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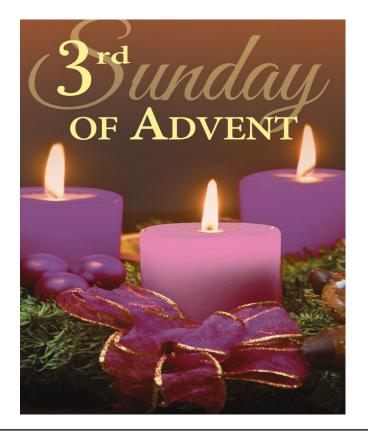
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FAMILY UPDATES

By: Fr. John Jasica

ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS?

As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent this weekend—time is running out for us to make straight the pathways for the Lord. We have many opportunities in the family of parishes to draw closer to Christ and create space for Him in our hearts once again this Christmas. When we are open to receiving this most precious gift in our lives, we end up realizing that we need nothing else.



(1) SUNDAY NIGHT ADVENT SERIES

Every Sunday night of Advent at 7 PM (at St. Ursula Church) we are hosting a holy hour of adoration reflecting on the GIFTS OF ADVENT which includes a reflection and confessions which start at 8 PM. The holy hour is live-streamed at www.chathamcatholic.tv

(2) ADVENT CONFESSIONS

The Advent season is a time to make straight the pathways for the Lord. We have numerous confession times throughout each week to help us be open to the grace and light of Christmas. Please take the time now to experience the mercy and love of Jesus in this powerful sacrament.

(3) ADVENT PARISH MISSION WITH FR. ROSICA

In mid-November we welcomed Fr. Tom Rosica to lead us in a pre-Advent parish mission. It was a powerful time of prayer and reflection on the story of Christmas that we will soon experience again. Please follow this link to watch the evening sessions again—https://revjj.ca/adventmission2022/

(4) FORMED.ORG

This would best be described as Catholic Netflix. This free online resource includes movies, reflections and Advent programs that you can journey through right at home with your computer, laptop, tablet or phone. It is free to use when you register through our family of parishes—just go to www.formed.org and pick to register as a parishioner. Then start typing CHATHAM to select our family.

ADVENT HOPE ALIVE IN OUR MIDST

Everyone registered in the family of parishes should be receiving a Christmas letter and envelope from me inviting everyone to attend our many liturgical celebrations while also supporting us financially.



involvement and financial support of all the faithful.

Over the next several months, we as a family of parishes will pray, reflect and discern how best we embrace this new pastoral plan. We know that changes are long overdue and the current set up of our family is not sustainable. We are spending too much time trying to maintain buildings and sustain a past that is no longer present while not spending enough time on ministry and outreach. For us to truly live out the Gospel most effectively—we will require significant change, not in an attempt to survive but to thrive.

As a family staff we are already seeing signs of hope, unity and the effects of change. We are rebuilding relationships, making connections and strengthening the sense of ONE community with ONE mission as disciples. We are reaching out to families through our sacramental preparation programs, family movie nights, Advent Family Night & Hayride, St. Nicholas Celebration, Halloween Family event and our Catholic schools.

In order for us to continue our transformation and be a bright shining light of Christ in our world, we will need many more volunteers to help us create an atmosphere of hospitality, welcome and family. This includes all the ministries for our weekend Masses, family & youth ministry—in addition to our amazing outreach that we offer and want to grow, making sure that those in most need are cared for first.

The needs are great for us to move forward but this can only happen if all of us, first and above all, allow Christ to dwell in our hearts and become the source of why we serve. Long term investment through volunteering and providing financial resources will help us bring the Christmas joy of salvation to so many in our city. Please prayerfully consider how you can get involved and financially support the mission work we are all doing as a Christmas gift to our Lord, and to those in our family of parishes.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 13 - 17, 2022

Tuesday, December 13 - St. Lucy

8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ Giovanni Milotic
- ~ Jerry Vink & Myles Vink
- ~ Mario dos Santos & Eusebio Rodrigues
- ~ Deceased family members of Ester Fernandes & in thanksgiving

6:30 pm - St. Ursula

- ~ Nicolo Maier
- ~ Luigi Magliaro
- ~ Mary Jean Horne
- ~ Intentions of Julie Ducharme
- ~ Armerina & Antonio DeAngelis
- Deceased family members of Luciano & Grace Magliaro

Wednesday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Shirley Gilhula
- ~ Patricia Zimmer
- ~ Members of the Cahill Family
- ~ Maria & Alvaro Cadete & Aurélio Cunha
- ~ Intentions of Dwight & Priscilla Yellowage
- ~ Deceased family members of Ester Hoekstra

