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MASS INTENTIONS
March 28 - April 1, 2023

Tuesday, March 28

8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ Doug Johnston
- ~ Victor Ferreira & Grandparents
- ~ Living & deceased family members of Antonio Antunes

6:30 pm - St. Ursula

- ~ Anita Dodich ~ Maria DaCosta
- ~ Fernando Santos Lopes
- ~ Norman & Marie Letourneau
- ~ Clement Gagner & Theresa Bell
- ~ Intentions of Nathalie & Brad Miller

Wednesday, March 29

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Jake & Wanda Kaier
- ~ All souls in need of mercy
- ~ Gloria & Agostinho Oliveira

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Albert Thievin ~ Herman Maier
- ~ Sharon Thievin ~ Debbie Deneau
- ~ Special Intentions

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

- ~ Jan Zarod
- ~ Chester & Bronislaw Korzun
- ~ Intentions of Maria & Lech Wesolek

Thursday, March 30

9:30 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Anita Carpanzano ~ Clarita Litschko
- ~ In honour of the Virgin Mary

6:30 pm - St. Agnes

- ~ Dan Bugera ~ Sharon Bonner
- ~ Frank Van Heck ~ Maria Qua Tran

Friday, March 31

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Cindy Lacina ~ Pauline Marchand
- ~ Rosemary Kevany ~ John Ford Taylor
- ~ All Souls in Purgatory
- ~ Intentions of Gladys Charbonneau

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

- ~ Helen O'Brien

LENTEN SERIES - "LIVING MERCY"

7:10 pm - Reflection

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

MASS INTENTIONS CONINTUED

Saturday, April 1

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

- ~ Marcin Chojecki
- ~ Antonio Martinho
- ~ Intentions of Fr. Dikran Islemeci
- ~ Intentions of the Priests of the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes



***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, Maria Magliaro, Eva Beausejour, Marcel Devos and Maria doForno.

"a time to die...."

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

Eternal rest grant unto thee.

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, March 27 (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 have indicated above.



FAMILY UPDATES

By: Fr. John Jasica

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS & FEEDBACK

Ignite the Mission



By the time you read this article, we will have already completed all the in-person sharing sessions that have been very important for our discernment process. We have one more sharing session that is taking place online. The online session can be accessed via Microsoft Teams (like ZOOM) and by calling in. The phone-in information is found in the bulletin. If you are joining us via computer, tablet or smart phone, follow these instructions:

1. Download Microsoft Teams for your computer, tablet or smart phone (Google Play Store, App Store, Microsoft website) for free.
2. Go to the family of parishes website and click on the IGNITE THE MISSION icon. Find the link for the sharing session and click on it.
3. Follow the MS TEAMS prompts and JOIN THE MEETING. You will arrive at a waiting room. The meeting doors will be open at 6:55 pm.

The Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and the Pastoral Team want to hear from you. Your responses to the four questions via the FEEDBACK form (hard copy or online form) helps us move forward to become Apostles in this new era. Your ideas, concerns and priorities become the basis for the proposed plans for the future.

We all know that we will need to make some sacrifices so that we can most effectively, efficiently and powerfully engage the world with the Good News of the Gospel. It is much more than a question of which churches need to close. We need to embrace a cultural shift from what we know, trusting God, to embrace an Apostolic mission spirit that prioritizes reaching out, serving and inviting. We can no longer stay in maintenance mode. We don't have the volunteers, attendance, financial resources and staff to stay where we are. Things need to change so that we become better, stronger and more relevant in a very different world.

I understand that this is a very difficult time for many as we embrace some very serious changes. None of this is easy but it is a time to prayerfully discern where God wants us to be and not limit ourselves to what we are comfortable with. We are at a crucial moment in our history so that we can play a significant role in the world in the future. This means change for the sake of future generations.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH UPDATES



I want to thank our four custodians for their hard work installing six new LED flood lights in the back of the sanctuary area that allows us to light up the dome and surrounding area by the Presider's Chair. It took a lot of work setting up scaffolding on one side, install the lights, tear down the scaffolding and set it up again on the other side. Things look great!!

We have also painted and installed a new laminate floor in the washroom beside the Sacristy. We are currently preparing the walls around the Sacristy and downstairs area to be painted.

