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Second Sunday of Advent

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Time-out! How often do we use this phrase to stop something that is in progress? Time-outs are not only used in sporting events but many times in our every day lives we can be heard saying “time-out!” When my children were small, sometimes I put myself into “time-out” to give myself time to move away from the noise, or when they were teenagers, to move away from a conflict. Today my time-out takes on a different purpose. I have learned that I need to have “time-out” so I can sit, pray and reflect on my ministry especially when praying about scripture and discerning what to write in my reflections. Oddly enough, it is in those times of quiet that I best hear the voice of God.

The Gospel this week, is the very beginning of Mark’s writings about Jesus. Mark does not start with a genealogy of Jesus but starts with “The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” John the Baptist is coming as the messenger and fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah, “A voice cries out: In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

John the Baptist comes out of the desert to begin his public ministry after a considerably long “time-out” of listening to the voice of God. As mentioned in Isaiah, “in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord.” John was well prepared for his ministry to proclaim the coming of “one who is more powerful than I.” I can imagine John the Baptist must have been quite a sight wearing rough camel’s hair held up by a leather belt around his waist! John was a man of few needs, eating and living simply, listening to what God placed upon his heart.

When I think of John the Baptist, I visualize a loud man calling out to those around him “repent! Listen to me! Be baptized and confess your sins! Be forgiven!” Perhaps his calling out was a bother to those around him? Did they believe in his proclamation “I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” If we were there, as the ones John is calling out to, what would our reaction have been?

John the Baptist’s message must have seemed rather harsh. However, the repentance he preached, would have been meaningless without the coming of Jesus who completed this ministry. Yes, John is indicating change is coming!

In this the Second Week of Advent, let us too find time to seek out the wilderness we need in our lives to listen for the voice of God. Take a time-out if you need one. Be on the look out for a messenger telling us it is time to prepare our spiritual selves for the coming of Jesus at his birth. Messengers come in all shapes and sizes. Perhaps you are meant to be a messenger for someone else!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister

News for all parishioners

Mass Intentions ~ Week of December 8 – 11

Tuesday, December 8

All Saints Church Site - Mass 6:30pm

John C. & Phyllis MacDonald – Larry & Mary MacDonald
Cathy Cacic-Tate – Cathy & Nick Cacic
In Thanksgiving to the Immaculate Conception – Maura Goulart

Sacred Heart, Parkhill Church Site – Mass 6:30pm

Fr. Robert Morrissey - Joan Fortier-Shipticki
Special Intention for Theo Zettler - Nick & Candace Schiestel
Right to Life from conception to natural death
- Sacred Heart CWL

Wednesday, December 9

All Saints Church Site – 9:00am Mass

Manuel & Isolina Pereira – Family
Angela, Olívia & Alda Aguiar – Family
José Henrique – Alda Henrique
Manuel Rascão – Maria Rascão
Jacob Black & Brooklyn Mills – Carol & Rod Black
Larry Mellon – Mels & Ruthanne van der Laan

St. Charles Garnier Church Site, Glencoe – 6:30pm Mass

Ana Rosa Assunção Antunes - Issaac Antunes
RoseAnne Walker - Rich & M.L. DePelsmaeker
Ellis Dawson - David Skipper

Thursday, December 10

All Saints Church Site– 6:30pm Mass

Manuel Gomes – Zulmira Gomes & Family
Pais de Maria dos Anjos Paiva
Delminda Silva – Isolino e Jerónima Santos
Artur Almeida e Almas do Purgatório – Angelina Almeida
Arthur Arruda – Grace Arruda

Sacred Heart Church Site, Parkhill – 9:00am Mass

Living & Deceased members of the Hendrixx & Devet Families
- Louis & Lucy Hendrixx

Friday, December 11

All Saints Church Site – 9:00am Mass

Adoration and Reconciliation following Mass

Nicolau Paiva & Deceased Family – Cidaliza Paiva
Katherine Kowaluk – Larry & Olga Peters
John Hartman – Anne & Brian Jones
Arthur & Maria Correia – Family
Deceased Members of Rombouts Family
– Mary Rombouts
Bernard Verhoeven & Deceased Members
of Frensch & Verhoeven Families
– Elly Verhoeven



To register for all weekend Masses, at any church site, please call the office at 519-245-0644, Tuesday to Thursday. If you need to leave a message, leave us your full name, number of people attending, which Mass you want to attend and your phone number. You will only be called back if your Mass time is no longer available. We thank you for your patience.

