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## MARCH 10, 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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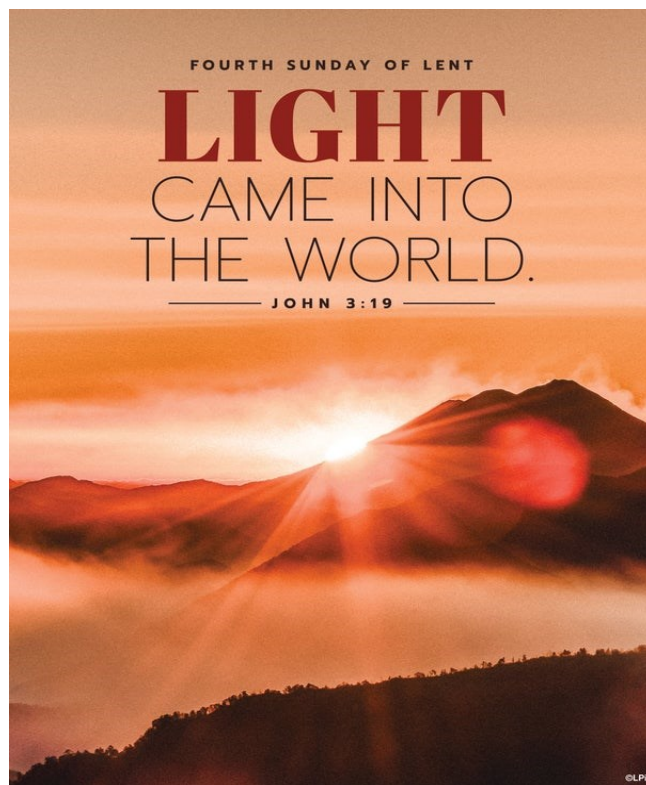
**Our parish office is located at**

St. Agnes Church  
52 Croydon Street  
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**Office Hours: Monday - Friday**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**March 12 - 16, 2024**

**Monday, March 11**

*Adoration at Blessed Sacrament from 7 - 9 pm*

**Tuesday, March 12**

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

- ~ Stelio Bernardi                      ~ Morton S. Harris
- ~ Júlio Cavacas                      ~ Maria Eugenio
- ~ All Souls in Purgatory
- ~ Intentions of Ignacio Valderrama

*Adoration ~ after Mass 8:00 am Mass concludes with prayers and Benediction at 4:15 pm*

*Confessions - St. Ursula ~ 6:00 - 6:30 pm*

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

- ~ Diane Mariconda                      ~ Maria Qua Tran
- ~ Fernando Santos Lopes              ~ Maria Mastromarino
- ~ Domingos & Maria Da Costa
- ~ Deceased family members of Luciano & Grace Magliaro

**Wednesday, March 13**

**8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament**

- ~ Terry Morrison                      ~ Winefride Treacy
- ~ Intentions of Sandra Van Raay
- ~ Intentions of Ignacio Valderrama

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

- ~ Don L. McGregor
- ~ Maurice Formosa & Evelyn McGee
- ~ Intentions of Terri & Joe Frigge
- ~ In honour & thanksgiving to St. Anthony

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

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

- ~ Marianna Rostkowicz                      ~ Special Intentions
- ~ Maria Stefaniak                      ~ Wladyslawa Gebal
- ~ Barbara Polewicz

**Thursday, March 14**

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

- ~ Nicolo Maier                      ~ Mike Meriano
- ~ Rosemary Yott                      ~ Mariantonia DeVito
- ~ Intentions of Joanne Bennett
- ~ In honour of Madonna della Grazia

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

- ~ Tom Thomas                      ~ Palmira Neto
- ~ Maria Eugenio                      ~ Arthur Eugenio
- ~ Maria & Norberto DeCouto
- ~ All Souls in Purgatory

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Friday, March 15**

*Confessions ~ St. Joseph ~ 11:15 - 11:45 am*

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

- ~ Tony Follo                      ~ Charlotte Day
- ~ Patricia Finlin                      ~ Rebecca Martin
- ~ Intentions of Lucy Natili

**6:30 pm - Blessed Sacrament**

- ~ Marion Campbell
- ~ Denis & Patsy Cazabon
- ~ Archie Girard & Shurley Cadotte
- ~ Peace in the world

**LENTEN SERIES - "EMBRACING CHRIST"**

*7:15 pm - Witness Talk & Way of the Cross*

**Saturday, March 16**

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

- ~ Mike Beuglet

*Confessions ~ Our Lady of Victory ~ 9:45 - 10:30 am*

*Adoration ~ 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 Al & Dorothy Maier, Angie Van Daele, Jim Smyth, Andrew Michaud and Eva Beausejour.

