If you missed any of the series you can watch or listen to the homilies via a link at our family website ([www.chathamcatholic.ca](http://www.chathamcatholic.ca)) or at my ministry website along with all my past message series ([www.revjj.ca](http://www.revjj.ca)).

The series has transitioned from setting the context of Easter in our time today, following the new commandment of love to making it real within our family of parishes and our own personal lives by being witnesses of joy. In this way we truly bring the resurrection to life here and now!

## HOMILY #1—WE NEED THE RESURRECTION

In the first homily of the series I started off inviting us to reflect on three questions throughout this series and set the scene of a world today that needs to re-awaken Easter making it real, relevant and visible.

With the invasion of Ukraine, many racial, social, political, economic and religious divisions across the globe and fallout due to the pandemic—we need the Risen Christ more than ever. The only way he can become present and transform the world is through each of us embracing his life and making it our own. We need to be instruments of peace.

## HOMILY #2—THE COMMANDMENT TO LOVE

In the second homily of the series I highlighted the new commandment Jesus gave to the disciples—love one another as I have loved you. Christ's love beckons us to go beyond ourselves. Jesus offered himself out of love for us by his passion, death and resurrection. It was a complete surrender to free us from sin and death. Jesus calls us to love the way he has loved us.

This is not easy for us. This is why the gift of our Catholic faith, the sacraments and our family of parishes are so important. We do not witness to the resurrection in isolation nor do we encounter Jesus alone. Our family of parishes is a place of communion, healing, grace and mission. We need that constant power, inspiration and opportunity to love as Jesus loves—our parish community is that

source and opportunity of grace and life.

## HOMILY #3—MISSIONARIES OF JOY

In this final homily of the series I want to highlight the need to be joyful witnesses of the resurrection. We have the greatest news to share—so we should be joyful and I believe if we live that joy in everything we do then people will be drawn to Jesus—the source of our joy. Only through joyful service and sacrifice can we build a community that is rooted in love for one another. How can we do this in our family of parishes today?



## (1) RENEW OUR COMMITMENT

We need to realize and understand that we need to renew our commitment to be missionaries in our world here and now. Being part of the family of parishes offers us the opportunity and responsibility not only to receive the grace of the resurrection for our personal well being but we all have been anointed for mission to share the gift of Jesus to the ends of the earth. This mission fulfills the purpose of our lives.

## (2) DEVELOP A NEW VISION & PLAN

In order for us to be relevant, real and effective in society today, we need to develop a new vision and plan. The pandemic has disrupted how we live and see the world. This is also true for the Church. If we have renewed our commitment to be missionaries, we need to develop the most effective way to be joyful bearers of the Good News.

## (3) THE NEED FOR CHANGE

As a family of parishes we will need to adapt, change, let go and embrace methods, ministries and programs so that we can most effectively accomplish the mission of joyfully and boldly living the resurrection. This is not easy for any of us to do. This will involve the need for courage, humility and trust in the Holy Spirit and one another.

This is already in process as the family staff, Pastoral Council and Finance Committee reflect on the needs of parishioners and all the people in Chatham. We are exploring ways to invite and empower volunteers, to adapt our ministries/programs/outreach to form faithful disciples and create opportunities for transformation and witness.

## (4) GO

Just like the disciples who watched Jesus ascend and disappear into heaven—they eventually needed to come down the mountain and get to work. We too after the praying and planning must get to work. Despite the challenges we face as a Church and a family of parishes, there is great blessings ahead of us when are missionaries of joy!!

## Mass Intentions - May 31 - June 4, 2022

### Tuesday, May 31

#### **8:00 am - St. Agnes**

- ~ Marcello Lucente
- ~ Stella Van De Wynckel-Gleason
- ~ World peace & conversion of sinners

#### **6:30 pm - St. Ursula**

- ~ Don Waddick
- ~ Irvin Ducharme
- ~ Adolfo Meriano
- ~ Tony Ceccacci
- ~ Clarita Litschko
- ~ Giovanna Ottaviano

### Wednesday, June 1 - St. Justin

#### **8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament**

- ~ Germaine Pynenbrock
- ~ Margaret Bossy
- ~ Intentions of Patti & Ray Johnson
- ~ Intentions of Brent & Ali Chinnick

#### **12:00 noon - St. Joseph**

- ~ Joao Pereira
- ~ Brian McMath
- ~ David Gilhula
- ~ Peace in the world
- ~ Intentions of Rose & Martin Buis

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

- ~ Irek Dzieciol
- ~ Irena Wolanski
- ~ Rachel Reaume
- ~ Intentions of Karolina & Matthew Martin

