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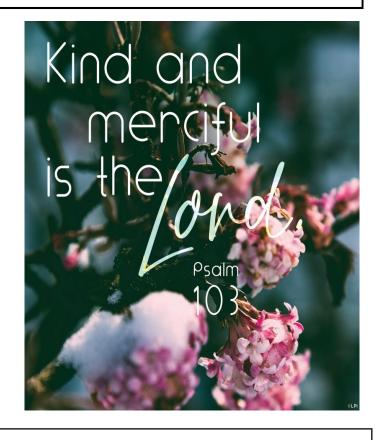
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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

February 21 - 25, 2023

#### Tuesday, February 21

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

- ~ Brian Galvin ~ Bert Kraemer
- ~ Manuel Barros Alves

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

- Janet GagnierEddie MaricondaMary Jean Horne
- ~ Fernando Santos Lopes

#### Wednesday, February 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY

#### 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Karl Smith ~ Marcel Deturck
- ~ Paul Goldhawk ~ Fr. John Harper
- Living & deceased family members of Philip & Edna Béchard

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

- ~ Sybil Kaer ~ Frank Sysel
- ~ Sharon Thievin ~ Vianney Martin
- ~ Geoffrey Van Raay & relatives
- ~ Intentions of Bernadette & Bill Craven

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

~ People of the Parish

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

- ~ Genowefa Jamrozinski
- ~ Intentions of Maksymilian Zalewski
- ~ Deceased members of the Smolenski Families

#### Thursday, February 23

#### 9:30 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Maria DaCosta ~ Anita Carpanzano
- ~ Lionel Richie (2 Anniv)

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

- ~ Karl Lachine ~ Alberto Babich
- ~ Manuel De Castro
- ~ Intentions of Monique Boileau
- ~ Intentions of Barb Baillargeon
- ~ Intentions of Dwight Yellowage

#### Friday, February 24

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

- ~ Mario Corso ~ Marcel Deturck
- ~ Theresa O'Malley ~ Nick & Anne Lucyk
- ~ Fr. Gregory M. Blonde
- ~ Benedetto Amato (Anniv)

#### MASS INTENTIONS CONTINUED

#### Friday, February 24

#### \*\*\*6:30 pm - Blessed Sacrament\*\*\*

- ~ Helen O'Brien ~ Grant McAuley
- ~ Evelyn Reaume

#### LENTEN SERIES—"LIVING MERCY"

7:10 pm—Reflection

7:30 pm—Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, February 25

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

- ~ John Balun ~ All Souls
- ~ All Clergy & Religious
- ~ Intentions of Fr. Matt Kucharski
- ~ Vern Michaud (43 Anniv)
- ~ Intentions of Bozena Parejko & Family



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

Please pray for those who are currently sick in our parish family especially Deb Carr, Marie Van Heck, Alice Opavsky, Eva Beausejour and Diane Burtch.

#### "a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners especially Cindy Lacina, Donald MacKenzie and Doug Johnston.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.



#### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES (February 22, 2023)

8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament (live-stream)

12:00 noon at St. Joseph (live-stream)

6:30 pm at St. Ursula (live-stream)

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

(live-stream at www.chathamcatholic.tv)

## THE TIME IS NOW

By: Fr. John Jasica

#### AND SO WE BEGIN-WITH GOD'S HELP

# **Ignite**

This weekend we officially begin the prayerful consultation and discernment process for the future of our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. I want to thank the Family **Pastoral Family** Council, **Finance** CHATHAM CATHOLIC Committee and the Family Staff FAMILY OF PARISHES for their wisdom, support and

dedication to our faith community in addition to their enthusiasm and hope for the future.

We enter into this process seeking to re-embrace a missionary and apostolic vision (see my article from the February 12, 2023 bulletin) that will shape the structure of our family of parishes. It is not just about closing churches, although that is definitely part of what is necessary but not the biggest component of the journey ahead.

Together, we need to prayerfully discover how we can most effectively adapt everything we do so that our world today can encounter Christ through us. This will require various sacrifices from all of us for the sake of proclaiming the Good News and future generations of Catholics in Chatham. Despite the challenges of the task ahead, I am excited at the opportunities that are before us.