*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.*

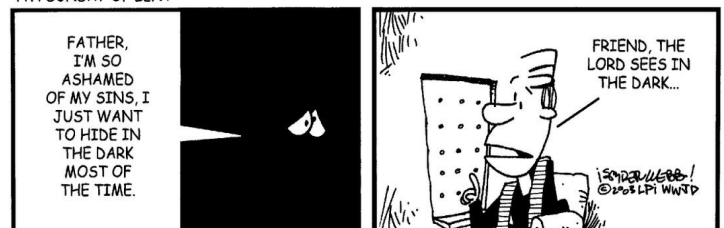
***"a time to die...."***

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners, especially Sister Patricia Anne Turner, Gene Nauta and Tonio DeLuca.

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

**CHURCH CHUCKLE**

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



# MOVING TOWARDS MISSION

By: Fr. John Jasica

## FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION

Our Ignite the Mission Pastoral Plan is rooted in two major pillars— **(1) forming disciples (2) who reach out to all**. We know the challenges we face as a family of parishes which includes insufficient financial resources, staff and volunteers. The reality of Christendom (a strong faith influence on all aspects of society) no longer exists, so we must shift to Apostolic Mission (like the first Apostles sharing the Gospel) so we can reach out to those who are not part of our community.

For nearly three years we have been praying and slowly implementing a shift to mission—that is, actively seeking out those who have drifted away from the faith and those who have never met or encountered Jesus. The mission for us is not trying to maintain our current schedules or the buildings we worship in—it is to share the Good News of the Gospel to those in need—adapting and sacrificing so that the mission given to us by Christ never stops. Being a follower of Jesus involves change and sacrifice. We take another step in our journey with changes in our weekday Mass schedule effective July 1, 2024.

## WHY CHANGE THE WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE?

There is no question that one of the essential roles for priests is the celebration of the Eucharist in addition to the other sacraments for the faithful. Yet there are additional essential roles of pastoral care that are required by priests to truly shepherd, support, inspire and empower the faithful. Many of these other essential roles are currently lacking.

We heard from parishioners last year during our “sharing sessions” and feedback forms that we need to prioritize outreach and support of our young people and families—especially at our Catholic elementary schools and Ursuline College. We also heard the need to reach out to our seniors in long-term care homes and those who are homebound. None of these priorities can take place in our current circumstances. Here is the rationale for the change:

### (1) SHORT STAFFED & LIMITED VOLUNTEERS

We as a family of parishes are short-staffed. We lack two full-time pastoral team members (Coordinator of Family & Youth Ministry and a third Pastoral Minister) and one full-time Business Manager. Our current pastoral team is over extended and the current pace cannot be maintained. Since the pandemic, we are also lacking a number of volunteers to assist in the pastoral care of the faith community.

### (2) PRIESTS NEED MORE TIME FOR PASTORAL CARE

In addition to the current 10 weekday Masses that

are offered in our family of parishes, we average two funerals a week (117 funerals in 2022, 116 funerals in 2023). As priests, we are also on-call 24 hours a day two days a week for the hospital and hospice, we do limited school Masses/confessions/visits, are part of diocesan committees, are involved in business administration/maintenance of the churches and also have appointments with parishioners.

There simply isn't enough time to visit schools regularly, recruit/train/support volunteers, develop ministries and programs, visit the homebound and those in our nursing homes. Reducing the weekday Masses allows for more ministry, outreach, planning and pastoral care.

