



# CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

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**SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**September 5 - 9, 2023**

**Tuesday, September 5**

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

- ~ Maria Qua Tran ~ Maria Dung Nguyen
- ~ Deceased members of the Vink & Eijs families

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

- ~ Omer Emery ~ Biff Gallagher
- ~ Ernesto & Carmela Matteis
- ~ Annie Beuglet & Mike Beuglet
- ~ Fiore Matteis & Anita Carpanzano
- ~ Intentions of Roland Laprise

**Wednesday, September 6**

**8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament**

- ~ Bill Neff ~ David Morris
- ~ Robert Barron ~ Joanne Korpan
- ~ All Souls in Purgatory

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

- ~ Sue Billett ~ Joseph Pham
- ~ Paul McLaughlin ~ Ann Krejci Faubert
- ~ Roseann Peco Denkers (43 Anniv)
- ~ Intentions of Alisha Lachine

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

- ~ Irene Kijewska ~ Witold Olkowski
- ~ Barbara Polewicz
- ~ Roman & Leonarda Koziolok
- ~ Intentions of Piotr, Monika & Urszula Zalewski

**Thursday, September 7**

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

- ~ Nicolo Maier ~ Tony Nugent
- ~ Floyd Cadeau ~ Oscar Sterling
- ~ Fernando Santos Lopes

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

- ~ Shirley Harwood ~ Noberto DeCouto
- ~ Florinda da Rocha ~ Dominic Hoan Nguyen
- ~ Melanie Brophy Sherbino
- ~ Intentions of Ann Johnston's children

**Friday, September 8 - The Nativity of Mary**

**8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament**

- ~ Gary Keane ~ Ben Mallette
- ~ Frank Pomajba ~ Margaret Litschko
- ~ Charlotte Konecny

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

- ~ Wanda Crago ~ Joseph Nguyen Tran
- ~ Maurice Formosa & Evelyn McGee
- ~ Intentions of Madeleine Lloyd
- ~ Intentions of Donna & Robert Finlin

**MASS INTENTIONS CONTINUED**

**Saturday, September 9**

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

- ~ All Blessed & Venerable
- ~ Intentions of Christian & Pauline Quirion



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

Please pray for those who are currently sick in our parish family especially Alan Row, Ann Nagle, Matteo Blomme, Madeline Lloyd, Eva Beausejour, Jack DeSmit and Mimi Haest.

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

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

***Eternal rest grant unto thee.***

**MARIAN STATUE**

In April 2023 Bishop Fabbro announced during his homily that our diocese is undertaking a Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. This year began on Pentecost Sunday 2023 (May 28) and ends on Pentecost Sunday 2024. The specific theme of this year is Priesthood: Not an Ordinary Life. This reminds us of the gift of the priesthood and the vital role priests play in our spiritual lives as they celebrate the Mass, hear Confessions, and anoint us in times of illness.

As part of this diocesan-wide prayer effort, we are initiating a specific Marian devotion asking the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for the men of the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes and to inspire vocations to the priesthood. The devotion involves families or individuals taking a Marian statue in their home (it is about two feet high) for two weeks and committing to pray a Marian vocation prayer on a daily basis. The prayer takes about two minutes to recite and we recommend that all the household family members gather together to pray, if possible. Great spiritual benefits would also be obtained if the family prays a Rosary together, or even a decade of the Rosary, but the particular emphasis in this devotion is on the daily vocation prayer.

If you are interested, please contact Maureen Foster at the office to register. Someone will then contact you and deliver the statue and Marian vocation prayer cards at a mutually convenient time.

