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May 7, 2023 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MASS INTENTIONS

May 9 - 13, 2023

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ Maria Qua Tran
- ~ Marcello Lucente

6:30 pm - St. Ursula

- ~ Ben DeVito
- ~ Tony Ceccacci
- ~ Irvin Ducharme
- ~ Mary & John Cernanec
- ~ Fernando Santos Lopes
- ~ Intentions of Isaac Pearson

Wednesday, May 10

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Anne FitzGerald
- ~ Johanna Van Bilsen
- ~ Susan Renaud Bechard

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Robert Foy
- ~ Maurice Formosa & Evelyn McGee

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

- ~ Intentions of Greg Kaminski
- ~ Intentions of Feliks Zalewski
- ~ Intentions of Carolyn Jedlinski

Thursday, May 11

9:30 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Christie Gray Slote

6:30 pm - St. Agnes

- ~ Living & deceased family members of Antonio Antunes

Friday, May 12

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Intentions of Shirley & Brian Harwood

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Jack Bailey
- ~ Sharon Thieven
- ~ Rosemary Kevany
- ~ Shirley Lindsay & Noella Geneau
- ~ Colleen Smith
- ~ Bonnie Duquette

Saturday, May 13

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

- ~ François & Mae Caron & Family
- ~ Intentions of Lucianna Letourneau
- ~ Intentions of the Lachine & Labombard 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 Patricia Vince and Eva Beausejour.

"a time to die..."

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners especially Christie Gray Slote and David Morris.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.



Congratulations to
Luis Sanchez, Finlay Puchnaty, Elliot Gobert, Jack Gobert, Arianna Lontok, Parker Huff, Madelyn Huff, Hayden Brown, Cohen Lavigne, Mac Brown, Coleridge Brown, Lacey Arnold, Lyon Fuentes-Gonzalez and Martin Zink who joined our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism during the month of April.



Congratulations to
Joseph Kloostra, Arianna King, Campbell Brewer, Ethan Pernites, Titus Soropia, Samuel Burgess, Skyler Charles, Briella DeSimone, Tristan Schoger, Annie Raspburg, Scarlett Lucio, Nora Bourdeau, Drayson Hall and Pacey Brunner who celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion during the month of April.



Congratulations to
Liliana King, Colton Simpson, Gisele Das Neves, Colin Huys and Owen Debicki who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation during the month of April.



Congratulations to
Melanie Lozon & Craig Zink who had their marriage Convalidated during the month of April.

FAMILY UPDATES

By: Fr. John Jasica

MEMORIAL MASS—SUNDAY MAY 28, 2023



It has been tradition in many parishes to celebrate and remember loved ones who have died over the past year. Often it takes place around the celebrations of All Saints and All Souls Day. Of course, the pandemic changed all of that for us. Thankfully, things are now slowly settling into a new normal for all of us.

We will be celebrating a Memorial Mass at **St. Joseph Church on Sunday May 28, 2023—2PM**—as we end the Easter season with the Solemnity of Pentecost. The Easter season is always a powerful time to rejoice in the gift of eternal life given to us by Christ. This celebration is open to everyone!! We will also be hosting a reception following the Mass at the Spirit & Life Centre.

We will be specifically inviting families who have lost loved ones and whose funerals were celebrated in our family of parishes over the last couple of years as a special way to offer continued comfort and support.

We are also asking parishioners to send in names of loved ones (via an online form at www.chathamcatholic.ca or by calling the parish office) who have died during the pandemic so that they can also be remembered at this special celebration. We ask that all names be submitted by Monday May 22, 2023 so that a special program can be produced for the Mass.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH



Blessed Sacrament Parish in Chatham was established on October 30, 1921. Its pastor, Fr. Ralph Hubert Dignan (1921-1929), offered the parish's first Mass in "The Pines" chapel.

The present rectory was purchased from the Malcolmsen estate, originally the home of Hugh Malcolmsen, a former mayor of Chatham and owner of The New York House on King Street West. The firm of Benjamin Blonde built the present church with a medieval French gothic style façade along with a beautiful rose window built by master carpenter David Hamon.

On the morning of February 4, 1923, Blessed Sacrament Church was officially opened and blessed

by Bishop Fallon, and in the evening he celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation there for the first time.

We as a family of parishes would like to mark this 100th anniversary with a special weekend of celebration on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi — June 10-11, 2023. There will be two major events to mark this anniversary.

(1) MASS & DINNER WITH BISHOP FABBRO

Bishop Fabbro will celebrate Mass on Saturday June 10, 2023 at 5 PM marking the 100th anniversary followed by a pasta dinner in the parish hall immediately following. Tickets for the dinner are on sale beginning this weekend at the back of the church following the Blessed Sacrament Masses or anytime during the week or at the parish offices at St. Agnes Church.

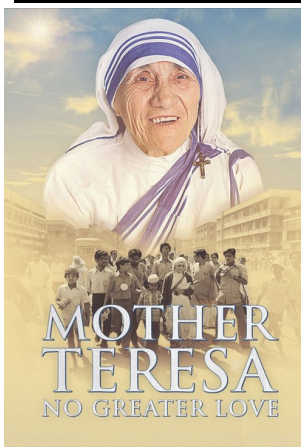
Tickets for the dinner are \$10/per person with children under 10 free. There is limited seating so please purchase your tickets as soon as you can.