### (3) MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

With a reduced weekday Mass schedule, that offers morning and evening options for parishioners to attend, allows us to build relationships and connections with parishioners while reaching out to those in our community drawing them closer to Christ working with volunteer ministers. We can devote more time to do the following:

- More consistent visits to our Catholic schools
- Connections with our seniors/homebound
- Develop new ministries and programs
- Recruit, train and empower volunteer ministers
- More outreach, planning, appointments

With **full support** of the **Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and staff**, our new weekday Mass schedule will take effect July 1, 2024:

<b>Monday</b>	No Mass Blessed Sacrament Church - Adoration (7:00 to 9:00 PM)
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Ursula - 6:30 PM (6:00 PM Confessions)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Blessed Sacrament - 8:00 AM Our Lady of Victory - 7:00 PM (Polish) (6:30 PM Confessions at OLV)
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Agnes - 6:30 PM (6:00 PM Confessions)
<b>Friday</b>	St. Joseph - 8:00 AM
<b>Saturday</b>	Our Lady of Victory - 9:00 AM (Overnight Adoration First Saturday) (9:45 to 10:45 AM Confessions)

## APPRECIATING THE SACRIFICE

I know that this change will affect some people who attend weekday Mass regularly. I ask that they accept the sacrifice and support the different ministries and programs that help fulfill our mission. Reducing four Masses from the schedule will make a difference for us to increase pastoral care and ministry opportunities for the sake of our mission.





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10 March 2024

To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The season of Lent is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ and to grow in our love of God and neighbour. Through simple acts of love, we discover that our hearts are opened to universal communion, a sense of fraternity that excludes nothing and no one (*Laudato Si'* 92).

It is in the spirit of fraternity and solidarity that **Development and Peace — Caritas Canada**, with the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, works with partner organizations and communities in the Global South. The campaign this Lent, *Create Hope - Reaping our Rights*, invites us to create bridges of solidarity with small-scale farmers and peasant communities around the world.

The campaign introduces us to the many challenges faced by small-scale farmers and peasant communities and makes us more aware of the need to acknowledge, enshrine and safeguard peasant peoples' rights. We are all interconnected and have a duty to ensure that peasants' rights, human rights and environmental rights are fully respected, not only in Canada but everywhere in the world.

I ask you to join the *Create Hope – Reaping our Rights* campaign wholeheartedly through its Lenten and fall phases by:

- participating in the education and action campaign which calls Canadians to do more for small-scale farmers and peasants around the world;
- standing in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are impoverished by unjust socio-economic and political systems;
- giving generously to Share Lent, especially on Solidarity Sunday, the 5th Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2024 (<https://devp.org/en/> or <https://devp.org/fr/>).

May God bless our Lenten journey and strengthen us to be true disciples of Jesus, bearers of the Good News. Through our practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and our solidarity with our sisters and brothers in need, may the Holy Spirit lead us to the hope and joy that can be found only in the Easter miracle.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Diocese of London: *Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus*





**LENT**  
**2024**

# “EMBRACING CHRIST”

## “SHARING FAITH” LENTEN SERIES

Join us at **Blessed Sacrament Church** each **Friday night during Lent** for Mass, a witness talk by one of our parishioners and the Stations of the Cross.

**6:30 PM - Mass**

**7:15 PM - Witness Talk & Way of the Cross**

### **SERIES SCHEDULE**

Friday February 16, 2024

Friday February 23, 2024

Friday March 1, 2024

Friday March 8, 2024

Friday March 15, 2024

Friday March 22, 2024

Good Friday March 29, 2024\*

(\*Begins at 7 PM with no Mass)



## 9-DAY NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Everyone is invited for a nine-day novena to St. Joseph taking place at St. Joseph Church from Tuesday March 11 to March 19, 2024. This will be live-streamed.