# **IGNITE THE MISSION** **BECOMING CHRIST TODAY**

By: Fr. John Jasica

## **REFLECTING ON OUR WEEKLY PRAYER**

Last weekend I shared the second of four articles (the second article—**NEW METHODS FOR A NEW TIME** and the first article—**CALLED TO BE MISSIONARIES**) reflecting on our **IGNITE THE MISSION PRAYER** that we have been saying each weekend in our family of parishes. Sometimes we can say the words of prayers but not spend time reflecting on how this will change our lives and hearts. This special prayer is definitely calling us to adapt our perspective being transformed by God's grace to be missionaries in our time.

The third stanza of the prayer asks that we make a commitment to truly be Christ in this world acting in love, compassion, mercy, reconciliation, justice and healing. We are asking our Heavenly Father to transform us into Jesus—which requires the conversion of our hearts and a surrendering of our own plans for the sake of the Good News. This is not just a hope that we have but a commitment for renewal, change and conversion which will include sacrifices.

***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.***

## **HOW DO WE BECOME LIKE CHRIST?**

The heart of any parish community or family of parishes is not simply filling the pews with attendees or raising enough money to pay the bills—it is to form disciples with the love and grace of Christ sending them into the world as modern apostles that radiate the Gospel in every aspect of life. This can only be done when the parish community fills the hearts of people with Jesus in a special and powerful way that cannot be received anywhere else. It is only then that the pews are filled and resources become available to help the mission of bringing Christ to our modern culture.

The mission of the Gospel and our parish communities has never changed. We have always been called to form disciples who reach out to all but the methods and ways we do this need to adapt and adjust according to the circumstances of our time. This is the reason for our family of parishes "Ignite the Mission" discernment.

## **(1) THE HANDS OF CHRIST**

Our faith is not limited to Sunday worship but to be the hands of Christ in our world offering hospitality, peace and reconciliation to everyone around us. We are called to reach out and build bridges and engage people in our world today with joy, enthusiasm, hope and faith.

We are also called to be hands that feed the poor, comfort those who are sick and dying and of course those who are alone and afraid. Our hands need to continue reaching out building friendships and healing relationships wherever possible. This happens through our outreach ministries but also in our families, workplaces and schools.

## **(2) THE EYES OF CHRIST**

In order to be the hands of Christ in our world today, we need to see the world like Jesus. We need to recognize and seek out those on the margins, those who feel alone or afraid, the sick, homeless and those who are not at Mass on the weekends. We need to see the injustices and challenges in the world first, discover how to act most effectively, and then act with great love.

Sometimes we can be blind to what is right before us and try to ignore certain problems hoping that others will act for us. This is why we need to pray and celebrate the sacraments—so that Jesus may offer us clarity for the mission given to us in baptism. At the same time we can also be blind to the graces, blessings and presence of Christ in our world today. There is always hope with Jesus and we need to celebrate the joys and respond to the challenges with the eyes of Jesus. We need to radiate His light.

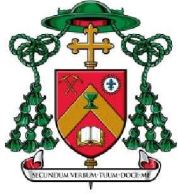
## **(3) THE FEET OF CHRIST**

Seeing the world with the eyes of the Lord lets us see clearly joys and sorrows. Offering our hands in building relationships and service takes our faith beyond ourselves to those around us. In order for us to do this most effectively, we need to remember that we are on pilgrimage to the kingdom. We need to walk the pathway of truth, justice, compassion and love with others—not alone. The gift of our faith community is that we are a family that is called to work together sharing who we are and what we have for the sake of those around us. We march with the Good News inviting everyone to join us as we walk towards the kingdom.

We do this by reaching out and not waiting for people to come to us. We need to step into the world and culture today with the love of Christ that radiates from our prayer and actions. May the Lord continue to bless us with courage, strength and wisdom seeking to be messengers of hope and joy for today!!







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25 August 2023

To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London

**Re: Truth and Reconciliation Fund Annual Collection**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Just over a year ago on the 'penitential pilgrimage' that Pope Francis made to Canada, he said, "In a fraternal spirit, I encourage the Bishops and the Catholic community to continue taking steps towards the transparent search for truth and to foster healing and reconciliation." This year I am pleased to announce an exciting initiative, an annual collection for the diocesan Truth and Reconciliation Fund.