Prayer Team Members Needed from all parishes - we need you!

If you'd like to be part of this exciting new initiative, please contact the Parish office by email or phone message with your contact information (phone and email, if available) and a Prayer team coordinator will reach out to you. Note: due to Covid 19 restrictions, we will not be meeting in person, but rather prayer requests will be sent to you by email or by phone call (if you don't have internet).



Mass for the Unborn

at St. Peter's Basilica has been cancelled for 2020, due to Covid-19. Please remember all of the children in your prayers who die from abortion. May the Lord have mercy on their little souls.




Advent

Blue Christmas Celebrations

Join **Dennings Funeral Home in Strathroy** for the Blue Christmas service. It celebrates the lives of those who have passed away within the last year, and it is for the consolation of those who are grieving significant losses this past year. For example: loss of employment, house, or, companion animals.

When: December 13th 3:30pm

Where: online - <https://denningfuneralhomes.com>



News for all parishioners

Mandatory Face Coverings By-Law 41-20.

The municipality is escalating enforcement of this by-law. Penalties will be levied.



ALL PERSONS ENTERING OR REMAINING IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC SPACES SHALL WEAR A MASK OR FACE-COVERING WITH COVERS THE NOSE, MOUTH AND CHIN AS REQUIRED UNDER BY-LAW 41-20.



We will be collecting donations again this year to help offset the cost of Christmas flowers in each of our parishes. Please send an envelope with the name of your loved one clearly written on the outside. All names will be posted on the West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parish website, in the Virtual "In Memory" Book. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Community Men's Breakfast—GLENCOE

Due to covid-19 we will be unable to gather in December to prepare gift boxes for men in need, as we do each year. I am suggesting that if you wish to prepare a gift box you do so or you can buy a gift card for food, gas etc.

Due date to deliver to St Vincent DePaul is December 14/15, so we will likely do a drop-off station at Faith for those wishing to participate and then we could deliver all at once to SSVP.

If anyone would like further information or need me to pick up a gift from them please email me at lcbrule@gmail.com or call me at 548-588-1408 and I would be happy to help you.

Below is a list of what items we generally put in the gift boxes: bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo, tooth paste, hats, mitts, socks, underwear, wrapped candy, scarves, pencils/pens, and note pads.



*Candlelight mass
before dawn
Saturday, December
19th, 6:30am @All
Saints church site.*

CHRISTMAS GIVING

Sacred Heart Delaware Giving Tree



Because of Covid restrictions, in lieu of the usual Annual Giving Tree, we will be collecting gift cards for our friends at Oneida, Country Terrace and Middlesex Terrace. Please bring these gift cards to Mass on November 29 and drop into the collection basket. Remember to attach the activation receipt to the gift card and place it in an open envelope or open card for sorting.

St. Charles Garnier Giving Tree

St. Vincent de Paul

In lieu of a tree this year, please pick up an Angel card from Rick Cowell this weekend before Mass. Once purchased, drop your unwrapped gifts, with the card attached, at the church by December 13th or drop your gift at the St. Vincent de Paul store by December 15th. Social distancing protocols will be followed.

Sacred Heart Parkhill Christmas Appeal

The shorter days of November are here and it is time to think about those who could use our help for Christmas. This year, in light of Covid restrictions, the Ailsa Craig and Area Food Bank would like our help to supply food cards and or gift cards. These cards will be included in the hampers distributed for Christmas.

Your gift cards, or contributions, can be put in a sealed envelope marked "Food Bank", and placed in the Sunday Collection basket, or drop off to Julie at the office in Strathroy at the All Saints site. The deadline to contribute is Sunday, December 6.