### Thursday, June 2 - St. Marcellinus & St. Peter

#### **8:00 am - St. Ursula**

- ~ Bob Fenlon
- ~ Leo DeSmit
- ~ Giovanna Ottaviano
- ~ Albert & Josephine Mantelli
- ~ Intentions of Sherry Blackwell

#### **6:30 pm - St. Agnes**

- ~ Margaret Bossy
- ~ Manuel De Castro
- ~ Jacques Rancourt
- ~ Carolina Vilaranda
- ~ Ermelinda Antunes

### Friday, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga & companions

#### **8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament**

- ~ Gary Laevens
- ~ Helen O'Brian
- ~ Marion Campbell
- ~ Intentions of Maddy & Isaac Pearson
- ~ Intentions of Anne & Maureen Foster

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### Friday, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga & companions

#### **12:00 noon - St. Joseph**

- ~ Lillian Buis
- ~ Gerald Murphy
- ~ Maria Qua Tran
- ~ Living & deceased clergy & nuns
- ~ Intentions of Peter & Mary Beth Edwards & family

### Saturday, June 4

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

- ~ Irek Dzieciol
- ~ Robert Burton
- ~ Irena Wolanski
- ~ Tadeusz Bugala
- ~ Intentions of Archbishop Frances J. Spellman
- ~ Deceased members of the Balun, Gazarek & Kacer families

*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, Paula DeVito, Robert Johnstone, Fran Gazarek and John Fitzgerald.

*"a time to die...."*

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners especially Clarita Litschko, Glenda Alderdice and Iris Labadie.

*Eternal rest grant unto thee.*

### DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for: Deacon Christopher Stoesser, Rev. Michael Prieur, Mr. Nick Fournier - Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Deacon David Robertson, Rev. Abraham Sebastian, C.S.T., Deacon Rudy Terpstra, Rev. James O'Neil, C.S.B.

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**Reading I** Acts 1: 1-11

(Jesus' final instructions and ascension)

**Reading II** Ephesians 1: 17-23 (a Spirit of wisdom)

**Gospel** Luke 24: 46-53 (the ascension)


**Key Passage:** I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him. (Ephesians 1: 17)

**Adult:** Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How does he or she use this gift?

**Child:** Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?

# CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES FINANCIAL UPDATE

## FIRST QUARTER – JANUARY TO MARCH 2022



3 months ended March 31/22

\$ in thousands

Parish	Op. Revenue 2022	Op. Revenue 2021	Op. Revenue ex CEWS	Op. Expenses 2022	Op. Expenses 2021	Difference	Op. Expenses Op. Expenses 2022 2021	Difference	Surplus (Deficit) 2022	Surplus (Deficit) 2021	Difference	Total Resources* 22-Mar 21-Dec	Difference
St Joseph	\$ 55.0	\$ 50.1		\$ 89.6	\$ 90.1	10%	\$ 89.6 \$ 90.1	-1%	-\$ 34.6	-\$ 40.0	14%	\$ 448.1 \$ 511.3	-\$ 63.2
St Ursula	\$ 42.2	\$ 40.8		\$ 72.1	\$ 73.4	3%	\$ 72.1 \$ 73.4	-2%	-\$ 29.9	-\$ 32.6	8%	\$ 436.8 \$ 453.5	-\$ 16.7
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 60.9	\$ 64.6		\$ 72.5	\$ 76.8	-6%	\$ 72.5 \$ 76.8	-6%	-\$ 11.6	-\$ 12.2	5%	\$ 285.8 \$ 288.3	-\$ 2.5
St Agnes	\$ 45.5	\$ 45.4		\$ 63.7	\$ 70.9	0%	\$ 63.7 \$ 70.9	-10%	-\$ 18.2	-\$ 25.5	29%	\$ 91.2 \$ 107.1	-\$ 15.9
Our Lady of Victory	\$ 14.5	\$ 9.1		\$ 24.8	\$ 24.6	59%	\$ 24.8 \$ 24.6	1%	-\$ 10.3	-\$ 15.5	34%	\$ 140.7 \$ 146.4	-\$ 5.7
Total Operating	\$ 218.1	\$ 210.0		\$ 322.7	\$ 335.8	4%	\$ 322.7 \$ 335.8	-4%	-\$ 104.6	-\$ 125.8	17%	\$ 1,402.6 \$ 1,506.6	-\$ 104.0
Capital surplus/(Deficit)													
Total Surplus ( Deficit) ex CEWS													
CEWS													
Total Surplus ( Deficit)													
*Bank accounts and loan fund													

### First Quarter 2022 – NOTES & COMMENTS BY FR. JOHN JASICA

- Overall** - March 31st marks the end of the first quarter of 2022. This statement compares the first quarter of 2022 to the same quarter in 2021. COVID restrictions were basically the same for both periods. For the total Family of Parishes, operating revenues **increased by 4%** and combined with a **4% reduction in expenses**, the overall deficit improved by 17%. These numbers exclude the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy amounts for both years. This program is now



complete, and only 3 payments were received in 2022 vs 12 in 2021.