In December 2021, I established a Truth and Reconciliation Committee for the Diocese of London. Over the last twenty months the Committee has initiated dialogue with local Indigenous and Métis Peoples and promoted educational opportunities for clergy and diocesan employees. In June, the Committee provided an update on their work ([click here](#)) and information on approved projects ([click here](#)).

They have already done a lot of good work but, in their own words, "there is much more work to be done" as we continue the journey on the path to healing and reconciliation. The Committee's mandate includes promoting a fundraising campaign. The bishops of Canada have promised to raise \$30-million for the national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Over the next few years, the Diocese of London will be contributing \$1.8-million towards that fund. The goal of the IRF is to support projects that advance healing and reconciliation initiatives, promote culture and language revitalization, foster education and community building and initiate dialogues involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth focusing on Indigenous spirituality and culture.

Today I am writing to you, the faithful of the Diocese, inviting you to support this fund. Your contributions will help us to reach our \$1.8-million commitment and to support local projects that are determined in collaboration with the First Nations and Métis people within the diocese and, as well, with other Indigenous organizations and service providers.

On the weekend of 23-24 September, the weekend before National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, each parish will take up a special Truth and Reconciliation Fund collection. We are grateful for your financial support, and we ask that you pray that our Catholic community will continue taking steps that foster healing and reconciliation.

Some have already contributed to the fund. I thank them for their support. Others have asked how they can contribute online. You can make an online donation through your parish or use the Diocese of London's online giving link (<https://dol.plenty.com>). Please select "Truth and Reconciliation Fund" from the available options or add it as a comment, so that your gift can be allocated properly.

I thank you in advance for your support of this important work as we journey together with Indigenous people, seeking truth, reconciliation, healing, and justice.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB  
Bishop of London



# **HORIZONS OF HOPE WORKSHOP**



**A TOOLKIT FOR CATHOLIC PARISHES ON PALLIATIVE CARE PRODUCED  
BY THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS**

## **INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

Empower and educate parishioners by addressing questions surrounding palliative care, dying, death, suffering, accompaniment, and bereavement in a holistic fashion.

## **MEDICAL & FAITH PERSPECTIVE**

Present high-quality content that explores how palliative care is understood from a perspective of Catholic moral and pastoral theology, medical expertise and the Compassionate Community model.

## **CONVERSATION & SUPPORT**

Facilitate meaningful conversation together so that our parishes and families become compassionate communities, grounded in the mercy and tenderness of Jesus Christ.

## **ST. URSULA PARISH HALL**

205 Tweedsmuir Ave. W., Chatham

***Presenters: Patty Coenen & Dr. Linda Sinnaeve***

**SESSION #1 - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2023**

**\*\*\*8:30 AM to 2:30 PM - Lunch included\*\*\***

Understanding the human experience of dying and death

Discerning and making decisions at the end of life

**SESSION #2 - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2023**

**\*\*\*8:30 AM to 2:30 PM - Lunch included\*\*\***

Accompanying those at the end of life

Supporting and integrating within the wider community

## **THIS WORKSHOP IS OPEN TO EVERYONE**

### **WHAT ARE THE COSTS TO ATTEND?**

A free will offering at the time of the event to cover lunch and materials

### **HOW DO I REGISTER?**

Call the parish office at **519-352-9483** or go to **[www.revjj.ca/hope](http://www.revjj.ca/hope)**



# Baptism

Congratulations to  
Aila French, Cameron Ferreira, Bianca Ciupa,  
Milena Ciupa, Zoey Jenkins, Kai Jenkins,  
Luke Peel and Liam Peel  
who joined our parish family through the  
Sacrament of Baptism during the month of August.



Congratulations to  
Riley Johnston and Wyllium Wesselius  
who celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion  
during the month of August.