All Saints Conference/Society St Vincent de Paul

We are happy to announce that we are planning to continue our tradition of our Christmas Appeal :

Virtual Angel Tree (on our website)

Christmas Hamper Assistance

Christmas Food Drive

'Christmas Food Drive': we will continue to accept donations of non-perishable food items for the Christmas Food Drive until Friday, December 18th. If you prefer to donate food cards or gift cards, this is also very much appreciated.



We ask you to read the insert for full details .

Thank you for your continued support and generosity—especially in these challenging times.



News for all parishioners

Pastoral Team/ Staff

Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22

Fr. David Johnston, Associate Pastor ex. 23

Fr. Steve Eckert, Associate Pastor ex. 25

Deacon Henry Tomaszewski

Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister ex. 26

Olga Ferreira, Office Administrator ex. 21

Anna Garcia, Secretary ex. 0

Marg VanderBurgt, Secretary ex. 24

**personal emails can be found on the website*



Sacred Heart CWL in Parkhill is now collecting 2021 memberships. The cost is \$25. Please place your membership in the collection basket at Mass clearly marked CWL membership with your name on it. You can also send it to Lucy Hendriks at 1584 Elginfield Road, Parkhill, ON, N0M 2K0.

Attention all St Charles CWL members, and ALL ladies of St Charles Parish.

St Charles CWL's annual membership drive is underway until December 31st. We would encourage all the ladies of the parish to consider joining our ranks. When Covid restrictions are lifted we will return to meeting on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. Due to Covid 19 many of us are not attending Sunday Mass, so Mary Huysmans has kindly offered that all envelopes containing membership fees be dropped off at her mailbox which is located at her front door at 243 Appin Road, Glencoe, or, you can give them to Betty Giles, Shirley Gilliland, Mary Huysmans or Teresa O'Leary at Mass. Please be sure to include your name, address, phone number and email address with your \$25.00 membership fee (cash or cheque).



CWL memberships for Sacred Heart Mt

Brydges/ Delaware are due for 2021. Please drop your membership fee into the basket near the door at the mass you attend or send to the parish office. Clearly mark the envelope with your name, contact information and parish, and note that it's for CWL membership.



NEW WEBSITE: westmiddlesexcatholic.dol.ca

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Email: allsaints@dol.ca

Sacred Heart, Delaware

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Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Email: shparkhill@dol.ca

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Email: sacredheart@dol.ca

Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00am—4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

See details below for days and times available.

Sacrament of Baptism & Sacrament of Marriage:

Congratulations! Call us at the office to make an appointment.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Reconciliation is available each Saturdays 3:45 – 4:30pm at All Saints Church site and Sacred Heart Parkhill church site.

On First Fridays, all three sites will have Reconciliation during Adoration, after Mass.

Alternately, you can email a priest directly (see website for personal email addresses) to set up an appointment.



Need prayers? Our website has a new prayer portal where you can submit prayer requests:

If you or someone you know needs prayers of comfort, courage, or hope, our Intercessory Prayer Team would love to pray for you and your loved ones. The prayer request you share is sent to a team of faithful believers who have a passion for interceding on behalf of others.



You can submit your request anonymously, or include your name...up to you! Please check out the website for the Prayer Portal button on the homepage.

Attention All Women of All Saints Parish—It's time to renew your CWL membership for 2021. Thanks to those who have already paid. For those who still have to pay, you may put your \$25 fee, either in Cash or Cheque to All Saints CWL, in an envelope labelled CWL membership, your name, address and phone number, and place it in the collection basket after Mass or bring it to the office. You could also contact Mary Margaret Groot (519-245-4867) to set up an alternate plan. The CWL of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values, calling all members to holiness through service to the people of God. If you are not already a member, we invite all ladies, 16 years & older, to consider joining our organization. We look forward to resuming our many activities once Covid 19 restrictions are lifted. **CWL has Religious Cards for sale, 10 for \$10**—call Trudy Thuss at 519-245-1303 to purchase and arrange pick up or delivery.

