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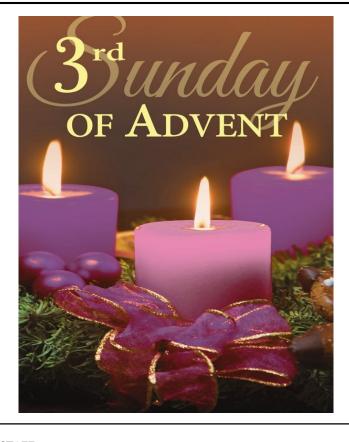
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MASS INTENTIONS December 19 - 23, 2023

Monday, December 18

Adoration at Blessed Sacrament from 7 - 9 pm

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ David DaCosta
- ~ Stelio Bernardi
- ~ Rosa & Alan Cendach
- ~ Rosa & Amedeo Colaizzi
- ~ Victor Ferreira & Grandparents

Confessions at St. Ursula from 6:00 - 6:30 pm

6:30 pm - St. Ursula

Lionel Richie
 David DaCosta
 Maria Mastromarino
 Omer Emery
 Mike Meriano
 Shirley Harwood

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

~ Dr. Don Patterson ~ Carol Laevens ~ Thankamma & Paully ~ Frank Sysel

~ All Souls in Purgatory

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

~ Ken & Kay Bondy

~ Deceased members of the O'Neill family

Confessions at Our Lady of Victory at 6:30 pm (Polish)

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

Agata KitowskaBarbara PolewiczWitold OlkowskiMarek Yankowski

~ Intentions of Stanisław Polewicz

~ Intentions of the Zalewski children & grandchildren

Thursday, December 21

~ Anita Carpanzano

9:30 am - St. Ursula

William M. Blackwell
 Intentions of Sherry & William S. Blackwell
 Deceased family members of Luciano & Grace Magliaro

~ Maria da Costa

6:30 pm - St. Agnes

Tim GardnerMaria Qua TranKelly Cleveland

~ Giovanni Ruggiero

~ Maria & Norberto DeCouto

MASS INTENTIONS Continued

Friday, December 22

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Ken Mitivier
- ~ Barb Reaume
- ~ Dennis Watson
- ~ Gloria & Agostinho Oliveira
- ~ Intentions of Sandra Van Raay

Confessions at St. Joseph from 11:15 - 11:45 am

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Gary Allin
- ~ David DaCosta
- ~ Kathleen O'Hara
- ~ Mike Beuglet & Anne Beuglet
- ~ Maurice Formosa & Evelvn McGee
- Deceased members of the Geneau & Lindsay families

Saturday, December 23

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

- ~ Jenny Wrotkowska
- ~ Marion & Gerry Myers
- ~ Dominic Ngoi & Maria Thim
- ~ Dominic Lam Tran & Maria Tran
- ~ Intentions of Lucianna Letourneau & family
- ~ Intentions of Peter & Christine Nantais & family

Confessions at Our Lady of Victory from 9:45 -

10:30 am

Adoration at Our Lady of Victory after Mass until 11:00 am

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, Joan Clement and Barbara Farrelly and Matteo Bloome.

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners especially Jack Custance, Leonard Wilcox and Laura Menard.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.

If you or an immediate family member would like to add a name to the prayers for the sick please contact the parish office. The name will remain on the prayer list for three weeks.

FAMILY UPDATES

By: Fr. John Jasica

KENT DEANERY COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE



Everyone is invited to attend our Kent Deanery Communal Penance Service taking place on Sunday December 17, 2023-3 PM at St. Joseph Church. There will be 12 priests in attendance to hear confessions following a brief prayer service. This is a wonderful and powerful way prepare and make straight the pathways for the Lord at Christmas.

If you cannot attend the communal celebration, we still have confession times before the Tuesday night Masses at St. Ursula, prior to the Wednesday night Masses at Our Lady of Victory, prior to the Friday Masses at St. Joseph and Saturday mornings after the Mass at Our Lady of Victory. May the Lord bless us with His love, grace and mercy!!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

have you may noticed, the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls Sunday December 24th. Some people have asked about the Masses that weekend and how they relate to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Saturday night December 23rd and Sunday morning of



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24th are considered the Fourth Sunday of Advent and so we have a regular weekend Mass schedule. Beginning with the late Sunday afternoon Masses—we begin the Christmas season.

So the expectation is that we are all called to attend the Fourth Sunday of Advent preparing the way for the Lord and then of course, celebrate Christmas (on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) which is a holy day of obligation in Canada (along with every weekend).

The only other holy day of obligation in Canada outside of weekend Masses and Christmas is January 1st (New Year's Eve and New Year's Day as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God).

I am very thankful to all the liturgical ministers, decorators and musicians who have made our Advent journey so meaningful and our upcoming Christmas celebrations truly opportunities to welcome Christ.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2023



I want to thank everyone for their amazing financial support of our family of parishes in 2023. Our financial resources continue to grow because of your support, involvement and

leadership. This is a reminder that 2023 contributions must be received in our office by December 31, 2023 to be included in your income tax donation receipt that we will send out to you in the new year.