Congratulations to  
Ricardo Rafael, Diego Rafael, Julia Magyar,  
Kharington Behnke, Ireland Graham  
and Benjamin Marentette  
who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation  
during the month of August.



Congratulations to  
Manuela Carmona & Luke Van Rycheghem  
who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage  
during the month of August.



## First Reconciliation & First Communion

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REGISTRATION

We are currently accepting registrations for families who choose to have their children, age 7 and up, receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Parish Preparation Sessions for Cycle A begin the weekend of September 16/17.

To register, go to our parish website at [chathamcatholic.ca](http://chathamcatholic.ca)

### IMPORTANT: PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

All parents who have registered for sacramental preparation are asked to attend an information meeting on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 at 6:30 p.m.** at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall.



If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ali Chinnick at [achinnick@dol.ca](mailto:achinnick@dol.ca) or 519-352-9483.

### CHURCH CHUCKLE

What kind of school do you go to if you're...

...an ice cream man? Sundae school.

...a giant? High school.

...a surfer? Boarding school.

...King Arthur? Knight school.



### **ST. JOSEPH HARWICH & CITY CWL**

St. Joseph Harwich and City General Meeting will take place on Monday, September 11 at 7 pm the Spirit and Life Centre. Looking forward to see you!

### **ST. URSULA CWL**

Save the date ladies! St. Ursula CWL meetings will resume on September 12. We will have a Potluck Dinner following 6:30 pm Mass and then the general meeting.

To ensure there is a good variety of everyone's favourites, ladies whose name begins with A-L are encouraged to bring a salad or side dishes, with the desserts being provided by the M - Z's.

### **ST. URSULA K OF C**

St. Ursula Knights of Columbus Council 9551 membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5 at 7:30 pm in St. Ursula Hall following 6:30 pm Mass.

All brother Knights are welcome to attend regardless of your Mother council.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### ***HORIZONS OF HOPE WORKSHOP***

Join us for this two part series (Saturday September 9 & 16) at St. Ursula Parish Hall as we reflect on death, dying and palliative care from a faith and medical perspective. Registration is open to all—lunch included. See the bulletin for details.

#### ***ALPHA SERIES***

Beginning September 19, 2023 at Our Lady of Victory Parish Hall with afternoon and evening sessions.

#### ***FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT***

Our next movie night is Friday September 22, 2023 beginning at 6:30 PM at the SPIRIT & LIFE CENTRE (St. Joseph Parish Hall). Our movie is HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA: TRANSFORMANIA. This event is free and includes popcorn, cookies and snacks. All are welcome.

#### ***"BECOMING A FAITHFUL DISCIPLE"***

Everyone is welcome to attend a discipleship conference with David Wells on Saturday September 23, 2023 from 8:45 am to 2:00 pm. at the Spirit & Life Centre. A free-will offering at the event is recommended. See bulletin for details.

#### ***FAITHCATION RETREAT***

Everyone is invited to register for this special retreat at the Holy Family Retreat Centre in Oxley, Ontario. See the bulletin or website for details.

#### ***NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNDOER OF KNOTS***

We will celebrate a 9 day novena beginning October 1st at St. Ursula Church with prayers each night at 7:15 pm concluding on Thanksgiving Monday after a special 10 AM Mass. More information to come.



### **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)  
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.

#### **CONFESSION TIMES**

- Tuesday - 6:00 - 6:30 pm at St. Ursula  
- Wednesday - 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Victory (Polish)  
- Friday - 11:15 am to 11:45 am at St. Joseph  
- Saturday - 9:45-10:30 am at Our Lady of Victory

#### **ADORATION TIMES (Beginning September 18)**

- Monday - 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament  
- Second Tuesday of the month - after Mass until 4:00 pm at St. Agnes  
- Saturday - after Mass until 11:00 am at Our Lady of Victory



# ALPHA IS COMING THIS FALL!

Do you have questions about the Christian faith? Do you wonder where God is in your life; in the world?