Over the next couple of months we will also be painting the sections around the Stations of the Cross and in behind the Presider's Chair in the sanctuary to cover up the dark shadow effects from the radiators. These dark spots are created over a long period of time due to the heating system in the church.

ST. URSULA CHURCH UPDATES



We have made upgrades to the safety system at St. Ursula Church. We have upgraded the alarm system to also monitor the newly installed fire panel. Now the fire alarm will be monitored 24 hours a day. New and updated pull stations have also been installed. Finally we have to install a couple of more emergency lights so that if we lose power at night, people may exit the building safely.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH UPDATES



Almost two weeks ago the 26 year old boiler finally passed on and could no longer be fixed. We have installed the new one which is more efficient and actually puts out more heat than the old boiler. I want to thank everyone for their patience while we waited for the boiler to be delivered. It made for some pretty cold celebrations but helped us recognize in a very small way what those who are homeless go through all winter long without reprieve. We should be set with heat for the next 26 years!! The cost for the boiler including installation was around \$24,000.

DONATIONS FOR UPGRADES

If anyone would like to make donations to any of these projects, simply write a cheque to the particular church and in the memo line specify the capital donation (example—write the cheque to Blessed Sacrament Church and on the memo line write BOILER). Thank you for your support!!



CHATHAM CATHOLIC LENT FAMILY OF PARISHES 2023

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 #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

CONFESSIONS

Our Lady of Victory Church

Saturdays - 9:45 to 10:45 AM

March 25, April 1

St. Joseph Church

Fridays - 11:15 to 11:45 AM

March 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

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

During 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 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

Thursday March 23, 2023 - 9:00 AM

Tuesday April 4, 2023 - 7:15 PM

St. Agnes Church

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

"A LENT TO REMEMBER" SERIES

Join us in-person at St. Ursula Church Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 AM 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---no need to register.***

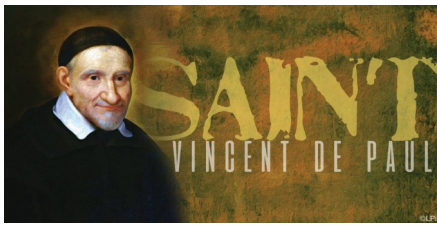
Session #4 - Tuesday March 21, 2023

"The Paschal Mystery"

Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

Every Wednesday night after Mass during Lent





SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Kent Deanery is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. On April 23, 1833, in Paris, France, Blessed Frederic Ozanam founded the Society. Over the subsequent years the exemplary life of Saint Vincent, who gave away his possessions and vowed to help the poor, blossomed into the worldwide conferences.

In Chatham-Kent there are six conferences of the Society. There are two conferences in Chatham: Blessed Sacrament/St. Agnes, serving the north side; and St. Joseph/St. Ursula, serving the south side. Each of our conferences can issue vouchers for those in need. Vouchers are for grocery stores and the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store (80 King Street East). There is also a bag lunch program on Fridays at the Spirit and Life Centre hosted by St. Joseph/St. Ursula.

In order to continue to serve the marginalized members of our community, our church conferences and our thrift store need donations.

Offertory Envelopes

Use the envelope provided in in your offertory envelope boxes.

By cash or cheque

Place in an envelope with your name and address and indicate it is for Blessed Sacrament/St. Agnes SSVP (cheque payable to Blessed Sacrament or St. Agnes) **OR** St. Joseph/St. Ursula SSVP (cheque payable to St. Joseph or St. Ursula).

E transfer

Blessed Sacrament/St. Agnes SSVP:

bsacramentparish@dol.ca or stagnes@dol.ca

St. Joseph/St. Ursula SSVP:

stjoseph@dol.ca or stursula@dol.ca

Please include in comments St. Vincent de Paul donation, as well as your name and address.

On line

Go to chathamcatholic.ca/giving.

Click the button under on line donations.

Select either the parish you wish to donate to.

Select Donation from Individual/Group and in comments enter St. Vincent de Paul.

All donations received by the Family of Parishes to St. Vincent de Paul will be included on your yearly tax receipt.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store accepts items such as clothing, housewares, furniture, children's toys, games and more. These items may be dropped off at the store or you can arrange for pick up by calling the store at 519-354-0410 (pick ups are on Thursday afternoons). Cash donations may be dropped off or mailed to our thrift store at 80 King Street East. These monies will be used for the cost of operating/upkeep of the store and the delivery truck. All but two of the people who work at the store are volunteers. Store hours are Monday through Saturday 9 am - 4 pm.