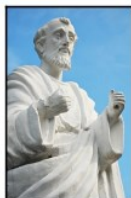
**Monday March 11 to Monday March 18**

6:30 PM - Daily Novena Prayers

**Tuesday March 19**

6:30 PM - Final Novena Prayers

7:00 PM - Mass



## LENTEN CONFESSIONS

**Saturdays - Our Lady of Victory**

**9:45 to 11:00 AM**

February 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23

**Tuesdays - St. Ursula**

**6:00 to 6:25 PM**

February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26

**Wednesdays - Our Lady of Victory**

**6:30 to 7:00 PM**

February 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27

**Fridays - St. Joseph Church**

**11:15 to 11:45 AM**

February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**

St. Joseph Church

Sunday March 24 - 3 PM



## WAY OF THE CROSS

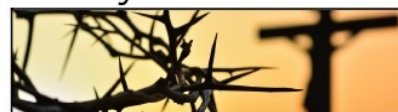
We have additional times to walk the Way of the Cross drawing close to the love and sacrifice of Christ for our salvation.

**Tuesdays - St. Agnes Church - 8:45 AM**

February 27, March 5, 19, 26

**Wednesdays - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)**

Each Wednesday after Mass during Lent



**A Eucharistic community, living as Christ centred disciples,  
sharing our faith, serving and embracing all.**

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Website: [chathamcatholic.ca](http://chathamcatholic.ca) Phone: 519-352-9483





CHATHAM CATHOLIC  
FAMILY OF PARISHES

# ST. JOSEPH NOVENA

## FOR US TO BECOME FAITHFUL DISCIPLES

St. Joseph is the patron saint of Canada and the universal Church. His faithfulness to God's call with patience and great love inspires each of us.

***"Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history."*** (Pope Francis – Patris Corde #4)



### SCHEDULE

Day 1 - Monday March 11	6 PM
Day 2 - Tuesday March 12	6 PM
Day 3 - Wednesday March 13	6 PM
Day 4 - Thursday March 14	6 PM
Day 5 - Friday March 15	6 PM
Day 6 - Saturday March 16	6 PM
Day 7 - Sunday March 17	6 PM
Day 8 - Monday March 18	6 PM
Day 9 - Tuesday March 19	6:30 PM
(Followed by a special Mass at 7 PM)	

(ALL THE CELEBRATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE  
AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

This devotion includes the praying of a litany to St. Joseph and reflections on who he is for the Church. Please come to as many days as possible taking time to be inspired by St. Joseph who so lovingly and quietly fulfilled God's will. **Each session will be about 30 minutes.**



*Each day of prayer  
will be live  
streamed and  
posted on the  
parish website so  
that people can  
pray at home  
as well.*





# WHAT IS A NOVENA?

## THE WORD "NOVENA" MEANS NINE

The word "novena" comes from the Latin "novem" which means nine. Thus novenas always include nine of something: months, weeks, days, hours or even the same prayer repeated nine times.



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## DATES BACK TO THE APOSTLES

Novenas are an ancient tradition that goes back to the days of the Apostles. Jesus told

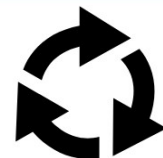
His disciples to pray together after His ascension, so the Apostles along with Mary gathered to pray in the Upper Room during the nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost. (The first novena).

## WHY PRAY A NOVENA?



When we pray a novena, we focus our attention intently on a special intention in order to receive special graces and either the answer to our prayers or discernment on what we need to do.

## REPETITION BRINGS GROWTH



Repeating prayers and repeating them over time is helpful because we often need that length of time to move beyond merely making a request to learning to listen to God as He speaks to us in prayer. Nine days of prayer gives us time to consider more aspects of our prayer intention than just receiving an answer.

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**Faith**  
**Hope**  
**Love**

## HOW CAN NOVENAS HELP US?

Novenas help us to open ourselves to God in order to increase our faith and grow in the love of God and others. They aid in inner healing, obtaining special graces, being transformed and growing in virtue and holiness. They bring us peace and joy, regardless of the answer we've received to our petition.





# Sunday, March 17th

## 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

# St. Patrick Day Family Event



Join us at the  
**"Spirit and Life Centre"**  
(St. Joseph Church Parish Hall)



**Put on your greens and invite your family and friends to  
Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes' St. Patrick Day Event !!!**

**Join us on Sunday, March 17th at 1:30 p.m.**

**Irish Music, crafts, Coffee, tea, Hot chocolate, juice and popcorn.**

**Family, Faith and lots of FUN !!!**

**This event is free to all**

Parents/grandparents are asked to stay and attend with their children as we are encouraging these events for the entire family to enjoy.