An opportunity to explore the meaning of life.



## WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. It is a series of sessions focused on questions of life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes time to **connect**, **watch** a talk on video, and **share** any thoughts or questions you have. It is a space to share thoughts, questions, doubts, hopes and fears.

## WHY ALPHA?

As we seek to **IGNITE THE MISSION** in our family of parishes to form disciples who reach out to all---we need to first and foremost encounter Christ and be transformed by His love. Alpha is open to all and allows us to share, explore and grow in our relationship with Christ who ignites the Gospel in our own lives. This is essential for us to be true disciples.

## HOW ARE WE OFFERING ALPHA THIS FALL?

It's an 11 week series that includes fellowship, snacks, a meal and discussion. We are offering the series **Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:15 pm and Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:45 pm** at the **OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH HALL**.



## WHO IS ALPHA FOR?

Alpha is for everyone searching for more meaning in their lives and discovering the grace of God through Jesus Christ. It is for those who are strong in their faith but also for those who have not yet discovered Christ.



# **ALPHA SERIES SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAYS AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY HALL**

**Afternoon Series - 1:00 to 3:15 PM**

**Evening Series - 6:30 to 8:45 PM**



**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19 - IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?**

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26 - WHO IS JESUS?**

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 3 - WHY DID JESUS DIE?**

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 10 - HOW CAN I HAVE FAITH?**

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 17 - WHY AND HOW DO I PRAY?**

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 24 - WHY/HOW SHOULD I READ THE BIBLE?**

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 31 - \*\*\*NO SESSION\*\*\***

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7 - HOW DOES GOD GUIDE US?**

**FRI NOV 10/SAT NOV 11 - RETREAT ON THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14 - HOW CAN I RESIST EVIL?**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21 - WHY & HOW SHOULD I TELL OTHERS?**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28 - DOES GOD HEAL TODAY?**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 5 - WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH?**

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**REGISTER ONLINE at [www.chathamcatholic.ca](http://www.chathamcatholic.ca) or  
call the parish offices at 519-352-9483**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS ON SUNDAY AUGUST 6, 2023**

***THIS SERIES IS FREE FOR EVERYONE***

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## **COMMUNITY & FOOD**

Each session during this series begins with fellowship and food. It is all really about connecting with one another and journeying together on this powerful adventure. The afternoon sessions will include a light lunch while the evening sessions begin with dinner. Invite your family, friends and neighbours!





# ***BECOMING A FAITHFUL DISCIPLE***



Born and raised in the United Kingdom, David Wells is a speaker, teacher, catechist and author. He is married to Alison and they have three grown children - Sam, Matt and Emily.

David has worked for the Catholic Education Service providing training for staff in Catholic Schools in England. He also worked as an Education Advisor for the Catholic Diocese of Nottingham and then Exeter in addition to becoming Director of Formation for the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, England.

David has spoken at well over 500 conferences worldwide including the UK, Canada and the United States. He has spoken to many Catholic school boards and Catholic education conferences in Ontario. David has written two books on discipleship -- "**The Reluctant Disciple**" and "**The Grateful Disciple**". He is an man of great faith, an inspirational speaker and someone who knows a lot about discipleship.

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## **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

### **SPIRIT & LIFE CENTRE**

**(184 Wellington St. W. St. Joseph Church Hall)**

## **8:45 AM to 2:00 PM**

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#### **WHO IS THIS CONFERENCE FOR?**

Church volunteers,  
parishioners, catechists,  
Catholic educators, lay  
ecclesial ministers, deacons,  
priests and anyone who  
wants to learn how to  
become a better faithful  
disciple of Jesus.