#### (1) PRAYER

We begin our discernment journey with prayer. You will find in this weekend's bulletin a prayer entitled **IGNITE THE GOSPEL.** We as a family of parishes will pray this regularly at our five churches in addition to asking all the faithful to pray it during personal prayer. We need to ask our Heavenly Father to send us the Holy Spirit so that we can have the courage and wisdom to become Apostles in our time. We all know that the power of prayer can move mountains. I believe that our prayer for the future mission of our family of parishes will open hearts to God's will and • not our own.

#### (2) IGNITE THE MISSION: INTRODUCTION & GENERAL SUMMARY

You will also find a two page introduction and general summary of the current circumstances in our It highlights some of the family of parishes. challenges we face and the need for change. This insert is also being sent out to all registered parishioners via our LENT/EASTER mailout that you will be receiving shortly. We want as many people as possible to be involved in the discernment process.

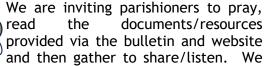
(3) IGNITE THE MISSION: APOSTLES FOR A NEW ERA at the back of each of the five churches of our family in addition to the family of parishes website (www.chathamcatholic.ca).

This document is divided into three major sections. Part One reflects on the baptismal call that we share as missionaries of the Gospel-the heart of our There are references to scripture, Catholic faith. Church documents, Pope Francis and Bishop Fabbro. This section answers the question — WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

Part Two describes the circumstances and challenges we face as a family of parishes in 2023. There are a number of factors that we all need to be aware of as we discern the future. Statistics from the family of parishes in addition to information about Chatham-Kent and Canada are included. This section answers the guestion — WHERE ARE WE RIGHT NOW?

Part Three describes the planned response to form disciples who reach out to all. The pastoral plan is not general in nature, but has clear definitions of what a disciple should be and how we will reach out bringing Christ to the world. This pastoral plan was developed by the Pastoral Council, Committee and Family Staff. The implementation of this plan has already begun. This section answers the question-HOW ARE WE GOING TO BE APOSTLES IN THIS NEW ERA?

#### (4) SHARING SESSIONS



will be hosting SHARING SESSIONS throughout March seeking feedback on the three following questions (which I will share more about in next week's bulletin).

- What are the essential elements for our family of parishes to be a vibrant, relevant and mission focused faith community?
- What are the blessings and challenges in our family of parishes today?
- What decisions do we need to make so that we can most effectively fulfill our mission to form disciples who reach out to all?

People will be able to complete feedback forms at the SHARING SESSIONS, via the family website and at home with forms available at each church site. SHARING SESSIONS dates/times/locations are available in the bulletin this weekend.

So the TIME IS NOW-I know that together we will become what God wants us to be as instruments of love, peace, hope and Christ for Chatham and the world.

ALL INFORMATION FOR OUR JOURNEY CAN BE This full, in-depth document is available for everyone FOUND AT THE FAMILY WEBSITE — CLICK THE IGNITE ICON AT THE TOP OF THE MAIN PAGE.



# CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES IGNITE THE MISSION



Introduction & General Summary

#### **Our Mission**

We as baptized Catholics are called to live out the mission given to us by Jesus, from Matthew 28:18-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Pope Francis has reinforced this as he dreams of a "missionary option" where the parish plays a key role reaching out to others. Bishop Fabbro in a 2015 document on the "Future Directions for People and Parishes of the Diocese of London" says "In order for our parishes to be faithful to all that they are called to be, they must be constantly renewed. We have to study the signs of times."

The Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes MUST change and adapt to engage our society today bringing people most fully to the love of Christ through His Church!

#### Our Three Biggest Problems, and a Fourth!

While we are called to go forth strengthened by our parish life, the first problem is the number of active parishioners is in decline. We are not alone, other Families of Parishes are experiencing this and dealing with the second problem--declining collections. The third major problem is the declining number of priests available to serve! For parishioners and clergy, the average age is rapidly increasing. To make the priest and parishioner situation more real, many of us attending Mass now will not be on this earth in fifteen years!

The fourth problem is that we have too many buildings that are becoming too costly to maintain! What funds we do have need to be used offering ministries, programs and outreach that help all of us be Christ for one another.

If you were running a business, what would you do?

#### **At Least Two Solutions**

- (1) We need to become more of a missionary church, reaching out and transforming lives. This requires adequate staff, volunteer ministers and financial resources--all of which are in short supply currently.
- (2) We need to reduce costs and make more resources available. We will soon have to close buildings (churches)! This is likely a reality that we will soon have to face and may have to face more than once.