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

~ Leona Matteis

7:00 pm - Our Lady of Victory

- ~ John Balun
- ~ Maria Szawara
- ~ Irena Wolanski

Thursday, December 15

9:30 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Nicolo Maier
- ~ Clarita Litschko
- ~ Mary Jean Horne
- ~ Mariano Petruzzi
- ~ Intentions of Ray Johnson
- ~ Deceased members of the Moccia Family

6:30 pm - St. Agnes

- ~ Jack Bonner
- ~ Karl Lachine
- ~ Celeste Deabreu
- ~ Intentions of Marie Van Heck
- ~ Edward, Marie & Jim Labombard
- ~ Intentions of Robert & Brianne Tanha & family

MASS INTENTIONS CONTINUED

Friday, December 16

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Denis & Patricia Cazabon
- ~ Living family of members Ester Hoekstra
- Deceased members of the Balun, Gazarek & Kacer families

Friday, December 16

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Palmira Neto
- ~ Maria Qua Tran
- ~ Giovanna Lombardi

Saturday, December 17

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

- ~ Lam Tran
- ~ Irena Wolanski
- ~ Benoit Quirion
- ~ Maria & Moi Nguyen
- ~ Pham & Dominic Nguyen
- Living & deceased family members of Kasey & Jean Jamrozinski

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

Please pray for those who are currently sick in our parish family especially Paula DeVito, Marie Van Heck, Bert Kraemer and Deb Carr.

"a time to die...."

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

Eternal rest grant unto thee.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for: Rev. Steve Wlusek, Mrs. Angie MacEachern - Pastoral Minister, Mrs. Jean Beneteau - Pastoral Minister, Avery Fuerth - Life Teen Coordinator, Rev. Christophe Mbunzu - O.F.M. Cap., Deacon Brian MacDonald & Ministers to the Bereaved in the Diocese of London.

MONTHLY ADORATION



Every second Tuesday of the month (December 13) at St. Agnes Church we host Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 am (after morning Mass) and concluded with prayers and benediction at 4:15 pm. A sign up sheet is posted at St. Agnes Church in the main entrance. We want to be sure to have people adoring the

Blessed Sacrament throughout the entire day.

THANK YOU!!



To all the adult and student volunteers for the St. Nicholas Family Event...THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

What a blessing you are to our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes! A special thank you to Patty Coenen for facilitating and preparing the activities on December 4.

The families who attended had a great time and left with big

smiles. We'd also like to thank the Cervini family for their generous contribution of their yummy pizza...an unexpected surprise. Thank you again for your generosity of time and talent.

Visit our website (<u>www.chathamcatholic.ca</u>) to view the pictures from the event.



Registration is open for Cycle B Winter/Spring First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation Sessions

Families who have not yet registered are invited to go to our family of parishes website at www.chathamcatholic.ca and click the link on the home page that says 'sacramental preparation.'

Fill out the online registration and please TYPE your signature. Please read Fr. John's letter which accompanies the registration form for details about dates and times for the preparation sessions.

IMPORTANT: There will be a parent information session on January 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall to receive details and materials regarding the preparation. If you have questions, please contact Ali Chinnick at achinnick@dol.ca

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We have many wonderful Christmas items just in time for your decorating fun and holiday celebrations! Visit us at 80 King Street East (519-354-0410) - Monday to Saturday - 9 am to 4 pm.

Christmas Flowers and Decor

If you wish to have a name(s) added to our list of flowers and décor for Christmas, please fill out the form found below and submit form and \$25 in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office by Monday, December 12 (deadline date).

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Phone:	
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SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals are available for purchase in the parish office located at St. Agnes. The cost is \$5.00. Note to Lectors: Your missal is available at the Church you read at.

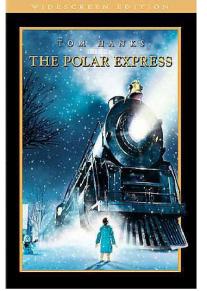
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"All you hafta do NOW is write your Christmas cards, Mommy. I licked all the envelopes for you."



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Friday December 16, 2022 – 6:30 PM

THE POLAR EXPRESS

(at the Spirit & Life Centre – next to St. Joseph Church)

Tom Hanks and director Robert Zemeckis ("Forrest Gump"; "Cast Away") reunite for "Polar Express," an inspiring adventure based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. When a doubting young boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe. (1h 40m)

The family of parishes is hosting a monthly FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at the **Spirit and Life Centre** with a 16 foot by 12-foot screen and super sound!! Big screen, big sound, and big fun!!

All are welcome!! We also have free popcorn, snacks, and beverages.