50% OFF STORE WIDE SALE !!! This sale will take place on March 30, March 31 and April 1.

Please consider becoming a member of one of our conferences, and please donate to our cause.

For more information contact the parish office.

SHARING SESSIONS

Here are the dates and times for our SHARING SESSIONS: (Parishioners from any site can attend any of the sessions—there is no need to register)

Tuesday March 28, 2023

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

or join the online meeting by phone:

Dial the toll free number 1-855-212-2015

Enter the meeting code: 128 961 902#

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

**Ignite
the
Mission**



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.



A Traditional Polish Easter Basket and Its Contents

Święconka (shvyeen-son-kah) is the traditional blessing of the food to be eaten on Easter Sunday. While the tradition varies from region to region and village to village, it is a tradition dear to the heart of every Pole. Today, this blessing takes place in church on Holy Saturday. All the items

are placed in a wicker basket that is sometimes lined with an ornamental cloth or traditional folk fabric. The filled basket is then covered with a linen cloth which should be white, but can have a colorful crocheted or embroidered design. The basket is decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukspan), the typical Polish Easter evergreen. "Polish Palms" which are created from dried flowers, can also be used for decoration.

Listed at the right are Polish Easter Foods that are most commonly placed in the Easter Basket for the traditional blessing, along with the symbolism of each item.



Bacon - Boczek / Slonina (boh-cheek / swo-nee-nah)
Symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy on us.

Bread - Chleb (h'lehb) Home baked bread, the staff of life.

Easter Bread - Babka (bab-kah)
A special round loaf, made of rich dough and raisins, and decorated with a cross, reminds us of Jesus, the Risen Lord.

Butter - Masło (mas-wo)

The butter should be shaped into the figure of a lamb or cross. Dairy products are included to celebrate the end of Lent and the richness of Salvation which flows from the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Candle - Świeca (sh-veh-tsa)

The only non-edible item in the basket, the candle symbolizes Jesus, the Life and Light of the World. The candle can be lit during the blessing.

Cheese - Ser (sair)

A symbol to remind Christians of moderation.

Colored Eggs - Pisanki (pee-san-key)

Both colored and uncolored eggs, indicate hope, new life and Resurrection. Because of their special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs to be blessed are decorated with symbols of Easter.

Ham - Szynka (shin-kah)

This popular main dish is symbolic of great joy and abundance.

Horseradish - Chrzan (h'shan)

This represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of the life of slavery in Egypt. It also reminds us of the bitterness of the Passion of Jesus, by which he entered glory. Horseradish is often prepared with red beets in the dish "cwikła."

Salt - Sól (sool)

Symbolizes wisdom and preservation from corruption, it is included to remind us that Jesus did not undergo corruption in the grave.

Sausage - Kielbasa (kel-bah-sah)

This is an old Slavic tradition. Its links remind us of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead as well as God's favor and generosity.

Happy Easter! - Wesołego Alleluja! (ves-so-weh-go ah-lay-lu-jah)

EASTER BASKET BLESSINGS

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2023 at 11 AM

St. Ursula Church (English)

Our Lady of Victory Church (Polish)



Saturday, April 8th
10:00 a.m

St. Ursula Parish

205 Tweedsmuir Ave W, Chatham, ON N7M 5N8

At 10:00 a.m. Together we will walk over to St. Ursula School to search
for our Easter Eggs.

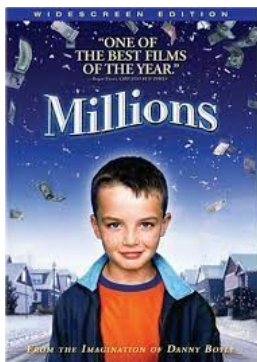
Please bring a basket to collect your eggs.

Following the Easter Egg Hunt will be the Blessing of the Baskets in the church
and then a social in St. Ursula Parish Hall.

This event is free to all. Everyone is welcome.