If you would like to volunteer at this event: contact Patty Coenen at [pcoenen8022@gmail.com](mailto:pcoenen8022@gmail.com)



# **KENT DEANERY LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**



**SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2024  
3:00 PM**

**St. Joseph Church  
180 Wellington St. W.  
Chatham, Ontario**



**Priests from across the  
deanery will be hearing  
confessions.**



**Saturday, March 30th**

**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.**







# GRIEVING LOSS EMBRACING HOPE RETREAT



Friday April 12 & Saturday April 13, 2024  
at St. Ursula Church

**Presented By: SHARON HUNT**  
Grief Educator & Bereavement Coordinator

A Grief Retreat Weekend for all those who have lost a loved one recently or in the past seeking healing, grace and an increase of faith!

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## SESSION ONE: The Grief Journey

Grief Literacy: Grief, Mourning, Bereavement  
Grief Concepts, Losses, Misconceptions  
Words Impacting Grief  
Models of Grief  
Self-Care

*Friday Night  
6:30 to 8:30 pm.*

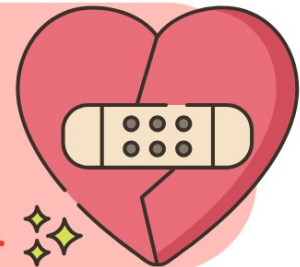


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## SESSION TWO: Pain and Loss

How Grief Affects Us  
Feelings and Emotions of Grief  
Assumptions, Expectations, Responses to Grief  
Forgiveness

*Saturday 8:30 to 10:00 am.*



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## SESSION THREE: Loss and Daily Life

Next Steps  
Negotiating Challenges, Significant Days  
Intentional Reflections  
Moving Forward Living Your Life  
Good-Byes and Hello's

*Saturday  
10:15 to 11:45 am.*



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## SESSION FOUR: Embracing Hope

Pilgrims of Hope  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Litany of the Saints  
Candle Lighting Celebration, Blessing  
Repose of the Blessed Sacrament

*Saturday  
12:30 to 2:30 pm.*



**Register at [www.chathamcatholic.ca](http://www.chathamcatholic.ca) or call 519-352-9483**

The cost is a free-will offering at the retreat.  
Lunch on Saturday and refreshments  
are included.





### **HOLY THURSDAY - March 28, 2024**

7:00 PM - St. Agnes  
(Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm)  
7:00 PM - St. Joseph (live stream)  
(Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm)  
("Stay With Me" Taizé Prayer Service 9:00 pm)  
7:00 PM - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

### **GOOD FRIDAY - March 29, 2024**

11:00 AM - Blessed Sacrament (live stream)  
11:00 AM - St. Joseph  
3:00 PM - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)  
3:00 PM - St. Agnes  
3:00 PM - St. Ursula (live stream)  
7:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament - Faith Sharing & Way of The Cross (live stream)

### **HOLY SATURDAY - March 30, 2024**

11:00 AM - Blessing of the Easter Baskets  
St. Ursula and Our Lady of Victory (Polish)  
8:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament (live stream)  
8:00 PM - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)  
(No 5 pm Mass due to the Easter Vigil)

### **EASTER SUNDAY - March 31, 2024**

7:00 AM - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)  
8:00 AM - St. Joseph (live stream)  
9:00 AM - Blessed Sacrament (live stream)  
9:30 AM - Our Lady of Victory (English)  
10:00 AM - St. Ursula  
11:00 AM - St. Agnes  
12:00 PM - St. Joseph

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

#### **Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia**



In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty.

Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

### **LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER WITHIN CHATHAM-KENT?**



Neighbourlink might be the place you are looking for! They draw volunteers from a network of

churches in Chatham-Kent and partner together to provide practical help to those in need by connecting them with individuals who can help.

Providing transportation for those in need is probably the biggest service Neighbourlink provides and they need your help. The volunteers help those without vehicles or convenient access to public transit to get to their medical appointments, the grocery store, the bank or Service Canada.