2. **Operating Revenues**—All parishes reported increases over the first quarter of 2021, except for Blessed Sacrament which was down by 6%. The total family revenue increased by 4% or \$8,000.
3. **Operating Expenses**—The reduction of 2 staff compared to last year created a total family expense reduction of 4%. All parishes reported a reduction except for Our Lady of Victory with a nominal increase of 1%. Total compensation in the family was down 15% in the first quarter. The total costs of maintaining all church properties in the first quarter increased by 29% compared to 2021, to reach a total of \$106.3 thousand.
4. **Surplus (Deficit)**— All parishes reported an improved deficit position compared to last year's first quarter. The total Family operating deficit was \$104.6 thousand. When the capital deficit of \$11.1 thousand and the CEWS grant of \$19.3 thousand are included, the final deficit is \$96.4 thousand, almost the same as the \$93.9 thousand last year for the first quarter.
5. **Total Resources**—Total cash and loan fund balances declined by \$104 thousand since Dec 31/21, in line with the overall deficit. All parishes reported a reduction in total resources with St Joseph's showing the largest reduction of \$63 thousand due mainly to a \$29 thousand operating deficit (including the CEWS grant), and a capital deficit of \$20 thousand due mainly to the latest roof payment.
6. **Moving Forward** – As a family of parishes we continue to face several pastoral and financial concerns as we rebuild our faith community in this post-pandemic world. Building and maintenance costs continue to greatly outweigh funds for ministries, programs, and outreach. We continue to work together as a staff, Pastoral Council and Finance Committee to develop and implement a comprehensive ministry plan to support and grow our family. Our current situation is not sustainable preventing us from effectively serving parishioners and reaching out to new members offering relevant and meaningful faith opportunities that can change lives. Beginning in the fall, there will be a consultation process to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us so that we can continue to grow---sharing the gift of the Gospel for our world today. More information to come!!
7. **Thank You** – I want to express once again my gratitude and thanks to our amazing volunteers and benefactors. Your support and dedication keep us going. Despite the challenges we and all the parishes in the diocese are facing---there is Good News ahead if we are willing to adapt, sacrifice and serve like Christ for the sake of the Gospel and future generations. Together with God's grace we seek to be missionaries of the resurrection in our world today.

### **CONFESSIONS CANCELLED**

Confessions on Saturday, June 4 at Blessed Sacrament have been cancelled.

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

Starts with a 9 pm Prayer Service by Deacon Jerry Lozon on Friday, June 3 then continues through the night with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers and songs and ends with a 9 am Holy Mass on Saturday, June 4 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 7:30 am on Saturday will be the glass door facing St Clair Street.)

### **HARWICH CWL**

St. Joseph Harwich CWL will hold their next general meeting on Monday, June 6 at 7 pm in the Spirit and Life Centre. See you then!

### **OPEN HOUSE & STORE**

Camp Vincent is having an open house at 15142 Longwoods Road outside of Bothwell on Saturday, June 4, from 11 am - 2 pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Jess Van Hal at jessvanhal@hotmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Store, located at 80 King Street East is having a 50% off everything in the store on June 2, 3, and 4. Come and check it out!

### **SUMMER SIGN LANGUAGE SCHEDULE**

Sign Language will be offered at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Ursula Church each Sunday during June, July and August. On occasion, if sign language is required at a different Mass, Patty Arsenault, our sign language interpreter, will try to be available with enough advance notice.

### **HOMELESS SHELTER IN NEED OF SUPPLIES**

The new Homeless Shelter will be opening on June 1 and there is a need for certain items. Donation boxes will be set up at each Church in the Family of Parishes. If you are able to donate, it would be much appreciated. The following are the items most needed:

- shampoo and conditioner
- socks and underwear
- powdered creamer and sugar
- plastic forks and spoons
- napkins
- feminine hygiene products
- laundry detergent
- gift cards for grocery stores, Giant Tiger, Shopper's or Walmart



## **Congratulations!**

to the children who received their First Communion!