FAITH FILM SERIES - SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023—3 PM



SPIRIT & LIFE CENTRE (ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL)

Join us for our next FAITH FILM on Sunday April 16, 2023 at 3 PM as we watch "MILLIONS." Coffee, tea, juice, popcorn and other sweets will be available free for all.

When 9-year-old Damian (Alex Etel) finds a bag of money in his back yard, he and his brother

Anthony (Lewis Owen McGibbon) decide to try to spend it without telling their father (James Nesbitt). Seeking advice from the imaginary saints with whom he converses, Damian struggles with his own morality, and attempts to spend his money in a more altruistic way. News of the mysterious loot inevitably attracts attention, however, and Damian is faced with an increasingly hairy situation. (1h 38 min)

CK4 UKRAINE UPDATE



Our family is doing well. The kids are enjoying school. Dyma and Victoria are continuing their English classes four days a week and are improving.

Here are the needs going forward:

Employment - In order for the family to stay in Canada they need to be employed. We need to pray for employment. This is dependent upon them learning the language. We are actively looking for employment. Dyma does have house painting experience if there are jobs he could do in the area.

Interaction and fellowship - Dyma and Victoria go to school for language classes Monday to Thursday while their kids are in school. Friday during the day would be a great time to stop by and visit. Plan to drink coffee! If you are interested in doing so, please contact me, Shane Fitch at sfitch@evangelck.com.

Fundraising - This is going well. We still have some gift cards for groceries but could use more for the future.

We are seven months through our 12 month commitment. We are working towards getting our family independent so they can financially flourish in Canada on their own.

Thank you to everyone!
Shane Fitch



HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 6, 2022

7:00 PM - St. Agnes

(Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm)

7:00 PM - St. Joseph (live-streamed)

(Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm)

("Stay With Me" Taizé Prayer Service 9:00 pm)
(live-streamed)

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

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 7, 2022

11:00 AM - Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed)

11:00 AM - St. Ursula

3:00 PM - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

3:00 PM - St. Agnes

3:00 PM - St. Joseph (live-streamed)

7:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament- Way of The Cross
(live-streamed)

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 8, 2022

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

8:00 PM - St. Joseph (live-streamed)

8:00 PM - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

(No 5 pm Mass due to the Easter Vigil)

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9, 2022

7:00 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 (live-streamed)

11:00 AM - St. Agnes

12:00 PM - St. Joseph (live-streamed)

DEAF COMMUNITY - HOLY WEEK

Patty Arsenault will be interpreting for the deaf at the following Masses:

Holy Thursday (Apr. 6) - 7:00 pm at St. Joseph

Good Friday (Apr. 7) - 11:00 am at Blessed Sacrament

Easter Vigil (Apr. 8) - 8:00 pm at St. Joseph

Easter Sunday (Apr. 9) - 10:00 am - St. Ursula

CHURCH CHUCKLE

A little boy asked his Sunday school teacher, "Is it true shepherds have dirty socks?"

"What do you mean?" Asked the teacher.

"I heard that the shepherds washed their socks by night."

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

This Lent, please give generously



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's ***Stand for the Land*** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. **Our solidarity rests on your generosity.**

"The support we receive from Development and Peace has been very important for me. It allowed me to find myself, to live again."

— Raquel Soto, participant in the documentary filmmaking school of the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia)

Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for helping us build a world of justice.

If you would like to donate to Development and Peace, use the "Share Lent" offertory envelopes in your box. If you do not have offertory envelopes, simply use a blank envelope and indicate your parish, "Share Lent" and your name and address. You may also choose to use e-transfer. To do so, use the email address for your parish, found on the front of the bulletin. In the note section indicate "Share Lent."

ST. JOSEPH HARWICH CWL

Second chance - ladies of St. Joseph!

The St. Joseph Harwich CWL would like to invite all ladies of St. Joseph Parish to their April 3 meeting at Pour Decisions Wine Co. located at 101 King Street West. Please join us at 7 pm for shared faith and fellowship! A great way to meet the ladies or our parish!

WOMEN'S SEMINAR

Realize your unique mission at Family Foundation Institute's Annual Women's Seminar! Join Catholic author Lisa Canning and learn about her distinctive approach to time management and productivity. Lisa's two workshop-style presentations will demonstrate how you don't need to sacrifice things that matter the most (faith, family, friends) in pursuit of your goals. All things are possible with God and trusting Him can bring fulfillment to your personal mission.