****The dinner will include pasta (with and without meat sauce, gluten free options will also be available) salad, buns along with refreshments and a variety of desserts.****

(2) SUNDAY MORNING SOCIAL & RECEPTION

The Knights of Columbus will host a free reception following the 9 AM Mass on Sunday June 11, 2023 in the parish hall continuing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the opening of Blessed Sacrament Church. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

FAITH FILM SERIES—NO GREATER LOVE



Everyone is invited to our next faith film series event taking place at the Spirit & Life Centre on Sunday June 4th at 2 PM. The movie is a documentary called **MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE** produced by the Knights of Columbus. 25 years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on five continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

**Everyone is welcome!!
We will have popcorn, snacks and beverages!!
THIS IS A FREE EVENT!!**

WRITING CHEQUES FOR DONATIONS



We are extremely appreciative of those who are able to donate to the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. **All our churches operate mainly on donations received at Mass.**

Please remember when donating by cheque, make it payable to an individual parish, for example "Blessed Sacrament Parish." **Please do not make cheques payable to the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes.**

If you are making a donation to St. Vincent de Paul, the Interfaith Caring Kitchen or St. Agnes Soup Kitchen the cheque needs to be payable to the individual parish. In the memo line on the cheque, please indicate which ministry you are donating to.

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

PRAYER CHAIN

We have people who want to pray for whatever request comes to them.

If you need prayers, please contact Maureen at the parish office at 519-352-8530 or 519-352-9483 or by email at mfoster@dol.ca.



MONTHLY ADORATION

Every second Tuesday of the month (May 9) 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.



YOU ARE INVITED!

The Portuguese Canadian Community of Chatham-Kent welcomes everyone to the Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Fatima. Join us at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, May 14 at 3 pm. After the Mass, everyone is invited to the Portuguese Club on Grand Avenue for a potluck.

THANK YOU!



Our Lady of the Graces religious organizing committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Mass and procession held on April 23 at St. Ursula Church. It was a wonderful celebration. A generous donation was made to St. Ursula Church. Thank you to the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes for your continued support!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Jesus, the Way

Reading I Acts 6: 1-7
(the need of assistants)

Reading II 1 Peter 2: 4-9
(living stones)

Gospel John 14: 1-12
(last discourse: the way, the truth and the life)

Key Passage: I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

Adult: In a challenge you face right now, what will it mean to live the way of Jesus Christ?

Child: Name some ways you can be more like Jesus when you are playing with your friends or family.

CHURCH CHUCKLE

Little Ellen concluded her prayer by saying, "Dear God, before I finish, please take care of Daddy, Mommy, my baby brother, Grandma and Grandpa and please, God, take care of Yourself or else we're all sunk!"

ST. JOSEPH HARWICH CWL

May's St. Joseph Harwich CWL meeting will be held on Monday, May 8 at 7 pm at the Spirit and Life Centre. All members are welcome from both St. Joseph Councils. We will be discussing plans for the return of the June BBQ at Roesch Meats and More. Be sure to save the date!

ST. URSULA CWL

The next St. Ursula CWL meeting is on Tuesday, May 9 beginning with Mass at 6:30 pm, followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm and cards at 7:15 pm. All ladies of the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes are welcome for a free card night - Bridge, Euchre or Pepper - with prizes, snacks and fun. Bring a friend!

Our council is inviting all parishioners to help us fill our playpen with baby clothes, diapers, baby care items etc. (Items must be new.) The playpen will be in the Narthex at St. Ursula from Mother's Day until Father's Day. Our filled played pen will then be donated to Right to Life Chatham-Kent. Thank you in advance for your kind support!

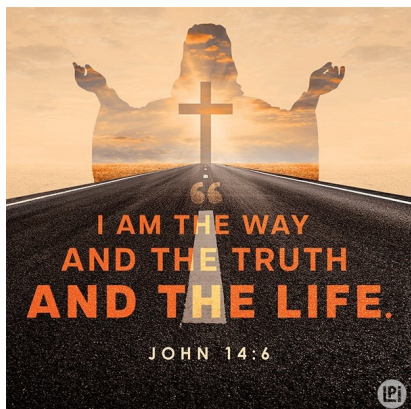
BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG



Our Family of Parishes will again be participating in a fundraiser called the Baby Bottle Boomerang. There are over 20 churches that will be participating.

On Mother's Day (May 14) Knights of Columbus will be distributing the bottles after each Mass. Please take one home and fill it with change, cash and/or cheques. If you choose to donate by cheque please make cheque payable to "Refuge." Please keep your bottle and bring it back on Father's Day (June 18).

When you fill a bottle, you will be helping REFUGE pregnancy resource centre provide help, hope and healing to women and men affected by an unplanned pregnancy. REFUGE saves lives of the unborn and changes the lives of women and men right here in our community. REFUGE is a registered division of Right to Life Kent.



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 9:30 am at St. Ursula
6:30 pm at St. Agnes
Friday 8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed)
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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.

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).

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