#### **\*\*HOW MUCH DOES THIS CONFERENCE COST?\*\***

This one day conference is being sponsored by the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. **We ask for a free will offering at the event for the conference or the lunch or a donation for both. You can choose.**

#### **\*\*HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE?\*\***

You can go to [www.chathamcatholic.ca](http://www.chathamcatholic.ca) and find the link to complete the online registration and for more information. Registration is limited so register today!





# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



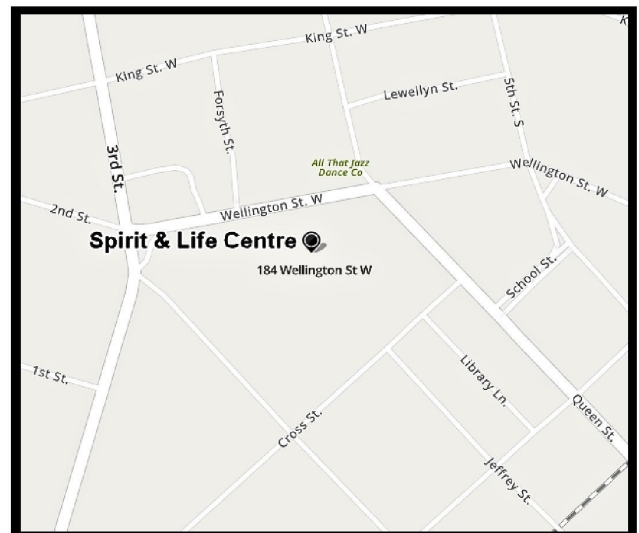
8:45 to 9:15 AM - Welcome & Hospitality  
9:15 to 9:30 AM - Opening Prayer & Introductions  
9:30 to 10:15 AM - **KEYNOTE with David Wells**  
10:15 to 10:30 AM - BREAK  
10:30 to 11:15 AM - **KEYNOTE with David Wells**  
11:15 to 11:30 AM - BREAK  
11:30 to 12:15 PM - **KEYNOTE with David Wells**  
12:15 to 1:00 PM - LUNCH & Discussion at tables  
1:00 to 1:45 PM - **Q & A with David Wells**  
1:45 to 2:00 PM - Final Remarks & Thank You



## WHERE IS THE SPIRIT & LIFE CENTRE?

The SPIRIT & LIFE CENTRE is located in the heart of downtown Chatham right next to St. Joseph Catholic Church. There is ample parking in and around the centre and the church for your convenience. It is a fully accessible building with easy access at street level. The hall is air conditioned with a 16 foot by 12 foot projection screen.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**



## WHY ARE WE HOSTING THIS CONFERENCE?

We as the Catholic Church are in a time of transition from maintenance to mission. We are shifting from an era of Christendom to Apostolic Mission. It is a time for us to become apostles for this new era being able to confidently live and share the Good News bringing Christ to the world in a new, relevant and meaningful way.

## WHAT DO WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH DURING THIS CONFERENCE?

Our hope is that David Wells will inspire and describe what a faithful disciple of Jesus needs to be in our world today. We hope that all those who attend will connect, support and encourage one another working together in practical and real ways to be missionaries of Christ seeking to change the world.





# FAITHCATION 2023

## "PRIEST-PROPHET-KING"

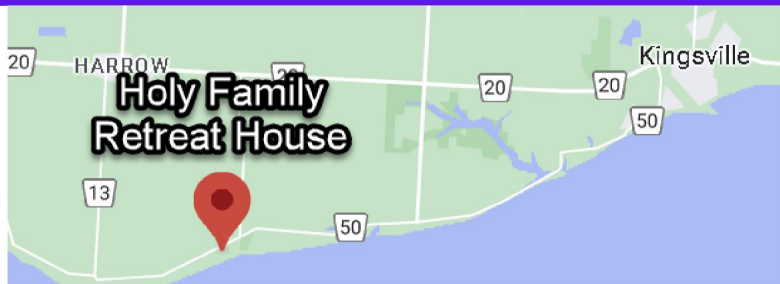
Join Fr. John Jasica at the **HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTRE** in Oxley, Ontario for a spiritual holiday to discover and encounter Jesus as Priest, Prophet and King. Enjoy a weekend with Christ praying, reflecting, sharing and relaxing.