#### Some Statistics

These statistics indicate trends, given the observed age of those attending Mass and involved in ministry, it may be assumed that if we maintain the status quo, downward trends will continue for the number of registered families as well as revenues. The years presented for each chart come from the annual Spiritual Report that is sent to the Diocese of London which is forwarded to the Vatican.

**Number of Registered Families Through the Years,** and according to statistics from the Diocese of London, around 14% (2011 report) of Catholics attend weekly Mass on any given Sunday in our diocese.

Parish	2004	2009	2014	2019	2022	2004 vs. 2022
Blessed Sacrament	1298	1285	1216	1134	1087	(-211 families)
St. Agnes	1003	970	920	849	797	(-206 families)
St. Joseph	1600	1998	1480	1093	1037	(-563 families)
St. Ursula	1420	1383	1132	956	986	(-434 families)
Our Lady of Victory	290	240	200	192	168	(-122 families)
Total	5,611	5,876	4,948	4,224	4,075	(-1,536 families/-27.3%)

#### **Financial Snapshot**

The trend for our financial situation is similar. Summary information only, excluding the COVID-19 government wage subsidy, is provided. It should be noted in the last year or so capital reserve funds have been used to pay operating expenses! In addition, while COVID-19 has had an impact on revenues, some expenses were paid by government wage subsidies, \$148,454 in 2020, \$171,850 in 2021, and only \$22,551 in 2022. Government subsidies ended March 31, 2022.

Note that there is a cost sharing formula that allocates some costs to each parish in the family. Some costs are direct to each parish (building & maintenance). Ministries, certain staff, and other costs are shared across all five churches. More details can be found in the full "Ignite the Mission" document.

Operating Surplus/Deficit or Loss, excluding the federal Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy
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		2011	2019	2020	2021	2022
	Operating Surplus/(Loss)	51,606	(-57,025)	(-100,857)	(-251,923)	(-147,021)
	Capital Surplus/(Loss)	193,362	167,540	(-97,064)	15,006	(-81,775)
All churches together	Total Surplus/(Loss)	244,968	110,515	(-197,921)	(-236,917)	(-228,796)
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Blessed Sacrament	Total Surplus/(Loss)	9,082	114,914	42,996	836	38,573
St. Agnes	Total Surplus/(Loss)	50,113	(-51,210)	(-49,566)	(-48,641)	(-25,378)
St. Joseph	Total Surplus/(Loss)	147,143	4,814	(-187,335)	(-109,908)	(-167,061)
St. Ursula	Total Surplus/(Loss)	34,882	33,832	2,548	(-73,940)	(-26,519)
Our Lady of Victory	Total Surplus/(Loss)	3,748	8,165	(-6,564)	(-5,264)	(-48,411)

#### Where do we go from here?

Mass attendance and related revenue have been increasing slightly since the end of COVID restrictions. Wage subsidies have ended. Factors such as required building maintenance will make the financial situation going forward a challenge!

A detailed document called "<u>Ignite the Mission</u>" has considerable information on the present circumstances of our family of parishes in addition to our new pastoral plan. It will help us discern how God is calling our faith community to transition from maintenance to mission rooted in forming disciples who reach out to all.

This general summary document as well as the full "Ignite the Mission" document have been developed and reviewed by members of our Pastoral Team, Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. You can find both documents and other information at the family of parishes website - www.chathamcatholic.ca. Hard copies are available at the back of each church.

We do face many challenges but with God's grace, together as one family, we will also discover the solutions! This discernment will require prayer, reflection, listening, honesty and seeking Christ's will for our family of parishes and not our own. It truly is a time of hope and light for the future.

Please review <u>all</u> the materials and participate in the upcoming Family Sharing Sessions that will take place in-person and online in March 2023. More information is coming soon. To stay up to date, please check the weekly bulletin and the family of parishes website.

"In order for our parishes to be faithful to all that they are called to be, they must be constantly renewed. We have to study the signs of the times. The circumstances of our day and the projections for our future give us an opportunity to focus our parishes more clearly on the mission Jesus has given us."

Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro – 2015

# **BECOMING DISCIPLES OF MERCY**

#### "LIVING MERCY" FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES

Everyone is invited to **Blessed Sacrament Church** each Friday night of Lent for an evening of prayer. These seven Friday evenings will focus on selected General Audience teachings of Pope Francis during the Year of Mercy (2016). This series will be live-streamed with links posted at the family website. Each evening will include:

6:30 PM Mass

7:10 PM Reflection on Living Mercy

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

#### Session #1 - Friday February 24, 2023

"Learn from me" - September 14, 2016

#### Session #2 - Friday March 3, 2023

"I desire mercy and not sacrifice" - April 13, 2016

#### Session #3 - Friday March 10, 2023

"The lost sheep" - May 4, 2016

#### Session #4 - Friday March 17, 2023

"Mercy and Inclusion" - November 12, 2016

#### Session #5 - Friday March 24, 2023

"Mercy and Dialogue" - October 22, 2016

#### Session #6 - Friday March 31, 2023

"Welcoming the stranger and clothing the naked" October 26, 2016

#### Session #7 - Good Friday April 7, 2023\*\*

(This night begins at 7PM & No Mass)

"Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty" October 19, 2016

"In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. Let us believe firmly that 'if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time' and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised for our salvation and the salvation of others."

**Pope Francis** (Message for Lent 2022)





#### 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 February 24, 2023 - 7:30 PM

Friday March 3, 2023 - 7:30 PM

Friday March 10, 2023 - 7:30 PM

Friday March 17, 2023 - 7:30 PM

Friday March 24, 2023 - 7:30 PM

Friday March 31, 2023 - 7:30 PM

Good Friday April 7, 2023 - 7:00 PM

(Part of "The Living Mercy" series)

#### St. Ursula Church

Tuesday March 14, 2023 - 7:15 PM Thursday March 23, 2023 - 9:00 AM Tuesday April 4, 2023 - 7:15 PM

#### St. Agnes Church

Tuesday March 7, 2023 - 8:45 AM Thursday March 30, 2023 - 7:15 PM Tuesday April 4, 2023 - 8:45 AM

#### St. Joseph Church

Wednesday March 22, 2023 - 12:45PM Wednesday March 29, 2023 - 12:45 PM Wednesday April 5, 2023 - 12:45 PM

#### **Our Lady of Victory** (Polish)

Every Wednesday night after Mass during Lent

#### LENT "DOOR TO DOOR"

As we celebrate the year of **WELCOME & FAMILY**, we are called to build a sense of community together. One major aspect of this is to invite others to join our faith community so that we can support and care for one another as faithful and loving disciples.

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**

#### **Our Lady of Victory Church**

Saturdays - 9:45 to 10:45 AM

February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

#### St. Joseph Church

Fridays - 11:15 to 11:45 AM

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

#### St. Agnes Church

Tuesday March 21, 2023 - 8:45 to 10:00 AM

#### St. Ursula Church

Tuesday March 28, 2022 - 7:15 to 8:30 PM

Our Lady of Victory (Polish) Wednesday

March 22, 29 - 6:00 to 6:45 PM

#### \*\*\*COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE\*\*\*

St. Joseph Church-Sunday March 26 - 2 PM

#### "A LENT TO REMEMBER" SERIES

Join us in-person at <u>St. Ursula Church</u> <u>Tuesday</u> <u>mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 AM</u> for this four part series called "**A LENT TO REMEMBER**". This series explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. *This is a free series open to everyone---no need to register*.

<u>Session #1 - Tuesday February 28, 2023</u>
"Where are you?"

Session #2 - Tuesday March 7, 2023

"An Encounter with Mercy"

Session #3 - Tuesday March 14, 2023

"Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained"

Session #4 - Tuesday March 21, 2023

"The Paschal Mystery"

#### SHARING SESSIONS

Here are the dates and times for our SHARING **SESSIONS:** (Parishioners from any site can attend any of the sessions)

> Monday March 6, 2023 7 PM - Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall

> > Thursday March 9, 2023 7 PM - St. Ursula Parish Hall

Sunday March 12, 2023

2 PM - Spirit & Life Centre (St. Joseph Parish Hall)

Monday March 13, 2023 7 PM - St. Agnes Parish Hall

Thursday March 16, 2023 7 PM - Our Lady of Victory Parish Hall

> Saturday March 25, 2023 10 AM - Spirit & Life Centre

Tuesday March 28, 2023

7 PM - Online via link at www.chathamcatholic.ca



#### PRAYER TO "IGNITE THE GOSPEL" IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

Heavenly Father, full of tenderness for your children; you fill us with your grace, your joy, and your peace. As faithful disciples of Jesus, we ask that every member of our family of parishes be made aware of their baptismal call to live the Gospel by sharing who they are and what they have at the service of their brothers and sisters—especially those in most need.