FAITH FILM SERIES

Friday December 30, 2022 - 2:00 PM

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

(at the Spirit & Life Centre)

George Bailey has so many problems he is thinking about ending it all - and it's Christmas! As the angels discuss George, we see his life in flashback. As George is about to jump from a bridge, he ends up rescuing his guardian angel, Clarence. Clarence then shows George what his town would have looked like if it hadn't been for all his good deeds over the years. Will Clarence be able to convince George to return to his family and forget about suicide? (125 minutes)

AN INVITATION FOR "OPŁATEK" - POLISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Lady of Victory Church Hall Saturday, January 7, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Adults (13 + years) \$30; Children (6-12 years) \$15 Tickets available until Thursday, January 5, 2023 Contact Mary Wolanski 519-351-4063 or 519-360-8121

ZAPROSZENIE NA KOLAJĘ "OPŁATEK"

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Sobota 07 Stycznia 2023 r., 18:00 godz. Ceny biletów: Dorośli (13+ lat) \$30;

Dzieci (6-12 lat) \$15

Bilety dostępne do czwartku 05 stycznia 2023 r. Kontakt - Marysia Wolańska 519-351-4063 lub

519-360-8121

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The Family of Parishes 2023 offertory envelopes are now available for pick up. Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, St. Ursula and Our Lady of Victory will have their envelopes available in the parish halls. St. Joseph envelopes will be available at the back of the church. Please stop by and pick up your new envelopes. Please do not use your 2023 envelopes until the new year. Please discard any 2022 envelopes when the year ends. Everyone at all parishes will now have NEW Envelope numbers for 2023.

ST. URSULA CWL

St. Ursula CWL is holding a wine and cheese Christmas gathering on Tuesday, December 13. We will meet in the meeting room at 7:00 pm, following Mass. We will announce the new executive and we will also be presenting pins for years of membership. For all who have paid their dues we will draw to see who will not have to pay for 2024. There will be door prizes. Please remember to bring personal hygiene items for the Women's Shelter.

ST. URSULA K OF C BREAKFAST

St. Ursula Knights of Columbus Council 9551 are hosting a parish breakfast on Sunday, December 18. Cost is \$10.00 per person - children under 12 \$6.00. Menu consists of scrambled eggs, poached eggs, sausage, ham, pancakes, toast, coffee, tea and juice. Proceeds will go to the needs of the community.

NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR NEEDED

St. Ursula Catholic School is looking for Noon Hour Supervisors to help with indoor and outdoor student supervision. The position is Monday to Friday, from 11:55 am to 12:55 pm. It pays \$15 and the successful candidate would need a Vulnerable Sector Police Check (cost to be reimbursed). If interested, please send your resume to angele.monette@sccdsb.net

WEEKDAY & WEEKEND MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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 9:30 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). 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

Listen to Mass from St. George Parish in London by calling 1-226-781-7977 and following the prompts.

CONFESSION TIMES

- Wednesdays 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Victory (Polish)
- Fridays 11:15 am to 11:45 am at St. Joseph
- Saturdays 9:45-10:30 am at Our Lady of Victory

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 mfoster@dol.ca. Or simply go to our website (chathamcatholic.ca).



CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2022



The Season of Advent is a time to make straight the pathways for the Lord.

May we take time to open our hearts to welcome Christ our Saviour in our
hearts, homes and lives as we celebrate the glory of Christmas.

THE GIFTS OF ADVENT SERIES

at ST. URSULA CHURCH

<u>Sunday November 27, 2022</u> The Gift of Hope

Sunday December 4, 2022
The Gift of Peace

Sunday December 11, 2022
The Gift of Love

Sunday December 18, 2022 The Gift of Joy

SERIES SCHEDULE:

7:00 PM - Adoration & Reflection 8:00 to 9:00 PM - Confessions

Reception in the parish hall from 8:00 to 9:00 PM



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ADVENT CONFESSIONS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

<u>Saturdays - Our Lady of Victory Church</u> 9:45 to 10:45 AM

November 26, December 3, 10, 17

Sundays - St. Ursula Church 8:00 to 9:00 PM November 27, December 4, 11, 18



<u>Thursdays - St. Agnes Church</u> 7:15 to 8:30 PM

December 1, 8, 15, 22

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday December 24, 2022

4:00 PM

St. Joseph Church

St. Agnes Church

Blessed Sacrament Church*

6:00 PM

St. Ursula Church

St. Joseph Church*

Our Lady of Victory Church (English)

8:00 PM

St. Ursula Church*

St. Agnes Church

10:00 PM

Blessed Sacrament Church*

Midnight

Our Lady of Victory Church (Polish)

Sunday December 25, 2022

8:00 AM - St. Joseph Church*

9:00 AM - St. Agnes Church

10:00 AM - St. Ursula Church*

11:00 AM - Our Lady of Victory Church (Polish)

Saturday December 31, 2022

5:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament Church*

7:00 PM - St. Agnes Church

Sunday January 1, 2023

8:00 AM - St. Joseph Church*

10:00 AM - St. Ursula*

11:00 AM - Our Lady of Victory Church (Polish)



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