This retreat is open to adults & limited to 50 people. The retreat begins Friday night September 29 and concludes with lunch on Sunday October 1. Retreat costs include 2 nights stay, meals, snacks & materials.

Holy Family Retreat House is located at 500 Oxley Beach Drive along Lake Erie in Oxley, Ontario.

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# DETAILED SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Arrival, registration, room assignments and dinner (6:30 PM - Dining Hall)

7:15 to 8:00 PM - Welcome--Introductions--Expectations (Conference Room)

8:00 to 8:15 PM - BREAK

8:15 to 9:30 PM - **Session #1 - "ADORACIO"** (Conference Room)

9:30 to 10:30 PM - Social time (optional - Ravine Room)

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

8:15 to 8:30 AM - Praying the Rosary (Chapel - optional)

8:45 to 9:15 AM - Breakfast (Dining Hall)

9:30 to 10:45 AM - **Session #2 - "THE HIGH PRIEST"** (Conference Room)

10:45 to 11:00 AM - BREAK

11:00 to 12 NOON - **Session #3 - "CHALLENGING FALSE WORSHIP"** (Conference Room)

12 NOON to 1:30 PM - Lunch (Dining Hall) & Rest Time

1:30 to 2:30 PM - **Session #4 - "WORD MADE FLESH"** (Conference Room)

2:30 to 5:00 PM - Quiet Time of Prayer & Reflection (Confessions/Chat 3:30 to 5:00 PM)

5:00 to 6:00 PM - Dinner (Dining Hall)

6:15 to 7:30 PM - **Session #5 - "ORDERING THE KINGDOM"** (Conference Room)

7:30 to 8:00 PM - BREAK

8:00 to 9:00 PM - Holy Hour & Adoration (Chapel)

9:15 to 10:30 PM - Social (Ravine Room - optional)

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023

8:15 to 8:30 AM - Rosary (Chapel - optional)

8:45 to 9:15 AM - Breakfast (Dining Hall)

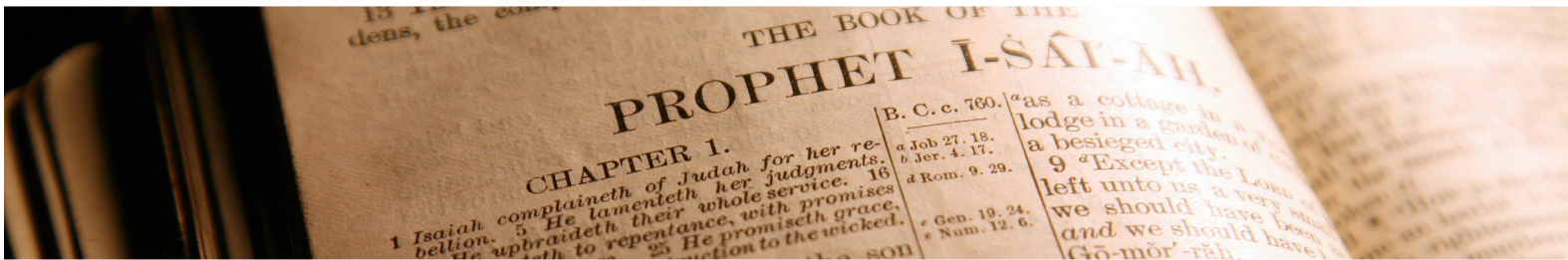
9:00 to 10:30 AM - **Session #6 - "KING OF KINGS"** (Conference Room)

10:30 AM - BREAK

11:00 to 12 NOON - Mass (Chapel)

12 NOON - Lunch (Dining Hall)

1:00 PM - Head home --- the end of the retreat!





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