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Second Sunday of Lent

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There is one part of our pilgrimage to the Holy Land I will never forget and that is the day we travelled to Mount Tabor! Mount Tabor is traditionally thought to be the location where the Transfiguration occurred, which is the focus of today's Gospel. You see, the climb to the top is quite steep, so much so the tour bus we were on, was not able to drive up the mountain. We were transferred to taxis which were quite adept at making the journey. I must say it was a little terrifying to be in this fast moving taxi whose driver was oblivious to the terrain around him! The driver had probably done this drive so many times he thought nothing of it! The taxi I was in, had an aerial photo of the mountain and the zig zagging road we were on, was clearly depicted. Back and forth we made our way up the side of the mountain. I couldn't help but wonder, how did Jesus and his disciples climb this on foot!

Once we reached the top, the surrounding scenery was absolutely stunning! I took time to sit for awhile and imagine Jesus with Peter, James and John. Yes indeed, Peter was terrified by the Transfiguration of Jesus but at the same time, it was so wonderful, he wanted to build three dwellings and remain there. Peter did not want anything about that moment to change.

Poor Peter, thinking in human terms, we are just like him, missing the big picture sometimes, not understanding what God wants and does for us, being terrified and not trusting in God's plan for us, not picking up on the clues along the way.

As I reflect on that journey now, the climb up the side of the mountain, zig zagging our way to the top in a taxi and wondering how we were going to make it, I see that my journey in faith, is just like this too. My path is not always straight or directly in line with what God has planned for me. No, sometimes I find myself taking little detours along the way, saying "I'll be right back Lord. I just need to look at this first." Thankfully for me, God is patient, merciful, loving and always forgiving.

We all experience "mountain top" moments in our lives. Moments when we feel on top of the world and we have got it all! However, we can't stay on the mountain enjoying the view forever. Eventually we need to come down and do what we are meant to do. Eventually we need to be part of reality because we have real work to do in obtaining the kingdom.

Mountains are places where people can encounter God. There is no fast track to get there, take the zig zag road of life. Sometimes it may seem the climb is too steep for us to handle. Lent can be like this. Lent can be a struggle to find the path into our interior self and see what needs to be transfigured, changed within ourselves. The journey can even be a little terrifying. Have no fear. Hang onto Jesus even when you feel just like I did in my fast moving taxi, ready to slip over the edge of the mountain. You too can be transfigured into a beautiful spiritual state! Don't be afraid to ask!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister

News for all parishioners



Mass Intentions

* Until further notice, we will only be celebrating the following weekday Masses followed by Stations of the Cross.

All Saints Church Site

Thursday, March 4 – 6:00pm Stations of the Cross in Portuguese
Followed by 6:30pm Mass (English/Portuguese)

Margaret Blondin - Family

Friday, March 5– 9:00am Mass

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Luisa & Manuel Alcaldinho - Family

Laurindo Carvalho & Souls of Purgatory - Amelia Carvalho

Angelo Gabriel - Maria Gabriel

Francisco Ferreira Pinheiro & In Thanksgiving to St. Blaise- Piedade Pinheiro

Sacred Heart, Parkhill Church site

Friday, March 5– 9:00am Mass

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Living and Deceased members of Sacred Heart Parkhill CWL

Anna Paul - Nick & Candace Schiestel

Josie Verheyen - CWL Parkhill

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe Church site

Friday, March 5 – 9:00am Mass

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Deceased members of the Vander Vloet & Meeuwssen Families - Estate

Mary Burm - Rich & M.L. DePelsmaeker

Special Intention of Brian & Joanna Simpson—Kelly Skinn

**ALL PERSONS ENTERING
OR REMAINING IN
ENCLOSED PUBLIC SPACES**



**SHALL WEAR A MASK OR
FACE-COVERING WHICH COVERS THE
NOSE, MOUTH AND CHIN, AT ALL TIMES.**

New Protocol for All Masses

All weekday and weekend Masses are now on a first-come, first-serve basis. That being said, please ensure that you arrive early for registration and seating. At the point where there are no seats available, the doors will be closed and no additional people will be allowed in. Thank you for patience and understanding as we navigate this new procedure.



Private Prayer Time

All Saints Church site will be open for set times on Tuesday to Friday, for private prayer. Limited to 10 people total in the church at a time. Masks must be worn at all times in the building.

Fr. Steve will be present during this time and available, by appointment, for Confession.

The church will be open on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please be cognizant of sharing the time with others.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2:00pm-3:00pm
Wednesday, Friday 5:00pm-6:00pm



Sacred Heart Delaware

— Message from Fr. Thom

A Mass will be scheduled in the near future with a Town Hall Meeting. Stay tuned for details to follow. As always, you are welcome to attend any Mass at any church site in the meantime. God Bless!



REMINDER

Check the website for links to register for First Reconciliation and First Communion.



Confirmation Information Zoom Meeting

WHO: For Parents, Candidates, Grade 8 Teachers and Principals

WHEN: Tuesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:00pm

LINK: check the Banner on our website for the live link to this meeting



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 VanderBurg, Secretary ex. 24

**personal emails can be found on the website*

World Day of Prayer



This year, because of COVID-19, the organizing committees in Strathroy and Glencoe have decided to not hold an in-person services. For those interested, the World Day of Prayer 2021 service video, prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, can be accessed by going to wicc.org and clicking on the One Hour Service Video button.

Watch "Power Hour with Padre T" on Tuesday, March



2nd at 7:00pm for the results of the Parish Virtual Talent Show. A reminder that Fr. Thom holds weekly Zoom meetings on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

Resources for LENT 2021

Check out our website for Lent resources, including videos, readings, and activities. **Also on Sunday, March 7th at 7:00pm, a Virtual Mission will be available on the website.**



Check the website for Share Lent information for 2021.



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Office Hours

Office is closed until further notice. Messages are retrieved.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

By appointment. Please call the office.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Congratulations! Please call Julie to make arrangements at 519-245-0644 ext 26.

Sacrament of Marriage: *Congratulations! Please call the office to make an appointment.*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

All Saints, Strathroy

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am/10:00 am

Sacred Heart, Delaware

(check website for future dates)

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Sunday 9:00 am

If you wish to receive the weekly bulletin sent directly to your inbox, or to get any last minute updates or changes happening across our parishes, please email the office at allsaints@dol.ca and ask to be put on our list for Flocknotes. Let us know your name, email and which parish you belong to. It's that easy! Never miss another bulletin or update again.