For more information contact the Neighbourlink office at 519-352-5647. You can also find out more information about Neighbourlink by visiting their website at [www.neighbourlinkck.com](http://www.neighbourlinkck.com).

### **CHATHAM-KENT CURSILLO**

Attention Chatham-Kent Cursillo Members: We have an upcoming Ultreya on Friday, March 15 at Immaculate Conception, Pain Court from 7-9 pm. Please come out and support Chatham-Kent Cursillo community.

### **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 18 (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.





### ST. URSULA K OF C FISH FRY

St. Ursula K of C are holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 22 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the parish hall. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children 7 - 12 years of age, children under 7 years are free. Takeouts are available. The meal will consist of: perch (not deep fried), baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans, buns and tea or coffee.

Tickets are available at the parish office or by contacting the Grand Knight, Gerard Masse at 519-354-8272 or 519-401-8260.

### BLESSED SACRAMENT K OF C FISH FRY

Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Fish Fry on March 22. Dinner will be served in the church hall from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. The meal includes a roll, baked potato, coleslaw and fish, along with coffee, tea or juice. Take-out will be available.

The Knights will be selling tickets for the Fish Fry after each Mass at Blessed Sacrament and St. Agnes Church this weekend and the weekend of March 17. Tickets are available at the parish office until March 20. Cost: Perch Dinner - Adults \$30, Pickerel Dinner - Adults \$25, Children 7-13 years old \$10, Children 6 years and under are free.

### ST. URSULA CWL

The St. Ursula CWL is sponsoring a Mother's Day Vendor Extravaganza on Saturday, May 11 from 9 am until 1 pm. **Vendor's are needed for the event.** To reserve a spot, please contact Jane Curry at 519-352-7175 or Yvette Waddick at 519-436-0738. Cost is \$30. Please book your spot by March 17. Requests for space made after March 17 will be \$35.

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CWL

Blessed Sacrament CWL annually awards a \$500 Bursary to a 4th or 5th year graduating student who is a member of Blessed Sacrament or St. Agnes Parish. (Candidates may only win this bursary once.) Application forms may be obtained at the Parish office or at UCC. Applications are due **May 3, 2024.**

### ST. URSULA CWL

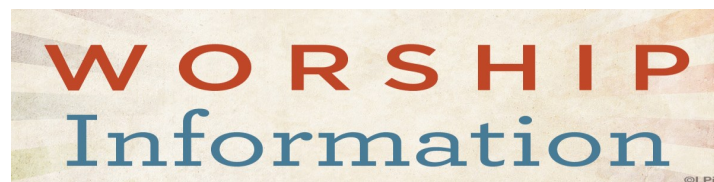
After our winter break, we look forward to seeing everyone at our next General Meeting of the St. Ursula CWL on Tuesday, March 12 right after the 6:30 pm Mass. Members are encouraged to attend as we will be deciding on plans, activities and a budget to take us through 2024.

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CWL

There will be no Blessed Sacrament CWL meeting in March but we look forward to seeing you all at the April meeting on April 11. More details to follow.

### ST. JOSEPH CWL

Have you got stuff? We have tables to Rent for \$30. There will be a Garage/Vendor Sale on Saturday, April 6 at the Spirit and Life Centre from 9 am - 1 pm. To rent tables call Beth at 519-352-7479 or 519-359-6284.



### 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

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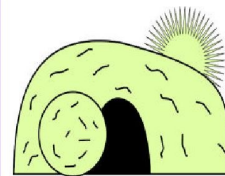
Tuesday	8:00 am at St. Agnes 6:30 pm at St. Ursula
Wednesday	8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed)
	12 noon at St. Joseph
	7:00 pm at Our Lady of Victory (Polish)
Thursday	9:30 am at St. Ursula 6:30 pm at St. Agnes
Friday	12 noon at St. Joseph 6:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed)
Saturday	9:00 am at Our Lady of Victory (English)

### LIVE-STREAMED MASS

Masses are live streamed on our YouTube channel ([www.chathamcatholic.tv](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.