Juliana Barreira	Carson Bradley
Emmett Bradley	Paisley Bradley
Dominic Brosseau	Tanner Canhoto
Dylan Caporale	Olivia Coulter
Bella Devito	Alexander Dinh
Conor Kearns	Cash Leclair
John-Peter Marchalewicz	Vaida Matteis
Massimo Mederios	Kara Myers
Cash Richie	Henry Samson
Khloe Smith	Emmitt Stawarz
Jenna St. Amour	Hallena Tinamisan
Andrew Trinh	Emerson Vanderkley
Harlow Waddick	Kaelynn Wieringa
Leeah Zimmer	

**May God continue to bless you and your families.**

### **DEACON CHRIS MASTERSON'S PEN**

It was May 16 as I sat watching rain fall from Heaven. I can only think of my farm relatives and neighbours. It is that time of year in Chatham-Kent - one of the most important 'bread baskets' of our world. Our soils are perfect (oops, almost typed 'souls', ha, ha), weather mostly cooperates and crops of all kinds grow well - corn, beans, tomatoes, peas, cucumbers, pumpkins, fruit, etc., etc. Ok we have fewer trees than other areas of Canada - but, we have better soils and growing conditions than almost any other area of Canada which helps us feed the world's people.

It so reminds me of the gospel of the seed that fell on rocky ground and perished - knowledge didn't root and lost purpose - we don't have any rocky ground; the seed that fell on the path or bad soil and couldn't root and was lost - we don't have any; the seed that fell amongst the weeds - and growth is choked out - that is why we control weeds; the seed that fell on good soil produced a hundred fold - we have that in great abundance. Ok it is a parable but the circumstances fit. If humans accept the word of God, let it penetrate, they grow; if humans fertilize their minds and souls with positive and sound knowledge, they grow; if humans cultivate and remove weeds and dead growth, they improve. Our farmers do those jobs well. As Christians we must do those jobs well!

Our farmers do the best they can with good technology and safe practices to produce for the world. Remember 2% of the Canadian population farms; 98% of Canadians live in urban areas and eat our produce. Our farmers, so small in numbers, work hard and must work when the weather is right!

So let's pray to God to give our farmers strength, good germination and growth as we once again grow food to 'feed cities'.

## RETURN OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS



Below are the dates for the first round of meetings for various liturgical ministries. Those who would like to continue or join these ministries are invited to attend.

If you want to join any of the ministries at any of our churches but cannot attend a meeting, please contact our Data Recorder, Cathy Zimmer by email [czimmer@dol.ca](mailto:czimmer@dol.ca) or call the family of parishes office.

### Ushers & Mass Hosts

**Tuesday, June 7 - 7 pm - Blessed Sacrament Hall**

### Lectors

**Wednesday, June 8 - 7 pm - St. Agnes Hall**

### Sacristans

**Thursday, June 9 - 7 pm - Our Lady of Victory Hall**

### Altar Servers (Weekend / Weekday / Funerals)

**Tuesday, June 14 - 7 pm - Spirit and Life Centre**

**Saturday, June 18 - 10 am - Blessed Sacrament Hall**

## POLISH PICNIC

The Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Church invite you to a Polish Picnic on June 5 at the parish hall and grounds. Meals served from 12 - 2 pm; Social from 12 - 5 pm. **Tickets are limited** - need to purchase before June 2. Adults \$20; Children 5-12 yrs. \$10; Children under 5 yrs. Free. **Contact Agnes at 519-365-6398 or Mary Wolanski 519-351-4063.** Menu - Sausage, bun, pierogi, sauerkraut stew, desserts, coffee, tea, and water.



Parafianie Matki Boskiej Zwycięskiej zapraszają na Polski Piknik przy Kościele 05 czerwca. Posiłki od 12-tej do 2-gej; towarzyski czas od 12 do 5-tej. **Ilość biletów ograniczona** - w sprzedaży do 2-go czerwca. Dorośli 20\$; Dzieci 5-12 lat 10\$; Dzieci do lat 5 bezpłatne. **Kontakt Agnieszka 519.365.6398. lub Marysia Wolanska 519.351.4063.** Menu - Kiełbaska, bułka, bigos, pierogi, ciasto, kawa, herbata, woda.

## CHURCH CHUCKLE

Dad: Honey, do you know what Daddy does in the army?

Five-year-old daughter: You protect people.

Dad: Do you know what that means?

Daughter: (long pause) It means you're like a Ninja Turtle.

## WEEKDAY & WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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**Saturday** 5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed)

**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 (sign language)  
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)

### LIVE-STREAMED MASS

Masses are live streamed on our YouTube channel ([www.chathamcatholic.tv](http://www.chathamcatholic.tv)). Visit the parish website ([www.chathamcatholic.ca](http://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

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.

### CONFESSION TIMES

- Wednesdays 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Victory (Polish)  
- Fridays from 11:15 am to 11:45am at St. Joseph  
- Saturdays from 9:00-10:00 am at Blessed Sacrament (Confessions are cancelled Saturday, June 4)

### E-BULLETIN

To receive an email reminder once the bulletin has been posted (email will include the link to the bulletin on the website), contact Maureen at the parish office or by email at [mfooster@dol.ca](mailto:mfooster@dol.ca). Or simply go to our website ([chathamcatholic.ca](http://chathamcatholic.ca)).



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**St. Ursula Council #9551**  
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