Send us your Holy Spirit so that, in this new effort of evangelization, we become flames of faith, hope and love within our families, in our communities and in our workplaces.

We are committed to becoming your hands, your feet, and your eyes in this world. Awaken in us the desire to live like Christ, so that, through our actions and words, we radiate His love and divine mercy.

Bless us with courage, wisdom, and zeal, placing the mission of the Gospel at the heart of our family of parishes and above all else so that the world may be transformed by your light and grace. AMEN.

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Love of enemies

Reading I Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

(various rules of conduct)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

(the work of God's ministries)

Gospel Matthew 5: 38-48

(new law of retaliation:

love of enemies)

Key Passage: Jesus said, "You have heard that it is said, 'You should love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5: 43-44a)

Adult: What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in argument, and why is it so hard to do?

Child: Who are the people you find it most difficult to forgive?

#### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2023-4:00 to 6:30 PM



Everyone is invited to the Spirit & Life Centre (St. Joseph Parish Hall) for a wonderful Shrove Tuesday Supper. chance to celebrate before our Lenten journey. Invite your **TUESDAY** family and friends!! Drop in for a great meal anytime between 4:00 and 6:30 PM.

NO NEED TO REGISTER/NO COST FREE WILL OFFERINGS ACCEPTED

#### CHURCH CHUCKLE



"I'm gonna say my prayers, Daddy. Do you have any requests?"

#### **EUCHRE CARD PARTIES**

Euchre card parties take place at Blessed Sacrament on the first and third Mondays of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Join us on Monday, February 20. Doors open at 12:30 pm. All are welcome.

#### LONDON DIOCESAN CWL LENTEN RETREAT

This event will take place on Saturday, February 25 at St. Michael Parish in London (511 Cheapside Street) from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm. Fr. Jim Mockler will be the Facilitator. Cost is \$15.00 per person. If you are interested in attending please contact your CWL President as soon as possible.

#### ST. JOSEPH CITY CWL

The next general meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 7 at the Spirit Life Centre at 1:00 pm. Bring a friend!

#### ST. URSULA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Knights of Columbus Council #9551 will be hosting two Pickeral Fish Fry's - Friday, March 10 and Friday, March 24. Both will take place in the St. Ursula Parish hall from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Cost is \$20 for adults - children under 12 years old \$10.00. Take-out will be available.

Advance tickets can be purchased after 10:00 am Mass in St. Ursula Parish hall on the following Sundays: February 19, February 26 and March 5. They can also be purchased at the parish office located at St. Agnes during office hours or by calling Grand Knight, Gerard Masse at 519-354-8272 or 519-401-8260. Don't wait too long, tickets go fast!

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023**



Informed Prayer. Prayerful Action. Imagine Christians from over 170 countries coming together in spirit, uniting on a common day to pray for relevant issues affecting women and children. This is a reality: the movement has been active for

nearly 100 years. Each year, a different country writes the service materials. The World Day of Prayer is generally celebrated on the first Friday of March. This year, the writing country is Taiwan: "I have heard about your faith" based on Ephesians 1: 15-19.

The Ecumenical Worship Service in our area will take place on Friday, March 3 at 2 pm at St. Peter's on the Thames (5425 Tecumseh Line, Tilbury East).

#### **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 12 noon at St. Joseph

6:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament (for Lent)

(live-streamed)

Saturday 9:00 am at Our Lady of Victory (English)

#### LIVE-STREAMED MASS

Masses are live streamed on our YouTube channel (<a href="www.chathamcatholic.tv">www.chathamcatholic.tv</a>). Visit the parish website (<a href="www.chathamcatholic.ca">www.chathamcatholic.ca</a>) 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 (<a href="mailto:chathamcatholic.ca">chathamcatholic.ca</a>).

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Meet the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm For information call or email Steve Brent at 519-360-7814 or kofc1412@gmail.com

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