### 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 [mfooster@dol.ca](mailto:mfooster@dol.ca).



Acts 2:38-39;41; 44-45

Peter said to them, "Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit... Many of them believed this message and were baptized...All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another..."

Before we think about what 'self-giving' means in our Lenten journey, we need to take some time to reflect on God's call to us in our BAPTISM. When we are baptized either as a small baby or later as a young person or adult, each of the symbols in the Sacrament of Baptism are very significant.



Oil of Chrism is rubbed on the head. It is a reminder that we are called to be **PRIEST**-by living a life of prayer **PROPHET**-by telling others about God's Word **KING**-by living a life of Jesus' example of love for others. The holy oil is a symbol that we have received the help and strength of the Holy Spirit.



The Paschal Candle or Easter Candle reminds us that through our baptism, we share in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus is the Light of World. Through his acts of love he teaches us to be his light.



Holy Water is the symbol of new life and washing away original sin. We cannot live without water. So the holy water reminds us that God gives us life and we cannot live without God.



The white garment is a sign of new life. We become a new person and give our life to Jesus. We have a fresh beginning to live without sin.



When we are baptized, we come to the font and we receive the sign of the cross on our forehead. The priest or deacon says our name and then says, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. " Each time we make the Sign of the Cross we are reminded of our Baptism and to whom we belong



Each new baptized person receives their own candle which is lit from the Paschal Candle. Our candle reminds us that Jesus' light has entered into us and now we are called to bring His light to the world by being intentional disciples!



Set aside some time one night during Lent for each family member to remember their own baptism. Take out photo albums or videos and talk about your baptismal day. If you still have your baptismal candles, light them. Maybe you can take out any special mementos you received at your baptism. Parents, tell your children why you chose their names. Say a prayer for your godparents. Talk about how God is calling you, through your baptism, to give of yourself this Lent out of love for others. How can you and your family answer that call?

## FAMILY LENTEN ACTION SELF-GIVING



Jesus' Light can shine in the world's darkness through each of us. The light we received in baptism was not meant to stay inside of us. We are supposed to share it with others through loving action.



During Lent we are called by God to put aside our selfish wants and open our eyes to the suffering of others.

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, *"Do small things with great love...Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough...people need your hearts to love them. So spread love everywhere you go."*



Your gifts of self-giving should always lead you to a closer relationship with God and others. As Jesus gave his unconditional love for each of us, we in turn are asked to give to others with no strings attached.



You might:

Help your siblings with homework or read to them

Call your grandparent or parent and just ask them how their day has gone

Get up on Sunday instead of sleeping in and join the parish family for Mass

Make time to bring a snack to a neighbour you don't know and introduce yourself

Have your family choose five places in your community that have essential workers-drive to each place and say the decade of the rosary for each group

Write letters of thanks to a teacher, a neighbour, a doctor, recycling collector, grocery clerk, etc. Hand it to them or mail it...



You might think to:

Teach someone how to use the computer so they can communicate with friends

Set up a zoom call and entertain your grandparents or relatives with music or

juggling or dancing or jokes to give them a smile-invite them to dance with you!

Learn a new lifeskill- peeling potatoes, making breakfast, sorting and washing your laundry, changing a diaper...do this so someone else doesn't have to do it for you

Offer your help in the parish to be a lector, help with live streaming, help with outreach groups, clean the church yards, greeting at Mass, singing

Take a walk in your neighbourhood and pick up garbage or put the neighbour's trash can or recycling bins at their door after they've been emptied



Maybe you could:

Find out about one of these outreach groups and donate money, time or things to help them: Canadian Food for Children, St. Ursula's Caring Kitchen, St. Vincent de Paul, Hope Haven, R.O.C.K., St. Agnes Soup Kitchen, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Make a plan as a family to use the money you would save on take out food, junk food and buying unnecessary things to put towards helping one of these groups

Buy gift cards to take outs and coffee shops and give to the people who are homeless Make up 'Good Samaritan' bags to help Outreach For Hunger or bring extra lunch to share at school or work



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For information call or email Frank Lazzarin at 519-351-3852 or council1412kofc@gmail.com.

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For information call or email Gerard Masse at 519-401-8260 or gerardmasse46@gmail.com.

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