May the Lord continue to bless us as we embrace His call to be faithful disciples who are on mission to share the Good News with those who are in most need. May we all be empowered to share who we are and what we have to help bring the light and love of Christ to the world!

ST. JOSEPH CUSTODIAN POSITION

I want update everyone that we are very close to hiring a new custodian for St. Joseph Church and the Spirit & Life Centre. We conducted interviews this past week with potential candidates and are in the process of hiring the prospective candidate. I am thankful to all those who applied.

I also want to express my gratitude and appreciation

to Brian Elgie, Andy Willburger, Dat Phan (custodians) and Maureen MacDonald (rectory housekeeper) for stepping up and assisting in making sure that both the church and the hall have been clean and ready for the many different celebrations and gatherings that have taken place over the last number of weeks. Their extra efforts are true signs of their commitment to the family of parishes and all the parishioners.

IGNITE THE MISSION-MOVING FORWARD

Over the last two bulletins I have shared some reflections on our journey ahead (December 3 & December 10) in addition to sharing the bishop's letter to the parishioners of Chatham (published in the December 3 bulletin). You can find the bishop's letter and my reflections via our IGNITE THE MISSION section our website (www.chathamcatholic.ca). I will offer another reflection next weekend for our Christmas bulletin. I am thankful for your patience and support as we move forward seeking to change for the sake of mission. Together, we will follow where the Lord calls.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The regular weekend Mass schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will take place on Saturday, December 23 and Sunday, December 24 as usual.

5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Saturday

(live-streamed)

8:00 am at St. Joseph Sunday

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

The Masses in the evening on Sunday, December 24 are for Christmas - The Nativity of the Lord. The schedule is to the right.

Mary and Joseph will take place on Saturday, December 30 and The regular weekend Mass schedule for the Holy Family of Jesus, Sunday, December 31 as usual.

5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament live-streamed) Saturday

8:00 am at St. Joseph Sunday

9:00 am at Blessed Sacrament live-streamed)

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9:30 am at Our Lady of Victory (English)

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11:00 am at St. Agnes

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Noon at St. Joseph

Year's Day - Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The schedule is listed The Masses in the evening on Sunday, December 31 are for New to the right



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2023 CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES



May we take time to open our hearts to welcome Christ our Saviour in our The Season of Advent is a time to make straight the pathways for the Lord. hearts, homes and lives as we celebrate the glory of Christmas.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

<u> Saturdays - Our Lady of Victory Church</u> Tuesdays - St. Ursula Church December 2, 9, 16, 23 9:45 to 10:45 AM

Fridays - St. Joseph Church December 5, 12, 19 6:00 to 6:30 PM

December 8, 15, 22 11:15 to 11:45 AM

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday December 17, 2023 ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

will be attending to hear confessions. Priests from across the deanery

became man in order to save us; the manifestation not received by the "chosen", but by the poor and simple who awaited the salvation of the Lord." God who took upon himself our humanity and our encounter with God who is born in the poverty of sins in order to reveal his divine life, his immense power of humility; the feast of the light which is the stable of Bethlehem in order to teach us the something, but gives us himself; the mystery of "The birth of the Lord; the event of God who of the love of God who does not just give us grace and his freely-given forgiveness; our

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday December 24, 2023

Blessed Sacrament Church St. Joseph Church

St. Agnes 3:00 PM

5:00 PM

Blessed Sacrament Church*

Our Lady of Victory Church (Polish) Midnight

Monday December 25, 2023

9:00 AM St. Joseph Church*

10:00 AM St. Ursula Church*

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

Sunday December 31, 2023

5:00 PM

Blessed Sacrament Church St. Agnes Church 7:00 PM

Monday January 1, 2024

St. Joseph Church 8:00 AM

St. Ursula

11:00 AM

Pope Francis - 2014

Our Lady of Victory Church (Polish)







SPARKS OF HOPE SHINE FORTH



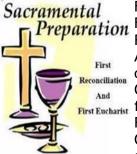
2023 Marked the 25th anniversary of the Sewing Circle centred at St. Agnes Parish. Over the years we have endeavoured to bring a spark of hope and joy to the children living in the countries of Central & South America and Africa deprived of life's bare necessities.

Many thanks to the sewers who give of their time and talent, to you the parishioners of our Family of Parishes who provide money to buy fabric or material and sewing notions from your homes and Canadian Food for Children who transports our garments to the areas most in need.

This year we have made 490 dresses, 332 shirts, 482 pairs of pants along with hundreds of women's shirts and pajamas for hospitalized children.

As we continue this ministry may we fan these sparks into a flame and provide more light for our world.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING - FOR CYCLE B THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH—6:30 - 7:30 P.M.



FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION FOR CYCLE B - Any child 7 years of age(grade 2) or over who is baptized Roman Catholic is welcome to register for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. To register, please go to our parish website:

www.chathamcatholic.ca

Click on Sacraments on the main menu. Scroll down to Reconciliation and First Communion. You will find a letter from Fr. John Jasica and at the end of the letter there will be a registration button. If you have any problems registering email Ali Chinnick at achinnick@dol.ca

Registration closes January 10, 2024.



SUNDAY FRIENDS CHRISTMAS BREAK

The puppets are tired and need a long winter's nap. They will be taking a break from online and in person Sunday Friends from December 25 until January 7. They will return on January 14.



THANK YOU

The members of the St. Joseph CWL Harwich and City Councils would like to express our thanks to all the members and friends who help collect items for our current "Service" project entitled "Self Care Bags".

A special thanks to our Corporate Sponsor, Chatham Family Dental, 390 Wellington Street West for the Dental Care products. This donation is especially valuable to the dental health of those receiving the bags.

The project team created colourful bags big enough to hold such products as toothbrush, toothpaste and floss, soap, shampoo, deodorant, hand sanitizer, hand/face cream, tissues, petroleum jelly, feminine products, razors, hair elastics, knitted gloves, small bag of candy and a message of hope.

The bags were divided among the following sites: Reach Out Chatham Kent- ROCK; Food Bank-Outreach for Hunger; St. Vincent de Paul and the Chatham Women's Centre.

One of the mandates of the CWL, Catholic Women's League, is service to our community and especially those in need. It is our greatest hope that this project will be of value and we hope to continue it as long as we are able.

We are pleased to invite any women in the Chatham Family of Parishes who wish to participate with the CWL please contact the church office for a contact. We are not only a prayerful service organization; we are women who are involved with making the Government of Canada aware of issues that directly affect women in this country. Come and join us as we pray, laugh and eat.

Sincerely,

Members of the St. Joseph CWL (Catholic Women's League) City and Harwich Councils.

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AN INVITATION FOR "OPALTAK" POLISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Lady of Victory Church Hall Saturday, January 6, 2024, 6:00 pm Adults \$30; Children (6-12 years) \$15; under 6 free Tickets available until Thursday, January 4, 2024 For tickets contact Bogda Debicki at 519-354-2104 or Kasia Kaminski at 519-351-6231

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BLESSED SACRAMENT CWL CARDS

CWL card party will take place on Monday, December 18. Doors open at 12:30 pm, and the game starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$3.00, desserts and coffee provided. All are welcome.

FREE UCC OUTREACH DINNER

All are welcome to a free outreach turkey dinner at UCC (85 Grand Ave W, Chatham) on Wednesday, December 20. Doors open at 5 pm.

WINDSOR ESSEX CURSILLO MOVEMENT NOTICE

Join us for 2024 Windsor Essex Cursillo Weekends being held at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Men's Weekend will be from January 18 - 21, Women's Weekend will be from February 1 - 4. Register at wecursillo.com, download application to gather information. Please use online registration on the website. Cost of the weekend is \$150.00.

RIGHT TO LIFE KENT

Right to Life Kent (RTLK) would like to remind you that if you haven't already done so, it is time to renew your annual membership! Fees are: Individual \$20, Family \$30 or Senior/Student/ODSP \$15.

Either mail payment to:

39 Grand Ave West, Chatham ON N7L 1B4 or by e-transfer to righttolifekent39@gmail.com

Income tax receipts will be issued for all membership fees and donations.

Thank you for your continued support of the prolife ministry in our CK community.

Merry Christmas!

CHURCH CHUCKLE

When my niece was a student, her class of six-yearolds sang "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" at a Christmas concert. The line "God and sinners reconciled" was a tricky one for this age group.

One little boy, with a voice that completely drowned out the rest of the choir, happily belted out, "God and sinners dressed in style!"





WEEKDAY & WEEKEND MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament

(live-streamed)

Sunday 8:00 am at St. Joseph

(live-streamed)

9:00 am at Blessed Sacrament

(live-streamed)

9:30 am at Our Lady of Victory (English) 10:00 am at St. Ursula (sign language)

11:00 am at St. Agnes

11:00 am at Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

Noon at St. Joseph

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:00 am at St. Agnes

6:30 pm at St. Ursula

Wednesday 8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament

(live-streamed) 12 noon at St. Joseph

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

Thursday 9:30 am at St. Ursula

6:30 pm at St. Agnes

Friday 8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament

(live-streamed)
12 noon at St. Joseph

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

LIVE-STREAMED MASS

Masses are live streamed on our YouTube channel (www.chathamcatholic.tv). Visit the parish website (www.chathamcatholic.ca) and click the live-stream link at the top of the page. See Mass schedule above for live-streamed Masses.

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 11:45 am at St. Joseph
- Saturday 9:45 10:30 am at Our Lady of Victory

ADORATION TIMES

- 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 (not on the First Saturday of the month)

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