This event is taking place on **Saturday, April 15, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm** at St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School in London. Early bird pricing of \$40/person includes lunch, refreshments, and resource package. Visit famfi.ca/aws to learn more and register online.

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 (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

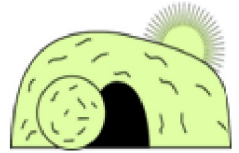
E-BULLETIN

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).

OUR FAMILY LENTEN JOURNEY: WEEK FIVE



AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE



The first step to having an attitude of gratitude is to recognize and accept the gifts you are offered. As you go through life, whatever your goal or whatever your hopes may be, “keep your eye on the donut and not the hole” otherwise you might miss the little blessings you receive each day!

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM **ONE BY ONE.**
COUNT YOUR **MANY BLESSINGS**
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.

Another attitude of gratitude is to express thanks openly by word or a note. Show thankfulness through SAYING IT OR WRITING IT. Let the giver know that you are thankful.

And finally, the greatest attitude of gratitude is to become like the giver. Pay kindness forward. We learn to give thanks because someone else was generous towards us. Giving thanks is essential to keep the world going. In Psalm 1:16, the psalmist asks,
“How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me?”



In John’s Gospel, Jesus hears that his good friend, Lazarus, has died. Even though Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem to face his own death, he goes back to Bethany, to the cave where Lazarus is buried. He asks that the stone be moved away and he calls Lazarus to come out of the tomb. He asks God to raise his friend from the dead. When Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb, Jesus teaches us about gratitude.

“And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me”

Take some time as a family to use the prayer by Michael Perras, OFM, to think about all the ways you can say those four simple words:

“Father, I thank you.”

Father, I thank you for:

the life that you have created
the way you walk with me
the good people who stay with me
the gift of being called from the tombs over and over.

Father, I thank you for:

the insights and wisdom that openness can bring
the quiet moments when you speak to me
the vibrant moments when you show your generosity
the holiness in which I am created and called to.

Father, I thank you for:

the strength that arises in times of sorrow
the deep faith which draws me to you
the beauty of creation which show your love
the hope in which I am rooted.

Father, I thank you for::

the courage to say, “I believe”
the ways in which you forgive me
the freedoms I have and discover
the variety of ways you call me to be your disciple.

Father I thank you for:

the tears which express my pain and sorrow
the smiles which tells of my delights and joys
the comfort and support of those who love me
the telling of your never-ending story.

Father, I thank you for:

the life of your Son, Jesus
the sharing of his Spirit
the communion to which I and all people are called,
having heard me today and always. Thank you....Amen

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PUTTING OUR LENTEN JOURNEY INTO ACTION



**"IF THE ONLY PRAYER YOU EVER SAY IN YOUR ENTIRE LIFE IS "THANK YOU",
IT WILL BE ENOUGH" - Meister Eckhart**

**As a family, take the next 14 days towards Easter to complete the "GRATITUDE" CHALLENGE
Plan to have a special treat for the ones who complete the most thank you activities!**



Say a prayer to God for the person who challenges you.
Give thanks for something you find beautiful.



Thank God for patience when dealing with a difficult person.
Give thanks for where you live.



Give a genuine compliment to someone you live or work with .
Give thanks for a song you love.



Make a list of reasons why you love your spouse and read them to him/her out loud.
Give thanks for a life lesson .



Listen attentively to someone and make eye contact when they are speaking.
Give thanks for an accomplishment you made that day.



When possible, give hugs to say good morning, goodnight and thank you!
Give thanks for an item you use each day.



Say a prayer of thanks for someone who hurt you. Jesus said, "Love your enemies."
Give thanks for a faithful friend.



Tell each of your children why you are grateful for them.
Give thanks for something that makes you laugh.



Tell someone why you are grateful for something they did on your behalf.
Give thanks for a holiday you love.



Take a moment each night to recall at least five things to thank God for.
Give thanks for being forgiven.



Do a chore or errand to make someone's day easier.
Give thanks for a happy memory.



Celebrate the greatest prayer of thanksgiving- the gift of the Eucharist.
Attend all the celebrations of the Triduum-in person or virtually.

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